

A regular meeting of the Leslie City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2008 at Leslie City Hall, 107 E. Bellevue Street, with Mayor Ron Schmit presiding.

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Beegle (Excused).

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Brian Reed, City Clerk Vyrna Dotte Weideman, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Denae Davenport, City Attorney Mark Grua, Jackson Citizen Patriot writer Larry Hook, Jeannie Valentine, Neil Valentine, and Jennifer Shuster.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Davenport led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Fox, seconded by Stewart 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 October 7.

B. Approve Payment of the Bills as presented.

Moved by Zamora, seconded by Stewart, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All yes Motion carried.

INVOICE SUMMARY
COUNCIL BILLS FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2008

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	STATUS	JNLIZED?
97 BELLEVUE S/A DSP	LOAN TO 97 SA DSP FOR BOND	600.00	PAID	Y
ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENT SERVI	BLDG. DEPT. INSPECTIONS, OC	676.00	OPEN	Y
AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	WELDING SUPPLIES	29.05	PAID	Y
ALEXANDER CHEMICAL CORPORAT	POOL WINTERIZING CHEMICALS	433.50	OPEN	Y
AM-PAK MEDICAL EXPRESS	DPW-1ST AID SUPPLIES	31.10	OPEN	Y
ARROW UNIFORM	DPW UNIFORMS, OCTOBER	189.40	OPEN	Y
AT&T	MONTHLY PHONE BILLS	907.03	PAID	Y
THE BANK OF NEW YORK	BOND DEBT PNT ON 94 BONDS-L	5,146.25	PAID	Y
BRIAN REED	REIMBURSE MISC. CONFERENCE	345.17	PAID	Y
BYRUM HARDWARE	SEPTEMBER HDWR. MISC.	303.74	OPEN	Y
CENTRAL FORD TRUCK SALES IN	DPW-FUEL INJECTOR-88 FORD	289.19	PAID	Y
CIHTAS CORPORATION #725	CARPET MAT SERVICE	90.34	OPEN	Y
CONSUMERS ENERGY	MONTHLY BILLS	3,257.87	PAID	Y
CONSUMERS ENERGY	STREET & AREA LTG.	3,222.53	PAID	Y
COUNTRYSIDE MOTORS & LEASIN	PD VEHICLES, LUBE,OIL,FILTE	22.63	OPEN	Y
CHARLES S ZEMLA	ASSESSOR MONTHLY CONTRACT	1,500.00	OPEN	Y
DELHI TOWNSHIP TREASURER	TRI-COUNTY METRO SQUAD, 200	2,551.13	OPEN	Y
DELUXE BUSINESS FORMS	CHECKS&M-2	340.54	OPEN	Y
DETROIT SALT COMPANY LLC	ROAD SALT, WINTER 2008-09	4,362.32	OPEN	Y
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	EXPENSES, MGR. TO MHL CONTE	33.80	OPEN	Y
MIKE FANCHER	REIMB. EXPENSES, CHIEFS MTO	52.96	OPEN	Y
FASTENAL COMPANY	DPW-FASTENERS&BLUE PAINT	69.57	PAID	Y
FOGG OIL COMPANY	MISC., FIRE, CEMETERY, DPW	186.13	OPEN	Y
FOGG OIL COMPANY	DPW-55 GAL. ANTIFREEZE	437.75	OPEN	Y
GRUA, JAMO & YOUNG, P.L.C.	CITY ATTORNEY, SEPT.	668.75	OPEN	Y
HOMESTEAD SAVINGS BANK	PRIZE CASH FOR HALLOWEEN	150.00	OPEN	Y
IN THE SWIM	WINTERIZING ALGAECIDE, POOL	150.89	OPEN	Y
INFRASTRUCTURE ALTERNATIVES	WWYP MONTHLY CONTRACT	12,977.00	OPEN	Y
INTOXIMETERS	PBT.MOUTHPIECES, PD	47.00	OPEN	Y
JACKSON COUNTY CHIEFS ASSOC	TRAINING, FIRE DEPT.	585.00	OPEN	Y
JACKSON TRUCK SERVICE, INC	DPW-95 DUMP, MUFFLER PARTS	177.52	PAID	Y
LAHSING UNIFORM COMPANY	PANTS&NAME TAGS, OFFICER TA	193.50	OPEN	Y
LESLIE COIN LAUNDRY, INC	QUARTERLY POLICE UNIFORM CL	536.00	PAID	Y
LIFELOC TECHNOLOGIES	PD-PBT MOUTHPIECES	35.00	OPEN	Y
LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT	LADDER, DPW & CEMETERY CONC	262.24	PAID	Y
MARATHON ASHLAND PETROLEUM	GAS CHARGED, SEPTEMBER	1,687.50	PAID	Y
LEAGUE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SER	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS.	5,587.50	PAID	Y
LEAGUE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SER	RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE	1,025.12	PAID	Y
MCKEARNEY ASPHALT & SEALING	FILL CROSSWALKS, BELLEVUE/M	4,295.00	PAID	Y
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIRE	MERS RPT FOR SEPT 2008	4,751.06	PAID	Y
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIRE	MERS REPORT FOR OCT 2008	4,640.06	PAID	Y
BROADSTRIPE	HI-SPEED CABLE, POLICE&FIRE	65.94	PAID	Y

