

LAINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 3, 2017

Mayor Micheal Culpepper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan.

Councilman Fredline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Micheal Culpepper, Alan Ducastel, Marcie Nickols, Larry C. Sparkes, Brian Fredline, David Rhodabeck and Larry L. Sparkes. Absent: None.

Public comment – County Commissioner Jeff Bartz presented his report from Shiawassee County.

Moved by L.L. Sparkes, seconded by Fredline to approve the minutes of March 6, 2017 as presented. All in favor, Motion carried.

Moved by L.C. Sparkes, seconded by Fredline to approve the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. All in favor, Motion carried. A detail revenue and expenditure by fund for budget & actual was provided for The quarter ended 3/31/2017.

Moved by L.L. Sparkes, seconded by Rhodabeck to open a public hearing on Nuisance Ordinance Section 30-71(19). Roll call vote: Yeas: Culpepper, Nickols, L.C. Sparkes, Ducastel, Fredline, Rhodabeck and L.L. Sparkes. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

There was no public comment regarding the updates. City Council discussed section A(3) with regard to the set-backs and the requirement to have a dwelling on the premise prior to storage of a trailer. The requirement to have a principal structure prior to an accessory is consistent with the City of Laingsburg Zoning Ordinance.

Moved by Fredline, seconded by L.L. Sparkes to close the public hearing. All in favor, Motion carried.

Resolution #1705 to Adopt: AN ORDINANCE to add Enumerated Items (16), (17), and (18) to Article III, Nuisances, Section 30-71, to address Sidewalk Maintenance, Dangerous Containers, and Public and Safety Nuisances.

WHEREAS, the City of Laingsburg is committed to maintaining a clean and safe community for its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance updates were introduced at a regular public meeting of the City Council on February 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a properly-noticed Public Hearing was held to discuss said ordinance updates during the regular public meeting of the City Council on March 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has decided without objection to add the discussed enumerated items to Section 30-71 of the Nuisance Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laingsburg that Enumerated Items (16), (17), and (18) be added to Article III, Nuisances, Section 30-71, of the Laingsburg Code of Ordinances.

The above Ordinance was offered for adoption by City Council Member L.C. Sparkes and seconded by City Council Member Nickols, the vote being as follows: YEAS: Culpepper, Nickols, L.C. Sparkes, Ducastel, Fredline, Rhodabeck and L.L Sparkes. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION 1706: AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE A REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES CERTIFICATION FROM THE MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MEDC)

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Fredline and supported by Member L.C. Sparkes:

WHEREAS, the City of Laingsburg has participated in the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities Program, including entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the MEDC and undergoing an evaluation of the City's redevelopment practices as reported in the Redevelopment Ready Communities Assessment Report and Evaluation of Findings dated March 2017; and

WHEREAS, the MEDC has developed a program for certifying Redevelopment Ready Communities, and the City of Laingsburg desires to achieve that certification by implementing best practices and recommended strategies for redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the program includes evaluating the partnerships with City boards and commissions related to development, including the City Council, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Downtown Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, after review of the Redevelopment Ready Communities Assessment Report, the City of Laingsburg is willing to complete the tasks as outlined; and,

WHEREAS, the Assessment Report requires certain recommendations to be completed in order for the City to attain Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification:

1. Draft a public participation plan
2. Add timelines to the site plan flowchart
3. Develop a customer feedback mechanism
4. Develop a mechanism to track training needs and attendance for board and commission members
5. Develop a unified marketing strategy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the City of Laingsburg, Michigan, through its City Commission, authorizes the implementation of the MEDC recommendations necessary to

receive Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification. YEAS: Culpepper, Nickols, L.C. Sparkes, Ducastel, Fredline, Rhodabeck and L.L Sparkes. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Mayor Culpepper opened the floor to Roger Marks, C2AE. Roger presented the following description of the ICE Grant proposed and asked the Council and the Public for input on the proposed project.

The storm water system along Shiawassee Street is severely degraded with a resulting capacity shortage causing poor drainage and localized flooding. This causes negative impacts on residents and vehicular traffic through the area (including the local schools) during wet weather events. Also, there is no functional positive outlet for the city storm water system as it outlets on the west side of the city. The solution includes construction of a positive outlet to the Looking Glass River which also connects to the sanitary sewer lagoon discharge system.

Replacing the existing storm water system on Shiawassee Street within the City limits will keep the storm water moving through the system. Construction of a positive outlet to the Looking Glass River will also incorporate connection to the sanitary sewer lagoon discharge system. The areas targeted for replacement are as follows: (1) storm sewer replacement prior to associated road re-construction along Shiawassee Street from S. Woodhull to north of Sciota Street, approx. 2,750 feet with connection to existing storm on Woodhull; (2) construction of a positive outlet on the west side of the city for system wide storm water flows to reach the Looking Glass River. Sanitary Lagoon outlets will be routed to tie into the constructed outlet to improve reliability of the City's wastewater system. Total length of drain construction is approximately 4,200 ft.

