

FEBRUARY 7, 2017 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 call revealed Councilmembers John Milewski, Gordon Kelley, Ted Paton, Kim Patrick, Tom Millard, Paul Lentz, Janice Gustafson and Mayor Balice present. Councilman Jeff Winters was excused.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Goose (Gus) Elliott, and Stacy Tchorzynski addressed the Council in regards to the impact the county's courthouse project may have on the Ionia Community Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Patrick, seconded by Councilmember Millard to approve the January 3, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

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

Balice.

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize – Street Administrator to Certify 2016 Street Mileage Map

The City Manager reported that the Michigan Department of Transportation requires local road agencies to annually certify their street mileage. The miles certified are used to calculate the amount of revenue that each municipality receives for its street funds in the form of Gas and Weight Tax. The City Manager stated that no changes to the map are necessary this year with the number of major street miles remaining at 8.66 and the number of local street miles remaining at 17.85.

It was moved by Councilmember Paton, seconded by Councilmember Gustafson to authorize the Street Administrator to certify the 2016 Act 51 Street Mileage Map.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Milewski, Kelley, Paton, Patrick, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz

and Balice.

Nays: None MOTION CARRIED

Accept – Bid for Brooks/Hackett/Harter/Taylor Reconstruction Project

The City Manager reported that the City's budget includes funds to reconstruct Brooks Street; Hackett Street (Harter Street to State Street); Harter Street and Taylor Court during the 2017 construction season. Work on all of the streets includes replacing the existing water, sanitary and storm sewer mains, curb, sidewalk and driveway approaches and street surface. Plans for this year's project were recently finalized and utility permits secured. Project specifications were made available to interested bidders about a month ago with bids opened on January 27th. The following bids were received for this project:

 CL Trucking & Excavating:
 \$1,753,948.00

 Montgomery Excavating:
 \$1,772,215.50

 Kamminga Roedvoets
 \$2,080,289.00

 ET Mackenzie
 \$2,159,505.40

The City Manager stated that after reviewing the bids, he recommends that the bid submitted by CL Trucking & Excavating be accepted.

It was moved by Councilmember Patrick, seconded by Councilmember Paton to accept the bid submitted by CL Trucking & Excavating, Ionia, for \$1,753,948.00 for completing the City's 2017 Brooks/Hackett/Harter/Taylor Reconstruction Project and authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary contract documents.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kelley, Paton, Patrick, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz, Milewski

and Balice.

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Approve - Introduction and First Reading - Ordinance No. 529 Odd/Even Parking

The City Manager reported that the City's current odd/even parking regulations which are intended to aid in snow removal and which have been in place for several decades are as follows:

Months Enforced: November 1st to April 30th

Hours: 2:00 am to 5:00 am

Recent discussions between the Public Works and Public Safety Departments resulted in a recommendation that both the months during which the regulations are in place as well as the hours that the regulations are enforced should be changed as follows:

Months Enforced: December 1st to March 31st

Hours: 7:00 am to 10:00 am

The City Manager stated that the recommendation to change the months during which the regulations are in force is due to the fact that seldom does the community receive heavy snows during the months of November or April. In terms of the hours during which the

regulations are enforced, seldom are Public Works employees called in to remove snow during these early morning hours. Changing the hours enforced to 7:00 am to 10:00 am should improve the City's abilities to remove snow from the curbs on both sides of the street as parking shifts from one side of the street to other during regular Public Works work hours. The City Manager also stated that if approved, the ordinance is proposed to go into effect April 1, 2017.

It was moved by Councilmember Millard, seconded by Councilmember Milewski to permit the record of the February 7, 2017 Council Meeting to reflect the introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 529 regarding odd/evening parking and to schedule a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 7, 2017 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Paton, Patrick, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz, Milewski and

Balice.

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Approve – Introduction and First Reading – Ordinance No. 530- Environmental Clean-Up Millage

The City Manager reported that based on escalating costs associated with the remediation of the former Cleveland Street landfill and its burden on the General Fund, the City began levying an environmental clean-up millage in 2006 with the passage of Ordinance No. 440. Ordinance No. 440 authorized Council to annually levy up to 2.00 mills for a five year period. The City Manager stated that the levying of the millage was reconfirmed with the passage of Ordinance No. 496 in early 2013 which authorized the millage through the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 (the City's next fiscal year). Despite the progress that has been made at the site, there continues to be annual costs associated with the USEPA and MDEQ requirements at the site. The City Manager also stated that with the upcoming expiration of the authorization to levy the millage, he recommends Council "renew" the environmental levy through the enactment of proposed Ordinance No. 530. The authorization of the millage would be for a five fiscal year period (through the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022) however, the maximum millage permitted to be levied is proposed to be capped at 1.00 mill.

It was moved by Councilmember Kelley, seconded by Councilmember Paton to permit the record of the February 7, 2017 Council Meeting to reflect the introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 530 regarding an environmental clean-up millage and schedule a Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 7, 2017 in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

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

Balice.

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Approve – MDOT Right-of-Way Performance Resolution

Annually the City applies for a right-of-way permit from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for permission to perform specific municipal functions within

MDOT's rights-of-way (namely, M-66 and M-21). These "functions" range from cleaning sanitary sewer mains or repairing fire hydrants to hanging decorative banners along the highway. Periodically, the City applies for special permits for permission to use the MDOT right-of-way as detour routes and/or installing temporary traffic control signs associated with side-street street improvement projects. As part of the permitting process, MDOT requires that the governing body of the local unit of government requesting the permit periodically adopt the standard MDOT Resolution which segregates liability and other responsibilities between MDOT and the local unit. Since the Attorney General issued a new template resolution, MDOT has requested that Council adopt the updated Resolution.

It was moved by Councilmember Milewski, seconded by Councilmember Patrick to adopt a prepared resolution regarding the use of the Michigan Department of Transportation highway right-of-way in the Ionia area for utility maintenance and other purposes.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Millard, Gustafson, Lentz, Milewski, Kelley, Paton, Patrick

and Balice. Navs: None

MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Lentz: Commended members of the audience for their passionate views in regards to the proposed Library Street reconstruction project and Ionia Court House project.

Millard: Stated that the Ionia Chamber of Commerce annual event went very well. Thanked all involved.

Kelley: Stated he had a very positive experience with Ionia Sparrow Hospital.

Milewski: Also commended people in the audience who spoke their concerns regarding the Library Street/Court House project.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Patrick, seconded by Councilmember Milewski to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Voice Vote: MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted:

Lynn E. Lafler City Clerk