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LAINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

April 1, 2019

Approved

Mayor Micheal Culpepper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Micheal Culpepper, Alan Ducastel, Marcie Nickols, David Rhodabeck, Dennis Hill, Brian Fredline, and Mary Hetherington. Members absent: None. Councilor Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance. Also Present: Dan DeKorte – Police Chief, Rob Frank – DPW Supervisor and Paula Willoughby, Clerk/Treasurer

Public Comment – None

Moved by Fredline, seconded by Rhodabeck to approve the minutes of March 4, 2019, as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Fredline, seconded by Rhodabeck to accept the Treasurer's Report, pending audit. All in favor, Motion carried.

The City was presented with a certification award from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) for their work over the past two years to become a Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC). The City's actions to become RRC Certified included creating an Economic Development Strategy, a Capital Improvement Plan, updates to Planning and Zoning, Guides and Ordinances among others that remove barriers and streamline processes allowing the City to be more competitive while inviting development. The following were in attendance to present the award and congratulate City Officials and Staff on becoming the first in Prosperity Region 6 and the 32nd in the State of Michigan to achieve the Redevelopment Ready Certification: Christopher Germain, Michelle Parkkonen, Charles Donaldson all from the MEDC, Justin Horvath, SEDP, Justin Sprague, CIB Planning, Nicole Noll-Williams, Director from U.S. Senator Gary Peters Office who presented a Certificate of Special Senatorial Recognition and State Representative Ben Frederick, District 85, who spoke and congratulated the City on receiving this esteemed achievement. U.S. Representative, 4th District, John Moolenaar sent a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition.

Moved by Rhodabeck, supported by Culpepper to approve Resolution 1808 Transportation and Economic Development Fund Category B authorizing the City to request for matching MDOT Funds available for street work through the Category B Funding Grant. The City project will include a Mill and resurface on Woodbury Road from Grand River to Doyle and a reconstruction of Shiawassee from the curve at the two-lane Blvd to Woodbury Road. Roll Call Vote- Yeas: Hill, Culpepper, Rhodabeck, Hetherington, Nickols, Ducastel. Nays: Fredline. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by Nickols to approve the drain maintenance management agreement between the City and the Shiawassee County Drain Commissioner to complete work on the Sanitary and Storm Outlet in accordance with the MEDC Grant Project. Roll Call Vote- Yeas: Hill, Hetherington, Culpepper, Fredline, Rhodabeck, Nickols, Ducastel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Fredline, supported by Ducastel to approve the Fair Housing Resolution #1807. Roll Call Vote—Yeas: Rhodabeck, Hill, Ducastel, Nickols, Culpepper, Fredline, Hetherington. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Fredline, seconded by Ducastel to approve the Annual Master Plan Review. All in favor, Motion carried.

Moved by Nickols, seconded by Fredline to approve the Section 3 policy. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rhodabeck, Hill, Ducastel, Nickols, Culpepper, Fredline, Hetherington. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Nickols, seconded by Hill to approve the Planning Commission 2018 Annual Report. All in favor, Motion carried.

Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by Fredline to accept the letter of resignation of Sue Starkey effective May 1, 2019 from the Laingsburg Library Board. All in favor, motion carried

Moved by Hill, seconded by Nickols to approve the bills in the amount of \$167,401.98, using General Fund check numbers 40499-40552 and electronic payments of \$23,768.90 dated 3/5/2019 - 04/01/19. Roll Call Vote—Yeas: Rhodabeck, Hill, Hetherington, Ducastel, Fredline, Nickols, Culpepper. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Fredline, seconded by Ducastel to approve committee reports as presented. All in favor, motion Carried.

Fredline attended the MML Conference and commented on the great educational opportunities that are available at the conference, he was able to attend a session where the Governor Whitmer spoke regarding her plan for the Roads.

Moved by Fredline, supported by Ducastel to go into closed session under section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act, to consult with our attorney regarding a settlement for an ongoing lawsuit. Roll call vote: Yeas: Culpepper, Ducastel, Hetherington, Fredline, Rhodabeck, Hill and Nickols. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. Time entered into closed session 8:10 p.m., Time the Board reconvened in open session 9:30 p.m.

Moved by Fredline, seconded by Hetherington to approve the settlement agreement as presented by attorney Dave Otis, authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. Roll call vote: Yeas: Culpepper, Ducastel, Hetherington, Fredline, Rhodabeck, Hill and Nickols. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Fredline, seconded by Ducastel to renew the Health Insurance Plan with McClaren at a 12% increase in premium. Roll Call Vote- Yeas: Hill, Hetherington, Culpepper, Fredline, Rhodabeck, Nickols, Ducastel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the option of selling City owned property. Once the purchaser and City agree to the conditions in the proposed Development/Purchase Agreement a public hearing will be held.

Moved by Nickols, seconded by Ducastel to approve the Proposed 2019/2020 Budget as presented for Public viewing and set a public hearing for May 6, 2019, during the regular City Council meeting to hear public comments and concerns regarding the 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget. Roll Call Vote—Yeas: Rhodabeck, Hill, Hetherington, Ducastel, Fredline, Nickols, Culpepper. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Ducastel, supported by Fredline to hold a Special Council Meeting on May 20th at 7pm for the purpose of approving the City of Laingsburg's 2019/2020 Budget. All in favor, motion carried.

The City has received a Letter of interest to further the City's application for funding of the proposed McClintock Park Amphitheater project. The next steps are to complete the full application and environmental review and will include a public hearing regarding the proposed project.

Moved by Ducastel, seconded by Nickols to adjourn. The motion was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 9:48p.m.

Paula Willoughby
Clerk

Micheal Culpepper
Mayor