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LAINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

January 8, 2018

Mayor Micheal Culpepper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the LSW Emergency Services Hall located at 7425 Woodbury Road, Laingsburg.

Councilor Ducastel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Micheal Culpepper, Alan Ducastel, Marcie Nickols, David Rhodabeck, Brian Fredline and Larry L. Sparkes. Members absent: None.

A number of area residents were present and the Mayor opened the floor for public comment by stating that each person would be offered the opportunity to address the Council. Those who wanted to speak were concerned with the possibility of closing the Laingsburg Public Library, and the charges against the Librarian. After hearing the concerns of the public, the City Council made a statement that the Library would not be closing and that no comments would be made regarding the Librarian due to litigation.

Moved by Ducastel, seconded by Fredline to approve the minutes of December 4, 2017, as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by L.L. Sparkes, seconded by Fredline to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. All in favor, Motion carried.

Moved by Fredline, supported by Ducastel to open the floor for discussion to reconsider the treatment and funding for the Grand River Road project due to State and Federal Funding changes. All in favor, Motion carried.

Moved by Fredline, supported by Rhodabeck to approve the 2018 amended project, a 2 course cold mill and resurface at 3 inches thick, to improve Grand River Road with an estimated construction project amount of \$375,030, Design and Engineering cost estimated at \$63,700 with the following funding sources: Federal/State Surface Transportation Funds \$259,414, Road Bond Fund \$50,000, Major Street Fund \$35,000, Sewer Fund \$24,000 and General Fund \$70,316. Roll call vote: Yeas: Culpepper, Ducastel, L.L. Sparkes, Fredline, Rhodabeck and Nickols. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Fredline, supported by Ducastel to open the floor for consideration to fill the vacant City Council seat. All in favor, motion carried.

The appointment will be for a term from January 2018 until term expires in November of 2020. There are ten candidates that have interest in filling the seat. The Mayor explained the process would be to make nominations and then vote on each nominee until a nominee receives a majority vote, if there is not majority vote the process will repeat.

Moved by Ducastel, supported by Fredline to close the floor for consideration to fill the vacant City Council seat. All in favor, motion carried.

Moved by Culpepper and supported by Fredline to open the floor for nominations to fill the City Council Vacancy. All in favor, motion carried.

Moved by Culpepper to nominate Trent Miller. Moved by Fredline to nominate Mary Hetherington. Moved by Sparkes to nominate Randy Cragg. Moved by Nickols to nominate Dennis Hill. The Mayor offered the floor again for any further nominations, hearing none. The Mayor asked for a motion to close nominations.

Moved by Fredline and supported by Ducastel to close nominations for the City Council Vacancy. All in favor, motion carried.

There was a roll call vote taken for each candidate in the order of nominations the vote is as follows for each candidate: Trent Miller – Ayes: Rhodabeck, Sparkes & Culpepper. Nays: Ducastel, Fredline & Nickols. Mary Hetherington – Ayes: Ducastel, Fredline & Nickols. Nays: Rhodabeck, Sparkes & Culpepper. Randy Cragg – Ayes: Sparkes. Nays: Ducastel, Fredline, Nickols, Rhodabeck & Culpepper. Dennis Hill – Ayes: Nickols and Sparkes. Nays: Ducastel, Fredline, Rhodabeck & Culpepper. There was not a majority vote for any of the nominees; therefore the position was not filled.

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Moved by Fredline, supported by Ducastel to defer the decision of appointing a candidate to fill the vacant City Council seat, until we can find out the options for impasse. All in favor, motion carried.

Moved by Fredline, supported by Ducastel to suspend the rules and proceed with the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Moved by Fredline, supported by Rhodabeck to extend the completion period for the 104 W. Grand River, Development Agreement to June 30, 2018 and accept the annual report and place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Moved by Fredline, supported by Sparkes to amend the lease agreement with LSW regarding the Well/Siren to remove the siren as LSW no longer has a need for the siren. The City will become responsible for the Siren maintenance and utilities at the effective date of the amendment. Roll call vote: Yeas: Culpepper, Ducastel, L.L. Sparkes, Rhodabeck, Nickols and Fredline. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Rhodabeck, supported by Sparkes to purchase the Western snow plow from Banish Welding, Inc. at the installed price not to exceed \$4,685.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rhodabeck and Nickols. Nays: Culpepper, Ducastel, L.L. Sparkes and Fredline. Absent: None. Motion failed.

Moved by Fredline, supported by Ducastel to purchase the SnowDogg MD75 plow from Capital Equipment and Supply at the low bid, installed price not to exceed \$4,250.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Culpepper, Ducastel, L.L. Sparkes, Fredline, Rhodabeck and Nickols. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Ducastel, seconded by Rhodabeck to pay the bills in the amount of \$202,820.98, using General Fund check numbers 39818 – 39864 and electronic payments of \$37,311.79 for January 2018 dated 12/5/17-1/9/18. Roll call vote: Yeas: Culpepper, Ducastel, L.L. Sparkes, Fredline, Rhodabeck and Nickols. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Fredline, supported by Sparkes to continue to subsidize the Laingsburg Public Library so that it stays open. Roll call vote: Yeas: Culpepper, Ducastel, L.L. Sparkes, Fredline, Rhodabeck and Nickols. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Culpepper, seconded by Ducastel to adjourn. The motion was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Paula Willoughby
Clerk

Micheal Culpepper
Mayor