

City of Davison
City Council Meeting
January 26, 2009
7:30 PM
City Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Fortner, Keith Flewelling, Tim Bishop, Ron Emery, Jim Hershberger, Don Csutoras, and Joy Murray

Staff: City Manager Dale Martin, Police Chief Bill Brandon, Deputy City Clerk Beth Holm, Community Development Director Colleen Hackney, DPW Director Brian Klaassen, and City Treasurer Cindy VanMegroet

Others: 12 General public

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fortner called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Fortner recognized the attendance of County Commissioner Pat Gleason.

Heidi Phaneuf from the Genesee County Planning Commission made a presentation regarding the M-15 Heritage Route and the feasibility study. A grant application is due to MDOT by February 24th and she would like to put in a joint grant application to include Davison Township and the City of Davison. The cost will be an 80% Federal and 20% city split. Total cost of the project is \$353,367.30 which would put the city's cost at \$70,673.46 due in 2010. A decision would need to be made at the next council meeting.

MOTION 07-09 APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Flewelling, and seconded by Mr. Csutoras to approve the January 26, 2009 agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Resolution 2009-03 Supporting Stimulus Funding
- B. Receive 2008 Annual Traffic Report

MOTION 08-09 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Emery, and seconded by Mr. Bishop to approve the consent agenda as amended – removing the annual traffic report. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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MOTION 09-09 APPROVAL OF JANUARY 12, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Emery, and seconded by Mr. Csutoras to approve the January 12, 2009 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL

Resignation letters were received by Lee Whalen for the Zoning Board of Appeals, Construction Board of Appeals, and the Building Committee and Tom Lawrence for the Planning Commission. Mr. Martin shared a letter regarding an Arbor Day Grant that the City was recently awarded. Mayor Fortner thanked council for their funeral memorial donation.

MOTION 10-09 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF LEE WHALEN

Motion by Mr. Flewelling, and seconded by Mr. Bishop to accept Lee Whalen's resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals, Construction Board of Appeals, and the Building Committee with regret. Motion carried.

MOTION 11-09 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF TOM LAWRENCE

Motion by Mr. Emery, and seconded by Mr. Flewelling to accept Tom Lawrence's resignation from the Planning Commission with regret. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Martin attended a leadership breakfast in regards to the Federal Economic Stimulus package. He has had a good response so far in getting people to apply for the open committee seats. Union negotiations have started with the DPW. Mr. Martin has had a meeting with Mr. Klaassen, Leanne Panduren, and the residents on Amesbury Dr. that had the recent sewer backups. The lines have been televised and we have found out that the problem is not due to a defect of our sewer system. Another meeting will be scheduled with them in a month or so. Mr. Martin has received a proposal from Buxton Company regarding economic development assistance. The City Manager's Winter Conference is February 4th – 6th. Tuesday February 3rd the city will try to defend our trophy at Archie's; proceeds will be given to Outreach East.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Emery – Fire Authority and the Senior Authority meet tomorrow.

Mr. Flewelling – ZBA has been cancelled for this month.

Mr. Csutoras- The Planning Commission meeting was cancelled last month due to lack of a quorum.

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Ms. Murray – Metropolitan Alliance has met and MDOT and MTA were in attendance. She will be attending another meeting on Thursday regarding the stimulus package.

Mrs. Hackney - Discussion was held at the LDFA meeting regarding recently purchased land. She attended two conferences in Lansing regarding future development and diversification.

Mayor – DDA was approved for the MSHDA Façade grant for canopy removal and property owners are going to be at the next meeting.

MOTION 12-09 APPOINTMENT OF KAY ADAIR TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS AUTHORITY

Motion by Mr. Emery, and seconded by Mr. Flewelling to appoint Kay Adair to the Senior Citizens Authority, term to expire December 31, 2010. Motion carried

MOTION 13-09 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2009-01 PLANNING COMMISSION CHAPTER #1220

Motion by Mr. Csutoras, and seconded by Mr. Hershberger to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2009-01 Planning Commission Chapter #1220 as presented. Motion carried.

