

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 19, 2009 — 7:00 p.m.
210 State Street, City Hall, Council Chambers, Charlevoix, MI

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call of Members Present

Mayor: Norman L. Carlson, Jr.
Assistant City Attorney: Bryan Graham
City Manager: Rob Straebel
City Clerk: Carol A. Ochs
Members Present: Council members Jill Picha, Gabe Campbell, Shane Cole, Lyle Gennett, Dennis Kusina
Absent: Greg Stevens

III. Inquiry Regarding Possible Conflicts of Interest

None.

IV. Consent Agenda

The following items were approved and filed:

- A. Approval of Minutes – October 5, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes, approved as corrected
- B. Accounts Payable Check Register – October 7, 2009
- C. Accounts Payable Check Register – October 13, 2009
- D. Accounts Payable Check Register – October 20, 2009
- E. Payroll Check Register – October 16, 2009
- F. Payroll Transmittals – October 16, 2009

V. Public Hearings

None.

VI. Reports

The Manager stated that staff was in the process of working on the budget for the next fiscal year.

VII. Requests, Petitions and Communications and Actions Thereon

A. Consideration to Approve Amended Commercial Seasonal Slip Permit for Keweenaw Excursions

The Mayor reviewed the changes to the agreement. Jason Funkey of Keweenaw Excursions and the City Manager were available to answer questions for Council. The attorneys for both parties have reviewed the contract. Mr. Funkey is still exploring options for fueling.

Motion by Councilmember Jill Picha, seconded by Councilmember Lyle Gennett, to approve the revised commercial agreement/seasonal slip for Keweenaw Excursions, which shall supersede prior agreement approved by City Council on September 21, 2009, and as outlined on pp. 13-17 of the packet.

Yeas: Picha, Campbell, Cole, Gennett, Kusina
Nays: None
Absent: Stevens

B. Presentation of 2008-09 City Audit

Annette Eustice from the Rehmann Group presented and reviewed the 2008-09 City Audit.

Motion by Councilmember Gabe Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Shane Cole, to accept and file the 2008-09 City Audit.

Yeas: Picha, Campbell, Cole, Gennett, Kusina
Nays: None
Absent: Stevens

C. EMS Billing Contractual Services

Fire Chief Paul Ivan was available to review the bids and answer questions for Council.

Motion by Councilmember Dennis Kusina, seconded by Councilmember Jill Picha, to accept the bid by Parastar, Inc., for EMS billing services.

Yeas: Picha, Campbell, Cole, Gennett, Kusina
Nays: None

Absent: Stevens

D. Property & Liability Insurance Renewal

City Treasurer Rick Brandi was available to review the item and answer questions for Council.

Motion by Councilmember Lyle Gennett, seconded by Councilmember Gabe Campbell, to approve the Michigan Municipal League property and liability insurance renewal for \$128,838.

Yeas: Picha, Campbell, Cole, Gennett, Kusina

Nays: None

Absent: Stevens

E. Consideration to Approve a Resolution in Support of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Application

The Manager reviewed and answered questions regarding the grant application, the projects to which the grant would be applied, and the need for a resolution in support of the grant. Action by resolution.

VIII. Introduction and Initial Actions Relating to Ordinances or to Resolutions That Require Publication or Hearings Prior to Final or Further Action

None.

IX. Resolutions

A. Consideration to Approve a Resolution in Support of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Application

Motion by Councilmember Shane Cole, seconded by Councilmember Dennis Kusina, to approve Resolution 2009-10-02 as follows:

**CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-10-02
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A MICHIGAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY
& CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Charlevoix was the first Michigan municipality to be enrolled in the Michigan Green Communities Challenge; and

WHEREAS, according to the Green Communities Challenge, the City has identified goals to promote environmental stewardship including energy and conservation strategies; and

WHEREAS, one of the goals of the City is to reduce fossil fuel emissions through energy conservation and pursuing energy efficient buildings; and

WHEREAS, an energy audit was completed by Energy Engineers, Inc. in 2008, establishing various energy savings strategies that the City would like to complete to reduce energy costs and the City's greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlevoix's tax revenues have stagnated over several years with possible future revenue cuts from the State of Michigan leading to an inability to fund energy improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City and Charlevoix County suffers from a high unemployment rate with local officials striving to create jobs and stimulate the economy through Michigan Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program funding; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Charlevoix strongly supports the Michigan Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program application for heating and lighting improvements.

RESOLVED, this 19th day of October, A.D. 2009.

Resolution was adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas: Picha, Campbell, Cole, Gennett, Kusina

Nays: None

Absent: Stevens

X. Ordinances

None.

XI. Miscellaneous Business

Councilmember Jill Picha stated she had received some complaints about traffic at Apple Festival. Council discussed. No action taken.

Ms. Picha congratulated City Planner Mike Spencer on the American Planning Association award for East Park.

Ms. Picha asked some questions and received answers regarding boats at the marina in October.

XII. Audience - Non-agenda Input (written requests take precedent)

Bob Timms spoke regarding the Apple Festival traffic, stating that the Police Chief should have an officer to direct pedestrian traffic. Council should not overlook the complaints.

XIII. Adjourn

The Mayor stated if there were no objections, the meeting would adjourn.

There were no objections.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Carol A. Ochs

City Clerk

Norman L. Carlson, Jr.

Mayor