

A regular meeting of the Leslie City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at Leslie City Hall, 107 E. Bellevue Street, with Mayor Ron Schmit presiding.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Fox, Beyer, Zamora, Mayor Schmit.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Wood (Excused), Beegle (Excused), Motes.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Brian Reed, City Clerk Vyrna Dotte Weideman, City Attorney Mark Grua, *Jackson Citizen Patriot* writer Larry Hook, guests Laura Fenger, Cecelia Kramer, Wayne Babin, and Barbara Wieland.

Mayor Schmit led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **AGENDA ITEM I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**

Moved by Zamora, seconded by Fox, to approve the agenda as presented. All yes. Motion carried.

#### **AGENDA ITEM II. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 3, 2008 and Special Council meeting of June 26, 2008.**
- B. Approve Payment of the Bills as presented.**
- C. Council Correspondence - Prima Civitas Foundation.**

Moved by Fox, seconded by Beyer, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All yes. Carried.

## **BILLS ON FILE AS APPROVED**

#### **AGENDA ITEM III. PUBLIC COMMENT - Non-Agenda Items that Cannot be Handled During Regular Business Hours. NONE.**

#### **AGENDA ITEM IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Appointment to City EDC - term to end November 7, 2008.**

Clerk Weideman reported that Bruce Crockett has indicated an interest in serving on the EDC.

Moved by Fox, seconded by Zamora, to appoint Bruce Crockett to the Leslie City Economic Development Corporation with a term to end November 7, 2008. All yes. Motion carried.

- B. Appointments/Reappointments to the City Zoning Board of Appeals - two terms; new terms would end June 30, 2011.**

- 1. Fred Gilman.** Action tabled until the next Council meeting.

- 2. Rolland Olney.**

Moved by Fox, seconded by Beyer, to reappoint Rolland Olney to the Leslie City Zoning Board of Appeals with a new term to end June 30, 2011. All yes. Motion carried.

- C. Appointment to City Planning Commission, term to end November 1, 2009.**

No recommendation at this time; tabled until the next meeting.

#### **AGENDA ITEM V. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Presentation by Laura Fenger, Leslie Middle School teacher, RE: Leslie Aspire Scholarship Program.**

Laura Fenger addressed Council at this time, explaining the new program of scholarships, mentoring, and leadership. This program partners with the Leslie Area Educational Foundation. Fenger distributed handouts and briefly explained the goals of the program.

Mayor Schmit and Council thanked her for attending the meeting and sharing this information.

Mgr. Reed reported he had met with Fenger last week, and while the City can't participate with funding for such a program, officials can participate in mentoring and leadership sessions. Ms. Fenger explained they will attempt to obtain corporate funding to establish a scholarship fund.

**B. Presentation by Ingham County Drain Commissioner Pat Lindemann RE: County Drain Commission Operations.**

Cecelia Kramer, Deputy Drain Commissioner, addressed Council at this time. She provided numerous handouts and reviewed them with Council. 2007 Drain Maintenance and expected 2008 drain work was reviewed, with a map to illustrate the location of each drain. Kramer noted the problems with the Harris Drain due to obstructions in the Middle/High School area. She asked the City to help to prevent individuals from throwing stones, sticks, etc. into the drain which build up to block the drain. Kramer reviewed proposed new maintenance projects as well as ongoing multiple year drain projects.

Regarding the Harris Drain, since January 1, 2008 the Drain Commission has removed debris and jet-rodded the line, making improvements to the flow. Kramer stated the Ingham County Drain Commission would like the Council to consider a "Spending Resolution". They have spent \$7,700 on the Harris Drain; the Michigan Drain Code allows \$2500/mile of drain to be spent.

Discussion of the proposed Spending Resolution. Attorney Grua recommended Council take no action at this meeting. No action at this time.

**C. Accept resignation of Ivonna Fox from the City DDA.**

Moved by Zamora, seconded by Beyer, to accept with regrets the resignation of Ivonna Fox from the Leslie City Downtown Development Authority. All yes. Motion carried.

**D. Appointment to City DDA, term to end July 1, 2011.**

No recommendation was made at this time.

**E. Confirm appointment, members of City Election Commission.**

Moved by Fox, seconded by Beyer, to approve the appointment of City Clerk Dotte Weideman, Finance Director/Treasurer Cheri Neu, and Deputy Clerk Denae Davenport to act as the Leslie City Election Commission. All yes. Motion carried.

**F. Approve appointment of Election Inspectors for August 5, 2008.**

Moved by Fox, seconded by Beyer, to confirm the appointment of the following Election Inspectors for the August 5, 2008 Primary Election:

Chair, Kimberly Hatherly, Democrat

Mary A. Brown, Republican

Jennifer A. Rubino, Democrat

Norma J. Trafford, Democrat

Dawn L. Kibbey, Republican

Megan Ann Kibbey, Republican

**EMERGENCY/SUBSTITUTES:**

Vyrna Dotte Weideman, Republican

Denae Davenport, Republican

**G. Re-Schedule future Council meetings:**

**1. Change from August 5, 2008 to \_\_\_\_\_ due to Primary Election.**

**2. Change from November 4, 2008 to \_\_\_\_\_ due to General Election.**

Review by City Manager Reed, who offered several options of alternative dates. Discussion.

Moved by Beyer, seconded by Fox, to change the regular Council meeting dates from August 5<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup> to Monday, August 4 and Monday November 3, 2008 due to Election Date conflicts. All yes. Motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM VI. COUNCIL AGENDA:**

**A. Committee Reports.**

Councilmember Zamora reported work is currently being done on the Church St. Ballfield. Clerk Weideman acknowledged the recent passing of former Councilmember Norman Mitchell. General discussion followed.

**B. Manager's Report.**

Manager Reed reported:

- It appears the City's State Revenue Sharing will increase approximately \$5,000 for the 2008-09 fiscal year.
- There is no back-up generator to service the City's emergency siren (tornado siren), which requires 3-phase wiring. If the power is out, there is no way to alert the public or sound an all-clear. Options are being checked.

**C. Closed Council Session: Discussion of Union Contract Negotiations.**

Moved by Fox, seconded by Beyer, to take an intermission prior to entering Closed Session. All yes.

Motion carried.

8:10 Council meeting recessed.

8:13 Meeting called to order.

Moved by Zamora, seconded by Fox, to go into Closed Session for the Purpose: Discuss Union Negotiation Status. All yes. Motion carried.

Closed session began: 8:13 p.m. Open meeting resumed: 8:27 p.m.

**D. Motion to Adjourn.**

Moved by Fox, seconded by Beyer, to adjourn the meeting. All yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned, 8:28 p.m.

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Vyrna Dotte Weideman, Leslie City Clerk