Councilman Larry L. Sparkes stated that it was a great idea. Council members commented that repairing the outlet was a smart approach to implementing the Capital Improvement Plan that was generated from the SAW Grant. Public Comment on the project was sought, however there was no comment.

RESOLUTION 1707: AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN ICE A GRANT APPLICATION

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member L.L. Sparkes and supported by Member Rhodabeck:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Strategic Fund has invited the City of Laingsburg to apply for its CDBG-Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Competitive Funding Round; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laingsburg desires to request \$1,011,520 in CDBG funds to Storm Water System and Sanitary Outlet Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laingsburg commits local funds from its General Funds, Sewer Fund, and Road Project Fund in the amount of \$178,155; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the local Community Development Plan as described in the Application; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will benefit all residents of the City of Laingsburg and 56.7% of the residents of the City of Laingsburg are low and moderate income persons as determined by the income survey approved by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The City of Laingsburg is listed as a Low and Moderate Income Community Customer on the January 2017 list provided by the Michigan Community Development Grant Program by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, local funds and any other funds to be invested in the project have not been obligated/incurred and will not be obligated/incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and a formal written authorization to obligate/incur costs from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Laingsburg hereby designates the City Treasurer, Paula Willoughby as the Environmental Review Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG Application, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests, and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to carry out and complete the grant. YEAS: Culpepper, Nickols, L.C. Sparkes, Ducastel, Fredline, Rhodabeck and L.L. Sparkes. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by Fredline to approve the Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Laingsburg's Storm Sewer System infrastructure upgrades, improvement and enhancements, as identified through the televising of the Storm Sewer System with SAW Grant Funds. Roll call vote: YEAS: Culpepper, Nickols, L.C. Sparkes, Ducastel, Fredline, Rhodabeck and L.L. Sparkes. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by L.C. Sparkes, seconded by Rhodabeck to approve the request from Twilliger's Tavern to grant temporary authorization for outdoor sale, service and consumption of beer and wine and that consumption for outdoor sale and service be confined to a tent on city property located at 208 Railroad Street on Saturday, July 29, 2017, as long as all licenses, permits and/or bonds are obtained as required by law. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rhodabeck, Ducastel, Fredline, Nickols, L.C. Sparkes, L.L. Sparkes and Culpepper. Nays: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by L.C. Sparkes, seconded by Nickols to approve the request from Twilliger's Tavern to have the "Bottom of the Hill Blues Festival" on Saturday August 26th, 2017, and to further authorize closure for Grand River Road from Roosevelt Row to South Laing Street from 3:30pm until 12:30am. Cement barriers will be placed on Grand River at Crum, Roosevelt Row and near the intersection of S. Laing. Ingress and Egress for Boondocks will be kept clear. Roll call vote: YEAS: Culpepper, Nickols, L.C. Sparkes, Ducastel, Fredline, Rhodabeck and L.L. Sparkes. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by Ducastle to schedule a public hearing on the Proposed 2017-2018 Budget for Monday, May 1, 2017, during the regular City Council meeting that commences at 7:00 p.m. All in favor, Motion carried.

Moved by L.C. Sparkes, seconded by Fredline to pay the bills in the amount of \$184,001.09, General Fund checks #39292- 39363; Electronic payments of \$13,449.48 in March. Roll call vote: Yeas: Culpepper, Nickols, L.C. Sparkes, Ducastel, Fredline, Rhodabeck and L.L. Sparkes. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by L.L. Sparkes, seconded by Ducastle to accept the low bid in from Michael Thornburg for the Electrical upgrades to the City of Laingsburg DPW area. Roll call vote: Yeas: Culpepper, Nickols, L.C. Sparkes, Ducastel, Fredline, Rhodabeck and L.L Sparkes. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by L.C. Sparkes, seconded by L.L. Sparkes to authorize the Chief of Police, Dan DeKorte, to order a 2017 Ford Police Interceptor Vehicle, by the June 1, 2017 deadline with an estimated cost for the vehicle of \$32,926.00 with a 5 year warranty. Roll call vote: Yeas: Culpepper, Nickols, L.C. Sparkes, Ducastel, Fredline, Rhodabeck and L.L Sparkes. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Rhodabeck, supported by Nickols to adjourn the meeting, meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Paula Willoughby
Clerk/Treasurer

Michael Culpepper
Mayor