

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 5, 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.
City Attorney: Jim Young
City Manager: Rob Straebel
City Clerk: Carol A. Ochs
Members Present: Council members Dennis Kusina, Jill Picha, Greg Stevens, Gabe Campbell, Shane Cole, Lyle Gennett
Absent: None

III. Inquiry Regarding Possible Conflicts of Interest

None.

IV. Consent Agenda

The following items were approved and filed:

- A. Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of Minutes – September 29, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes
- C. Accounts Payable Check Register – September 25, 2009
- D. Accounts Payable Check Register – October 6, 2009
- E. Tax Disbursement – October 6, 2009
- F. Payroll Check Register – October 2, 2009
- G. Payroll Transmittals – October 2, 2009

V. Public Hearings

None.

VI. Reports

The Manager said that staff is working to install the regional Charlevoix kiosk at the corner of Bridge and Clinton in the next two weeks.

The Manager informed Council that the interactive water fountain will be shut down for the season October 13.

VII. Requests, Petitions and Communications and Actions Thereon

- A. New Dance/Entertainment Permit, Elks Lodge 2856, Beacon Center
Dennis LaCroix, representing the Elks, was available to address the item and answer questions from Council. Action by resolution.

- B. Flagpole Installation
Street Superintendent Pat Elliott reviewed preliminary estimates and plans for putting a 70 foot flagpole, donated to the City by Consumer's Power/Big Rock, at a location at Michigan Beach. The flagpole would provide a nice entrance to the City from the lake. Council discussed not flying the flag in the winter.

John Winn stated that the flagpole is important to Big Rock and that, at the risk of sounding negative, he is tired of every project being a fight. Mr. Winn suggested that the City might save some of the flagpole installation cost by staff doing some of the work.

Council agreed to move forward and to have staff research the lowest possible actual costs of installing the flagpole at Michigan Beach.

- C. Winter Salt Purchase
Street Superintendent Pat Elliott reviewed the item and answered questions for Council.

Motion by Councilmember Jill Picha, seconded by Councilmember Lyle Gennett, to approve the purchase of salt from North American Salt Company in the amount of \$17,635.43.

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

- D. General Shutoff Rules for Electric Service
Electric and Water Superintendent Don Swem reviewed the proposed policy regarding shutoffs during extreme weather conditions.

Motion by Councilmember Gabe Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Jill Picha, to approve the General Shutoff Rules for Electric Service, as outlined on pp. 22-29 of the packet.

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

E. Discussion Regarding Awarding Bids to Local Contractors

The Manager presented some research on how other area municipalities have implemented a local contractor preference policy. Council reviewed and discussed the material presented by staff and gave direction for the Manager and Attorney to draft a local contractor policy to present to Council.

John Haggard suggested the staff also contact Grand Traverse County and Northern Michigan College regarding their local contractor policies.

F. Consideration to Approve 2nd Amendment to City Manager's Contract

The Mayor briefly discussed that Council had reviewed the City Manager's performance, finding he exceeds expectations. Because the Manager refuses to take a raise in tough economic times, Council is granting the Manager an additional five days of vacation per year. Additionally, the second amendment would extend the Manager's contract to 2012.

Motion by Councilmember Gabe Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Jill Picha, to approve the second amendment to the Manager's contract, as presented on p. 33 of the contract.

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

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. New Dance/Entertainment Permit, Elks Lodge 2856, Beacon Center

**CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-10-01
NEW DANCE/ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT ELKS LODGE 2856**

At a Regular meeting of the City of Charlevoix City Council called to order by Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. on Mon., 10/05/09 at 7:00 p.m.

The following resolution was offered:

REQUEST FROM BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELK OF THE USA LODGE 2856 FOR A **NEW DANCE/ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT** TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH NEW CLUB LICENSE LOCATED AT BEACON CENTER, 104 MASON, SUITE 105, CHARLEVOIX, MI 49720

Moved by Councilmember Gabe Campbell and supported by Councilmember Dennis Kusina

be considered for Approval.

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

It is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be:

Recommended for issuance.

State of Michigan)
County of Charlevoix)

X. Ordinances

None.

XI. Miscellaneous Business

The Mayor thanked the Elks for hosting the motorcycle ride in.

Councilmember Jill Picha asked for an update on the road millage. The Manager stated that staff has done some initial research and the City should see funds sometime between January and March, 2010. All the monies should be collected for the City of Charlevoix by April 1, 2010.

The Attorney and the Clerk reviewed the need to revise and update the liquor licensing ordinance. Unless Council objects, they would like to start working on revisions.

Council discussed the previously proposed sexually oriented business ordinance. The Manager stated that the Planning Commission was working on that and has not brought anything forward yet.

The Mayor stated the McKeown had provided vehicles at competitive prices to the County, East Jordan, and others who are not using the State bids. The Mayor suggested that staff may want to explore the possibility of using one of the local dealers for vehicles in the future, if the prices are better than the State bids.

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

None.

XIII. Adjourn

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

There were no objections.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Carol A. Ochs

City Clerk

Norman L. Carlson, Jr.

Mayor