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CITY COMMISSION
Official Proceedings

A. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

The Regular City Commission Meeting was duly called and held on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, in the City Commission Room of City Hall. Mayor DesJardins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Deisenroth, Cotey, Bornslaeger, Nettleton and Mayor DesJardins
ABSENT: None

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS (non-agenda items)

There were none.

C. OLD CITY BUSINESS
   1. Committee Reports - Updates

Commissioner Bornslaeger stated that they have been working on amending the Water-Sewer Ordinance; it should be coming sometime soon.

   2. Phase 3 Cox Addition Project Update - tabled from 3-21-16

Moved by Commissioner Bornslaeger to table this item until the next meeting April 18, 2016. Support by Commissioner Nettleton.

Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Deisenroth, Cotey, Bornslaeger, Nettleton and Mayor DesJardins
Nays: None

D. NEW CITY BUSINESS
1. Request to Change June 20th Meeting to June 27th
Moved by Commissioner Cotey to change the June 20, 2016 Commission meeting to June 27, 2016. Support by Commissioner Bornslaeger.
Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Deisenroth, Cotey, Bornslaeger, Nettleton and Mayor DesJardins
Nays: None

2. License Agreement Danner’s Art in the Park Request
Moved by Commissioner Nettleton to approve the License Agreement with Ms. Danner for Art in the Park. Support by Commissioner Cotey.
Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Deisenroth, Cotey, Bornslaeger, Nettleton and Mayor DesJardins
Nays: None

3. License Agreement Farmers’ and Artisans’ Market Request
Moved by Commissioner Cotey to approve the License Agreement with the Farmers’ and Artisans’ Market. Support by Commissioner Nettleton.
Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Deisenroth, Cotey, Bornslaeger, Nettleton and Mayor DesJardins
Nays: None

4. Amendment to ALTRAN’s Lease
Moved by Commissioner Cotey to approve the Amendment to ALTRAN’s lease as presented. Support by Commissioner Bornslaeger. Moved by Commissioner Cotey to amend his motion to include authorizing the City Manager permission to execute all documents. Support by Commissioner Deisenroth.
Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Deisenroth, Cotey, Bornslaeger, Nettleton and Mayor DesJardins
Nays: None

5. Anderson, Tackman & Company Proposal for Auditing Services
Moved by Commissioner Cotey to accept/approve the auditing proposal from Anderson, Tackman & Company as presented. Support by Commissioner Nettleton.
Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Deisenroth, Cotey, Bornslaeger, Nettleton and Mayor DesJardins
Nays: None

6. Approve City Commission Meeting Minutes of 3-21-16
Moved by Commissioner Nettleton to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of 3-21-16 as presented. Support by Commissioner Bornslaeger.
Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Deisenroth, Cotey, Bornslaeger, Nettleton and Mayor DesJardins
Nays: None

7. Check Register - List of Bills
Moved by Commissioner Cotey to approve and pay the Check Register-List of Bills as presented. Support by Commissioner Deisenroth.
Approved: Yeas: Commissioners: Deisenroth, Cotey, Bornslaeger, Nettleton and Mayor DesJardins
Nays: None

8. City Manager Report
City Manager Olson was absent from this meeting; he gave the Commission a written report that contained the following:

The past two weeks have been busy weeks for the City of Munising. The City submitted 5 DNR grant applications on March 31st in hopes of updating and improving Heroes’ Field as well as making trail improvements in conjunction with the Munising Bay Trail Network. It is anticipated that we will not know if any of the grants are successful until min-September of 2016.
With the help of Hattie Sharland and Mike Pond at AECOM, the City submitted a MDNR Waterways Grant Application for Marina Improvement Funds April 1, 2016. Last fall, Mike Pone and I met with Waterways in their Lansing office and worked with them to find a way to get State Waterway's funds to help acquire Federal “Big P” funds. The grant application has supplied Waterways with the required information to become eligible for funding through Waterways. The interesting part of this funding source is that rather than compete with other applicants for a competitive award basis, DNR Waterways has budgeted for a $350,000.00 line item appropriation to the City available to us October 1, 2016.

Coleman Engineering is continuing to work with City personnel on the S.A.W. grant project. Starting the week of April 4th, Coleman Employees will begin inventorying, assessing and doing condition assessments of assets on the system. The Coleman individuals doing the assessments will be highly recognizable as they will be on quads with high set rotating lights with “slow moving vehicle” plaques attached to them. The Cities server and its MPower GIS software has been delivered to the Coleman office in Iron Mountain to have its basic set up done before being installed on site.

In preparation for summer activities in the Binsfeld Bayshore Park, we have published the notice to vendors wishing to utilize the park for vending functions this summer. The deadline for submission is April 15th at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

On March 22nd through the 24th, I attended the Michigan Municipal League Capital Conference at the Lansing Center. As always, the event provided great insight into what is happening in Lansing and how it will affect the City of Munising. Two of the major issues that could have major effects on the City are the “Dark Store” issues and the future of state funding to municipalities. The premise of the “Dark Store” issue is that big box retailers have been successfully challenging assessors in their method of assessment. The challenges are being based on the lack of sufficient equivalent comparable properties, thus, they are being reassessed as though they are functionally obsolete in use and are reassessed at typically a third of their previous assessment. Luckily, the City has not had a “Dark Store” assessing challenge to date, however, it is a very real possibility that we could in the near future. The second major state level issue that could affect the City of Munising is the future of statutory revenue sharing. The State of Michigan has effectively withheld $7.5 billion in statutory revenue sharing to municipalities’ throughout Michigan since 2003. When comparing actual statutory sharing dollars to its historic level, the City of Munising has lost $999,301.25 since 2003 and saw a deficit between our actual and the historical appropriation of $118,629.42 in fiscal year 14-15.

Commissioner Cotey mentioned that the City should start looking into grants of some sort for the Ice Arena. Other suggestions were to sell the building.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (non-agenda items)

There were none.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Cotey to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Commission. Support by Commissioner Bornslaeger.

Approved:  Yeas: Commissioners: Deisenroth, Cotey, Bornslaeger, Nettleton and Mayor DesJardins

Nays: None

The Regular Meeting of the City Commission adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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Rod DesJardins, Mayor

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Sue Roberts, City Clerk

LIST OF BILLS

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