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MFL WORKERS' COMP FUND	QTRLY WORKER COMP PREMIUM	2,185.00	OPEN	Y
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY CO.	MISC. SUPPLIES, WATER & SEW	721.61	PAID	Y
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY CO.	WTR DIST.-COMBINED DRILLETA	250.41	OPEN	Y
NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	CELL PHONE, DPW	48.30	OPEN	Y
HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	POLICE, COMPUTER DIGITAL HAR	223.95	PAID	Y
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	PAYROLL DATED 10/9/08	22,210.63	PAID	Y
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	CITY SOC SEC FOR 10/09/08 P	1,699.11	PAID	Y
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	PAYROLL DATED 10/23/08	21,230.09	PAID	Y
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	CITY SOC SEC FOR 10/23/08 P	1,624.12	PAID	Y
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	COUNCIL PAY DATED 10/21/08	2,016.67	PAID	Y
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	CITY SOC SEC FOR COUNCIL PA	154.26	PAID	Y
PETTY CASH	REPLENISH PETTY CASH	159.21	PAID	Y
PRECISION DATA PRODUCTS	COPIER TONER, FIRE DEPT-1/2	126.15	OPEN	Y
QUILL CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLIES, CITY OFFIC	138.06	OPEN	Y
REED BUSINESS INFORMATION	MISC. EXPENSES & MILEAGE, C	345.17	VOID	Y
RJT CONSTRUCTION	3RD REQUEST, LDFA, CURB&GUT	6,526.00	PAID	Y
ROGER'S CLINE TIRE	POLICE, ONE TIRE	96.53	OPEN	Y
SCHAFFER'S INC.	STREET SWEEPING, 9/26	750.00	PAID	Y
SHARE CORPORATION	DPW-ANTI-FREEZE&CLNG SUPPLIE	430.50	PAID	Y
SIGN CREATIONS	PKG SIGNS, ELEMENTARY SCHOO	300.00	OPEN	Y
SIMPSON'S SERVICE	CUSTODIAN	370.00	OPEN	Y
STATE OF MICHIGAN	FEE FOR COMPUTER ACCESS, PO	33.00	PAID	Y
STATE OF MICHIGAN	WATER TESTING	340.00	PAID	Y
STATE OF MICHIGAN	ANNUAL PUBLIC WATER FEE	1,003.10	OPEN	Y
STATE OF MICHIGAN	FEE FOR POLICE ACCESS TO RE	33.00	OPEN	Y
THE STANDARD INSURANCE COMP	MONTHLY LIFE & DISABILITY P	145.50	PAID	Y
THE STITCHING POST	DPW-PIPER, JACKET	83.00	OPEN	Y
TRACY EWING	TUTTLE PARK & CITY GARDENS	322.50	PAID	Y
USA MOBILITY WIRELESS, INC.	PAGER, DPW	112.10	PAID	Y
VANTAGEPOINT TRANSFER AGENT	CITY MANAGER RETIREMENT-10/	188.31	PAID	Y
VANTAGEPOINT TRANSFER AGENT	CITY MGR RETIREMENT-10/23/0	188.31	PAID	Y
VERIZON WIRELESS	MGR&POLICE CELL PHONES	134.06	OPEN	Y
VERIZON WIRELESS	POLICE VEHICLE MODEMS	97.22	OPEN	Y
DONALD R VICKERS	ECON. DEV., OCTOBER	2,375.89	OPEN	Y
VYRNA DOTTE WEIDEMAN	SCRIPTS (2) REIMBURSEMENT	60.00	PAID	Y
WILD SANITATION	PORTA-JOHN SERVICE, SEPT.	170.00	PAID	Y
WOLVERINE ENGINEERS & SURVE	LDFA, CURB&GUTTER PROJECT	6,526.00	VOID	Y
WOODLAWN CEMETERY ASSOC.	QUARTERLY ALLOCATION	6,250.00	PAID	Y
		142,480.84		

