



CITY OF IONIA
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2016
CITY HALL-COUNCIL CHAMBER

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Daniel Balice called the regular meeting of the City Council to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll called revealed Councilmember John Milewski, Jeff Winters, Gordon Kelley, Ted Paton, Kim Patrick, Tom Millard, Paul Lentz, Janice Gustafson and Mayor Balice present.

Staff present included Jason Eppler, Chris Hyzer, Chris Kenyon, Heidi Wenzel, Troy Thomas, Linda Curtis and Gary Cunningham.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Department of Public Safety Director Troy Thomas presented officers Chad Jones, Chris Flanders and dispatcher Natalie Hearld with certificates to mark the July 9 cardiac arrest save of Ionia Township resident Stephanie Tubergen. Stephanie Tubergen's husband, Kurt Tubergen, was also issued a commendation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Patrick, seconded by Councilmember Lentz to approve the July 5, 2016 regular meeting minutes after corrections being made.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Milewski, Winters, Kelley, Paton, Patrick, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz and Balice.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Accept – Bid for 2016 Local Street Resurfacing Project

The City Manager reported that the FY16-17 Local Street Fund budget contains funds to resurface the following streets this fall:

<i>Street</i>	<i>From/To</i>
Colby Street	Railroad Street to End
James Street	Railroad Street to End
Railroad Street	Hudson Street to Jackson Street

Webber Street
Welton Street

Colby Street to Welton Street
Railroad Street to Webber Street

With the assistance of FTCH, bid specifications were recently prepared and distributed to area contractors. Bids were opened on July 22nd with the following bids received:

Reith-Riley	\$334,873.00
CL Trucking & Excavating	\$377,230.00
Michigan Paving & Materials	\$402,300.00
Montgomery Excavating	\$504,550.38

The City Manager stated that after review of the bids, FTCH has recommended that the low bid submitted by Reith-Riley for \$334,873.00. The engineer's estimate was \$345,000.00.

It was moved by Councilmember Paton, seconded by Councilmember Patrick to accept the bid submitted by Reith-Riley, for \$334,873.00 for completing the City's 2016 local street resurfacing project and authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary contract documents.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Milewski, Winters, Kelley, Paton, Patrick, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz and Balice.
 Nays: None
 MOTION CARRIED

Accept – Bid for 2017 Dump Truck Chassis

The City Manager reported that the FY16-17 Central Garage Fund budget contains funds to purchase a new dump/plow truck for the Department of Public Works. The new truck will replace a 1994 model. As in the past, it is proposed that the purchase occur in two steps. The first step is the purchase of the chassis (which is the subject of this staff report). The second step is to prepare specifications and accept bids for the equipping of the chassis (dump box, underbody scrapper, front plow mounts, etc). Bid specifications for the chassis were recently prepared and distributed to area vendors. The following bids were received:

Freightliner of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids 2017 Freightliner M2-108SD	\$77,638.00
West Michigan International, Grand Rapids 2017 International 7400 SBA 4x2	\$82,403.64

The City Manager stated that after review of the bids, staff is recommending that the low bid submitted by Freightliner of Grand Rapids for \$77,638.00 be accepted.

It was moved by Councilmember Millard, seconded by Councilmember Paton to accept the bid submitted by Freightliner of Grand Rapids, for \$77,638.00 for a 2017 dump truck chassis for the Department of Public Works and authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary purchase documents.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Winters, Kelley, Paton, Patrick, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz, Milewski and Balice.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED

Approve – General Engineering Services Agreement – FTC&H

The City Manager reported that Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber (FTCH) currently serves as the City's engineer of record. In this position City staff periodically calls upon FTCH to provide advice on engineering matters ranging from site plan reviews to offering recommendations for resolving a drainage problem on a street. FTCH's performance in this role is governed by the General Engineering Services Agreement dated December 13, 2002, as amended. The City contracts separately with FTCH, or other engineering firms, on a project by project basis for larger improvement projects the City undertakes. The City Manager reported that it is necessary to amend the General Engineering Services Agreement with FTCH to incorporate their new rate schedule. FTCH traditionally revises their rate schedule each June/July. The City Manager provided an amendment that incorporates their new rate schedule into the existing agreement for Council review. The City Manager also stated that FTCH continues to provide the City with a 3%-4% discount off their standard rates.

It was moved by Councilmember Winters, seconded by Councilmember Milewski to approve the amendment to the General Engineering Services Agreement between the City and Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber which incorporates the rate schedule dated July 2, 2016 and authorize the City Manager to sign the amendment on behalf of the City.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kelley, Paton, Patrick, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz, Milewski, Winters and Balice.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED

Delegates to MML Annual Business Meeting

The City Manager reported that members of the Michigan Municipal League are required to select delegates and alternates for the purpose of voting during the Michigan Municipal Leagues Annual Meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Lentz, seconded by Councilmember Patrick to nominate Jason Eppler as delegate and Mayor Daniel Balice as alternated delegate to represent the City of Ionia at the 2016 Annual Michigan Municipal League Business meeting.

By Voice Vote: MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Balice: Stated that the Ionia Free Fair had a very good year. Also stated that the old Ionia Sparrow Hospital has been torn down and grading is progressing well.

Millard: Stated that the Ionia Free Fair Parade went very well.

Patrick: Inquired if it was possible to have a Memorial Marker placed at the old Ionia Sparrow Hospital location. Commended Department Heads for supplying Councilmembers with information. Also, commended Public Safety for their quick response to a home with an expired individual on Branch Street.

Paton: Stated that C & L Trucking was not only doing a great job on Lytle Street, but also were providing excellent communications with all residents.

Milewski: Stated he had conversation with local constituent who was very pleased with the "Pickle Court" located at Perry Park.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Lentz, seconded by Councilmember Millard to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Lynn Lafler, Clerk