OPEN ISSUES LOG

Ms. Murray commented about the Lion's Club sign on the Westside of the city limits stating that it needed some attention. Mr. Klaassen to look into issue.

NEW BUSINESS

SNOW REMOVAL CONCERN

Mr. Martin stated that snow removal is a problem in communities around the state. Our current ordinance states that the snow and ice needs to be cleared within a reasonable amount of time. If this isn't done then we would need to send them a letter stating they have a certain amount of time to clear the sidewalks. We either need to enforce the ordinance or amend it.

Comment was made by a resident in regards to their snow removal concern.

Mr. Martin stated that he would work on some revisions to the ordinance, the enforcement of the ordinance, and getting some possible community service help for residents.

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GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Mr. Martin stated that he has given Council 7 votes to cast in regards to the list that was created during the Goals & Objectives Workshop. Staff will use this list of priorities moving forward with the top 4-6 and work the budget around those goals.

A break was taken from 8:20 pm to 8:27 pm to tally up the votes that were cast by the council members.

Since there was a natural breaking point at 4 votes, it was decided to focus on the items on the list that received four votes and higher. Those being: sidewalks, sewer infrastructure, park development, municipal center, street improvement, and code enforcement.

CHANGE OF COUNCIL RULES

Mr. Flewelling stated that this Resolution 2009-04 is just a clarification of the current council rules and not a change in the rules.

MOTION 14-09 TABLE RESOLUTION 2009-04 CHANGE OF CITY COUNCIL RULES

Motion by Mr. Hershberger, and seconded by Mr. Bishop to table Resolution 2009-04 Change of City Council Rules until an opinion has been obtained by a parliamentary procedure individual or our attorney. Motion denied. Emery, Flewelling, Csutoras, Murray – no.

MOTION 15-09 RESOLUTION 2009-04 CHANGE OF CITY COUNCIL RULES

Motion by Mr. Flewelling, and seconded by Mr. Csutoras to adopt Resolution 2009-04 Change of City Council Rules as presented. Motion carried. Bishop, Hershberger, Mayor – no.

MOTION 16-09 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS – REMOVAL

Motion by Mr. Emery, and seconded by Mr. Csutoras to remove Special Assessments from the 2008 Winter tax bills for parcel numbers 52-10-554-035 for \$312.92 and 52-09-526-057 for \$609.54 from the 2008 Winter Tax Roll. Motion carried.

MOTION 17-09 OPEB ACTUARIAL

Motion by Mr. Flewelling, and seconded by Mr. Csutoras to hire the actuarial consulting firm of Watkins, Ross & Company, located in Grand Rapids, MI to complete the Other Post Employment Benefit actuarial study for the City of Davison at the cost of \$3,800.00 and to include the Sensitivity analysis at a cost of \$600.00 to bring the City of Davison in compliance with GASB 45. Motion carried.

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MOTION 18-09 COMPOST RATE INCREASE

Motion by Mr. Bishop, and seconded by Mr. Flewelling to increase the compost site fees for 2009 to \$30 delivery fee per 10-yard load, increase annual pass to \$50, increase cost of dumping to \$15 a yard and \$30 a truckload, and increasing the cost of dumping bag material to \$3 a bag. Motion carried.

ANY ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

ANNUAL TRAFFIC REPORT

Chief Brandon presented the 2008 Annual Traffic Report. Mr. Emery stated that a traffic plan is needed for the M-15 & Flint Street intersection.

Mr. Csutoras requested a general report from the police department of their activity.

PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

County Commissioner Pat Gleason gave an update of what was going on at the county level.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fortner adjourned the meeting at 9:18 pm.

Mayor Fred Fortner

Deputy City Clerk Elizabeth Holm

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