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SUBTOTAL AP CHECKS:	142,480.84
DEDUCT VOIDED CHECKS	- 6,526.00
	- 345.17
TOTAL AP CHECKS:	135,609.67

MANUAL CHECKS:

U.S. BANK	1997 MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND	2,400.00
U.S. BANK	1997 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS	23,592.50
U.S. BANK	1997 BELLEVUE STREET SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	22,340.00
U.S. BANK	1998 EAST BELLEVUE G.O. DEBT	5,861.25
U.S. BANK	1998 EAST BELLEVUE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	16,923.75
U.S. BANK	2000A G.O. STREETSCAPE DEBT FUND	5,063.75
U.S. BANK	2000A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT STREETSCAPE	4,605.50
U.S. BANK	2000B SPECIAL ASSESSMENT N. SHERMAN DEBT	2,400.00

TOTAL, ALL BILLS 222,118.92

AGENDA ITEM III.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Non-Agenda Items that Cannot be Handled During Regular Business Hours. NONE.

AGENDA ITEM IV.**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****A. Confirm Details - Parking for Christmas Parade.**

Mgr. Reed reviewed options suggested by the Chamber of Commerce for clearing the downtown Main Street area during the upcoming Lighted Parade: 1) Stop parking on Main St. beginning at 4:00 or 5:00 p.m. on that date so cars are cleared by parade time, or 2) Close Main St. At 6:00 p.m. to all traffic. He noted there are two reasons for considering this, including the safety of parade viewers and the ascetics to be able to view the parade without looking around and over vehicles. Discussion. Moved by Motes, seconded by Beyer, to close Main Street to parking between Bellevue and Carney Streets on Saturday, December 13, 2009 beginning at 4:00 p.m.; then to close that section of Main

Street entirely beginning at 6:00 p.m. on that day. Discussion. Councilmember Beyer reported having spoken to Councilmember Beegle (absent at this time), and she commented she would support the closure of Main St. Councilmember Fox stated anytime you close a street it's bad for business, but he understands the reasons for this suggestion.

Motion rescinded by Motes, seconded rescinded by Beyer.

Moved by Zamora to close Main Street between Bellevue and Carney Streets on Saturday, December 13, 2009 from 4:30 p.m. until after the Christmas Lighted Parade. All yes. Motion carried.

B. Recommendation from the Water & Sewer Committee.

Mgr. Reed reviewed the recommendation from the Water and Sewer Committee. They are suggesting that rather than cancel the entire bill when a structure or apartment is empty OR charge 100% of the REU (residential equivalent unit), a 25% charge be required. Tom Traciak, the City's Financial Consultant, has advised that 55 to 65% is the degree of fixed cost for the Water Fund and the Sewer Fund. It is recommended that the City stop the policy of cancelling the entire bill unless the service is actually turned off. The fee at this time is recommended to be the 25% Fixed Rate Charge. Also recommended is to increase the current turn-off/turn-on fee from \$25 to \$35.

Extensive discussion followed.

Moved by Zamora, seconded by Motes, to request that two Resolutions be prepared for the December Council meeting, with these new rates to be effective January 1, 2009. Discussion. Concern about treating "apartments upstairs downtown" fairly was noted by Councilmembers Fox and Stewart.

Stewart requested a Roll Call vote.

Yes: Councilmembers Beyer, Zamora, Motes, Schmit.

Noes: Councilmembers Stewart, Fox.

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Adopt Resolution No. 2008-22 increasing NSF Fees from \$20 to \$25.

Moved by Fox, seconded by Zamora, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-22 as follows. Discussion.

ROLL CALL.

YES: Councilmembers Zamora, Fox, Mayor Schmit, Councilmember Beyer.

NOES: Councilmembers Stewart, Motes.

Motion carried; Resolution declared adopted.

CITY OF LESLIE

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-22

Resolution to Amend the Fee Set for Returned "NSF" Checks

WHEREAS, the Leslie City Council adopted Resolution No. 97-01 on January 6, 1997, setting the fee for return of checks payable to the CITY OF LESLIE for non-sufficient funds at \$20.00 (Twenty Dollars); and

WHEREAS, the Leslie City Council wishes to amend the aforementioned fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 97-01 of the City of Leslie is hereby rescinded; and

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that effective December 1, 2008, the fee for the return of checks payable to the CITY OF LESLIE for non-sufficient funds shall be \$25.00 (Twenty-Five Dollars and no cents).

Vyrna Dotte Weideman, Leslie City Clerk

B. Consider Resolution to Adopt Benefit Program "E" for MERS Retirees.

Review of the MEMO from Finance Director/Treasurer Neu, and discussion with Mgr. Reed. He indicated he does not recommend adoption at this time. No action by Council.

C. Approve temporary closure of the Armstrong/Bellevue Street intersection for Veterans Day Service, approx. 11:00-11:30 a.m. on 11/11/08. Requested by Leslie American Legion.

Jeannie Valentine, representing the Leslie American Legion and Auxiliary, addressed Council asking for closure of this area for approximately a 15-minute ceremony honoring Veterans Day.

Mgr. Reed reported he consulted Police Chief Delamarter and they would encourage that a public address system be utilized for best effect for this type of ceremony. But the request is for closure of Bellevue from Pennsylvania to Main Street and Armstrong from Butler to Bellevue Street.

Moved by Zamora, seconded by Stewart, to approve the closure of Bellevue Street between Pennsylvania and Main Streets and also of Armstrong Street between Butler and Bellevue Streets. This closure to accommodate a ceremony for Veterans Day, from approximately 11:00-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2008. All yes. Motion carried.

D. Appointments/Reappointments:

1. **Economic Development Corporation, 5 terms ending 11/7/08, new terms would end 11/7/2014. Pam Beegle, Stan Williams, Bruce Crockett, Jim Mitchell, Jeff Bell.**

Mgr. Reed reported Jim Mitchell does not wish to accept reappointment, but the other four members will accept reappointment. Mayor Schmit recommended reappointment.

Moved by Stewart, seconded by Beyer, to approve the reappointment to the Leslie City Economic Development Corporation of Pam Beegle, Stan Williams, Bruce Crockett, and Jeff Bell with new terms extending to November 7, 2014. All yes. Motion carried.

2. **Leslie City Planning Commission, 3 terms ending 11/1/08, new terms would end 11/1/2011. Sharon Lantz, Russ Young, Bob Hite.**

Mgr. Reed reported all three members are willing to accept reappointment. Mayor Schmit recommended reappointment.

Moved by Stewart, seconded by Motes to reappoint Sharon Lantz, Russ Young and Bob Hite to the Leslie City Planning Commission with new terms to end November 1, 2011. All yes. Motion carried.

E. Acknowledge policy for future board appointments.

Review by Mgr. Reed of the proposed "Internal Policy for Board Appointments". This is to aid those involved, giving guidelines for procedures when vacancies do occur on various boards.

Moved by Motes, seconded by Stewart to acknowledge and approve the policy as reviewed for future City board appointments, effective immediately. All yes. Motion carried.

F. Appointment to DDA - term to end 7/1/2012.

Mgr. Reed reviewed that there are now two vacancies on the DDA Board. Greg Sinicropi, the newest member appointed in October 2008 for a term ending 2012, has now indicated a scheduling conflict and he is unable to participate on that Board. The second vacancy is for a term ending 11/7/2014.

Mayor Schmit recommended Sue Lathrop for appointment to the DDA. Discussion.

Moved by Zamora, seconded by Beyer, to appoint Sue Lathrop to the Leslie City Downtown Development Corporation with a term to end July 1, 2012. Discussion with Attorney Grua. All yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM VI. COUNCIL AGENDA:

A. Committee Reports.

Councilmember Beyer reported attending the White Pine Academy ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 31, 2008.

Councilmember Stewart thanked City Offices for the quick follow-through on ReCycling issues.

Councilmember Fox reported the street light in front of Mitchell's is "flickering".

Councilmember Stewart reported the street light in front of his building needs a new foundation.

Councilmember Zamora reported several deep potholes in need of patching.

B. Manager's Report. Manager Reed reported:

- ▶ new parking restrictions are in place in front of Woodworth Elementary, and working well.
- ▶ the City has been awarded a DNR Grant for tree replacement.
- ▶ the Adams Street bridge is to be repaired in the near future.
- ▶ research regarding water meters continues.
- ▶ Zoning and Building violation issues are being pursued regarding one structure in the City.

C. Confirm Manager's Appointment of new City Clerk effective mid-January.

Moved by Fox, seconded by Stewart to approve City Manager Brian Reed's appointment of Denae Davenport as the new City Clerk effective mid-January, 2009. All yes. Motion carried.

E. Motion to Adjourn.

Moved by Stewart, seconded by Fox, to adjourn this meeting. All yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned, 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vyrna Dotte Weideman, Leslie City Clerk