

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS FOR JANUARY 8, 2001

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM by Mayor Kelly Pavel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Gerard Garno

PRESENT: Mayor Kelly Pavel, Councilmembers Laura Carpenter, Patricia Jacobson, Frank Lukacs, Julie Miller, Judy Murray, Michael Stain; City Manager Clint Holmes, City Clerk Denise Hoff, City Attorneys Marilyn Zimmerman and Gerard Garno.

ABSENT: None.

CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by CM Lukacs, support by CM Miller, to approve the minutes of December 18, 2000. Motion Carried.

PAY BILLS: Motion by CM Murray, supported by CM Carpenter, to pay the following funds: GENERAL-\$15,680.05, PAYROLL-\$13,776.72, SANITARY SEWER-\$55,243.43, MAJOR STREET-\$5,129.61, LOCAL STREET-\$911.36, WATER RECREATION-\$33.00, INVESTMENT FUND-\$19,544.75. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. City Ordinance Chapter 5 Work Session Scheduling - Continues tabled pending additional research by the City Manager.
2. Pre-application Building Permit - Mapleview Estates 7179 Silver Maple Lane: Tabled pending final review by the Planning Commission.
3. Rezoning Request-Keith Muxlow - No action taken.
4. City Museum – See Attorney's Report.
5. M-90 Railroad Crossing - Letters to residents on James Street, letters to be sent to railroad and J&J Farm Services. Public Hearing scheduled for January 22, 2001 at 7:15 PM.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Citizen concerned about the fire hydrants covered by snow. City Manager reported that Fire Department volunteers, and the DPW are in the process of rectifying the situation.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

ORDINANCES: Chapters 5 and 8 are being worked on. Chapter 5 should be ready for Council review sometime in February 2001.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Building and Grounds (Carpenter)-None.
2. Streets and Sidewalks (Lukacs)-Meeting scheduled for Wednesday January 10, 2001 at 6:00 PM.
3. Police (Miller)-New Police Camera, see City Manager's Report.
4. Water and Sewer (Stain)-None.
5. Tax and Finance (Murray)-None.
6. Personnel (Jacobson)-None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Per Gerard Garno*:

Introduction of Attorney Gerard Garno* by Attorney Marilyn Zimmerman. Gerard is new to her firm and will eventually be taking over her accounts, to include Brown City. Attorney John Lengeman also to assist Gerard until Marilyn's resignation date of March 1, 2001.

Museum Lease: No ordinance in Charter requiring new ordinance or resolution to lease City property. Marilyn recommends resolution. Public Hearing scheduled for January 22, 2001, for questions and comments. Resolution to be formed after hearing, lease to school for \$1.00 per year for 30 years.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. **PLANNING AND ZONING WORKSHOP:** A reminder for those attending (Mayor, Laura Carpenter, Judy Murray, Mike Stain, Clint Holmes, Dallas Berry and Mike Lents), the workshop is Tuesday, January 9, 6:00-9:30 PM, at the Sanilac Career Center.
2. **SNOW REMOVAL:** DPW is doing an excellent job. Costs are still (barely) within budget for winter maintenance. However, anticipate that funds will have to be shifted within the accounts sometime in the near future.
3. **POLICE CAMERA:** The in-car camera system arrived. The new police car has the full system installed. The old police car has the necessary hardware to transfer the camera system if required. Total cost of the system to include installation was about \$4,910. This cost also included a 60-day supply of VHS tapes. Formal on-

site training by the supplier is tentatively scheduled for January 12. The video of a typical traffic stop will be shown to the Council to demonstrate the system's capabilities as soon as a "G"-rated one is available.

4. **POLICE EQUIPMENT:** The Chief has again requested the City purchase a shotgun and rifle for the Department. The initial request was made last year and programmed into the budget. While in Bad Axe having the camera system installed, we visited Randy's Hunting Center to research appropriate weapons. Rather than purchase two weapons, the City can purchase a shotgun and a spare rifled barrel. If the greater range and capabilities of a rifle are required (such as would have been helpful during the armed standoff in Peck) the rifled barrel can be switched with the smoothbore, and coupled with special ammunition will provide this needed capability. Cost of shotgun (with police discount and no sales tax) is \$315. Rifled barrel with scope is \$290. Total cost is approximately \$605 plus ammunition and case. Additionally, I recommend the City purchase a safe to store weapons and ammunition as well as the VHS tapes generated by the new camera system. Cost of an appropriate secure and fireproof safe will be between \$800 and \$900. City Manager to purchase weapons and research cost of appropriate safe and report to Council.
5. **POLICE GRANT TRAINING:** The Chief and City Manager will be in Lansing on Thursday, January 11 to attend a police grant training session sponsored by the Office of Drug Control Policy. The class will discuss the requirements associated with disbursing the \$16.2 million dollars available in Michigan law enforcement grants.
6. **DPW JOB VACANCY:** The City's part-time DPW employee is no longer working for the City. Request a meeting of the Personnel Committee to decide if this individual should be replaced, and if so, whether by a full- or part-time individual, and when the hiring process should begin. Personnel meeting scheduled for Monday January 15 at 7:00 PM.
7. **BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT:** The Sanilac County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) is in the process of applying for a \$250,000 EPA-sponsored Brownfield Assessment Demonstration Grant. The City of Brown City is a member of the Sanilac County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and would probably benefit from this grant. The EDC has requested a formal letter of support for this grant from both the City and the DDA. I recommend the Council authorize this letter from the City over the Mayor's signature. UNODIR I plan to send a similar letter of support on behalf of the DDA. **REQUIRES MOTION.**

Motion by CM Carpenter, support by CM Lukacs, to send letter of support to EDC signed by the Mayor. Motion Carried.

8. AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION: The Vice-Chairman of the Michigan Chapter of the AWWA called with two requests: 1) This organization sponsors an annual Michigan Legislative Luncheon and invites State senators and representatives to lobby them concerning water-related issues. They requested that I serve as host to Senator DeGrow and Representative Ehardt during this February 6th event in Lansing. 2) They also requested I give a presentation at their annual convention in Gaylord to highlight what Brown City has done to educate our residents concerning arsenic in drinking water. Apparently, the City has the best program in the State. This convention is scheduled for September 11-14, 2001.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Verify that card was sent to Velva Scott, confirmed per City Manager.

Motion by CM Murray, supported by CM Lukacs, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.
Motion Carried,

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Hoff
City Clerk