



CITY OF IONIA
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 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 that Councilmembers John Milewski, Jeff Winters, Gordon Kelley, Ted Paton, Kim Patrick, Tom Millard, Janet Gustafson and Mayor Balice present. Councilmember Paul Lentz was excused. Staff members present included Jason Eppler, Troy Thomas, Chris Kenyon, Chris Hyzer and Gary Cunningham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Patrick, seconded by Councilmember Millard to approve the November 7, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approve – Bid for Equipping Truck Chassis – Public Works

The City Manager reported that the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Central Garage Fund budget contains funds for replacing a 1994 model dump/plow truck (ST8) utilized by the Department of Public Works. The City Manager stated that at the November meeting, Council accepted the bid submitted by Freightliner of Grand Rapids for a 2018 Freightliner truck chassis. The City Manager stated that now the chassis has been ordered, the next step in the purchase process is to accept a bid for “equipping” the truck chassis. The State of Michigan has awarded a contract to Truck & Trailer Specialties, Dutton, for completing this type of work. The City Manager reported that through the MiDeal program, staff has met with representatives of Truck & Trailer to review their ability to comply with our bid specifications and to secure a bid through the purchasing program. Truck & Trailer has provided a bid of \$54,836.00 for equipping the chassis (the same price as a year ago when the City equipped a 2017 model dump truck).

It was moved by Councilmember Paton, seconded by Councilmember Millard to accept the bid submitted by Truck & Trailer Specialties, Dutton, through the State of Michigan MiDeal

Program, for \$54,836.00 for equipping a 2018 truck chassis for use by the Department of Public Works pursuant to the City's bid specifications.

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

Approve – Revisions to Policy No. 1-013 – Property Taxes – Poverty Guidelines

The City Manager reported that Public Act 206 of 1893, as amended (General Property Tax Act) requires municipalities to set the poverty guidelines and asset guidelines to be observed by Boards of Review in determining if a property owner should be granted an exemption from paying property taxes on an owned property. The City Manager also reported that although the Statute states that municipalities must follow the federal poverty and asset guidelines it does not adopt them by reference but instead requires the local governing board to adopt the guidelines from time to time. The City Manager stated that the City Assessor has recommended that Council approve an update to our current policy for use by the Board of Review.

It was moved by Councilmember Milewski, seconded by Councilmember Winters to amend General Policy 1-013, Property Taxes – Poverty Guidelines establishing updated poverty guidelines and poverty asset guidelines for 2018 assessments as required by PA 206 of 1893, as amended.

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

Approve – Resolution Regarding Election Equipment Grant

The City Manager reported that consistent with the direction of the Secretary of State, the City, and other municipalities in Ionia County are in the process of purchasing a new voting system. The new system which will be consistent with current election technology was selected through a bid process coordinated by the State with our County Clerk ultimately selecting the system to be purchased. The new system, HART, will replace the current system which is outdated and has been in use for over a decade. The total cost of implementing the HART system in the City is about \$16,000. The State has a grant program available which will cover a portion of the total cost. If the grant is awarded, the City's actual cost of purchasing the new system is about \$7,000. The City Manager requested permission from Council to submit a grant application to the State for this funding with Council's support illustrated through the attached prepared Resolution. The City Manager stated that delivery of the new HART system by the end of the calendar year was expected.

It was moved by Councilmember, Gustafson seconded by Councilmember Paton to approve the following prepared Resolution regarding the submission of a grant application to the State of Michigan to assist in covering the cost of purchasing new voting system for the City:

