

A regular meeting of the Leslie City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at Leslie City Hall, 107 E. Bellevue Street, with Mayor Ron Schmit presiding.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Beegle, Fox, Wood, Beyer, Motes, Mayor Schmit.

ABSENT: Councilmember Zamora (Excused).

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Brian Reed, City Clerk Vyrna Dotte Weideman, City Finance Director/Treasurer Cheryl Neu, City Attorney Mark Grua, Fire Chief Mike Fancher, Firefighters Steve DeKett, Scott Dunsmore, and Bruce Howe, Leslie School Superintendent Corey Netzley, Guy Procopio, Brian Cowan, Bill Muenzenmaier, Troy Sundermann.

Leslie Fire Chief Fancher led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Moved by Wood, seconded by Motes, to approve the agenda as presented. All yes. Motion carried.

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

- A. Approve the minutes of the Council meeting of April 1 and notes of Council Budget Workshop of April 22, 2008.**
- B. Approve Payment of the Bills as presented.**
- C. Council Correspondence:**
  - 1. Seventh Day Adventist Church.**
  - 2. White Cane Sales - Leslie Lions Club, May 3, 2008.**
  - 3. State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission - request for transfer of license.**

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

## **BILLS ON FILE AS APPROVED**

#### **AGENDA ITEM III. PUBLIC COMMENT - Non-Agenda Items that Cannot be Handled During Regular Business Hours.**

Leslie Fire Chief Mike Fancher addressed Council at this time, to report that in late 2007 several members of the Leslie Fire Department completed the State of Michigan Officer I and II classes for Firefighters. This consisted of attending classes in Meridian and Delhi Townships for 15 weekends. The three firefighters at this meeting which did complete these classes are: Steve DeKett, Scott Dunsmore, and Bruce Howe. A fourth Leslie Firefighter also completed the course, David Richard, who was unable to attend this meeting as he is currently responding to a HAZMAT (Hazardous Materials) call. The fifth firefighter from Leslie to complete this course is Chief Mike Fancher. He noted it is very unusual for that many firefighters from such a small department to complete these courses.

Council applauded this effort, congratulating the firefighters for their dedication.

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

- A. Appoint Committee to recommend specific location of "Community Board".**

Mgr. Reed reviewed his recommendation to form a committee to make a recommendation for specifics regarding the proposed "Community Board". He plans to appoint representatives from the Downtown Development Authority, the City Planning Commission, Council and the Chamber of Commerce. The recommendation will be presented to Council at the June regular meeting.

No objection by Council.

At this time Ron Kolloff, 139 ½ S. Main Street, addressed Council with a public comment. He asked to register a complaint regarding noise, smoke, and litter from the bar near his apartment.

Mgr. Reed noted the Leslie Police Chief is checking into this and will continue to monitor activities.

Mayor Schmit thanked Mr. Kolloff for coming to the Council with his concerns, but suggested this could have been taken directly to the Police Chief and City Manager during regular business hours.

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

- A. Consider request of Leslie Youth Soccer Club:**
  - 1. Regarding use of Russell Park on Saturday, August 2, 2008.**
  - 2. Adopt Resolution No. 2008-12, recognize Leslie Youth Soccer Club as Non-Profit.**
  - 3. Closure of Pennsylvania Street in front of Woodworth Elementary School August 2, 2008.**

Troy Sundermann addressed Council regarding the LYSC Fundraiser planned for August 2.

High School Junior Varsity soccer teams are now active, and will be funded the first two years by

the LYSC. A 4 vs. 4 Soccer Tournament scheduled for August 2, 2008 will be conducted on the "old football field" across from Woodworth Elementary School. They are requesting that as part of the use of Russell Park that day, families and teams be allowed to set up team areas at the park, which will consist of shade canopies, chairs, and coolers, etc. Also, for safety, they are requesting the closure of a portion of Pennsylvania St. from Baggerly Street to just North of the Leslie Library drive. Discussion with Guy Procopio regarding the request to be recognized as a non-profit organization.

This group was formed eight years ago, and currently there are approximately 250 participants in the soccer program.

Moved by Motes, seconded by Beegle to approve the Leslie Youth Soccer Club request for use of Russell Park on Saturday, August 2, 2008 as requested and also the closure of a portion of Pennsylvania Street from Baggerly Street South to the Library drive on August 2, 2008 as requested.

Motion amended, Motes and seconded amended, Beegle, to allow a rain date of August 3, 2008. All yes. Motion carried.

## **CITY OF LESLIE RESOLUTION NO. 2008-12**

### **Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses**

Moved by Fox and supported by Beyer that the request from the Leslie Youth Soccer Club of Leslie, Ingham County, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses, be considered for Approval.

YEAS: Councilmembers Beegle, Fox, Wood, Beyer, Motes, Mayor Schmit.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAIN: NONE.

ABSENT: Councilmember Zamora.

#### **MOTION CARRIED; RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Vyrna Dotte Weideman, Leslie City Clerk

**NOTE: DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS THE PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR "7:15 OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE" WAS NOW HELD.**

#### **C. 7:15 p.m. Public Hearing. PURPOSE: Consider Public Comment regarding the proposed Budget for the City of Leslie, Fiscal Year 7/1/08 through 6/30/09.**

Mayor Schmit opened the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Mgr. Reed presented an updated budget memo to Council, along with specific updated pages for the budget.

Leslie Public School Superintendent Corey Netzley asked if a new Pennsylvania Street Water Main is budgeted. Mgr. Reed responded no, this is not in the 2008-09 City Budget.

Councilmember Motes noted there is an entire area of Pennsylvania Street that is very rough.

Mgr. Reed responded DPW Director Owen has plans to repair the patched areas, but not resurface the entire street. He further explained that Director Owen is developing an Asset Management Program for Streets, which will help keep track of situations such as this, and help keep a calendar of repairs.

Mayor Schmit closed the public hearing, 7:37 p.m.

**NEXT ITEM RESUMED THE ORDER OF AGENDA BUSINESS.**

#### **B. Consider City Planning Commission recommendation regarding: Special Use Permit Application 2008-2, Chris Fuller.**

Review by Mgr. Reed of the City Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of this application. He suggested Council conduct a public hearing on this matter.

Councilmember Fox stated for the record that he has dealings with the applicant on another matter, but would not gain or be affected in any way by Council's action on this Special Use application.

Councilmember Beegle voiced her concern regarding this evening's complaint of bar noise in the area being considered for further residential (apartment) use.

Mgr. Reed stated the City will work toward a solution on that complaint.

Moved by Fox, seconded by Beyer, to hold a public hearing on June 3, 2008 at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible regarding Special Use Application 2008-2, Chris Fuller, applicant, as on file, and place action on that application on the agenda. All yes. Motion carried.

#### **D. Consider request from Leslie American Legion regarding Memorial Day Parade.**

Moved by Fox, seconded by Motes, to approve the Leslie American Legion's application for its Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m. All yes. Motion carried.

#### **E. Consider request of Leslie Girls Softball League for use of Church St. Ballfields.**

Moved by Beyer, seconded by Fox, to approve the use of the Church Street Ballfields by the Leslie Girls Softball League on Mondays through Fridays from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. starting April 21<sup>st</sup>

and continuing until July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 as on file. All yes. Motion carried.

**F. Consider request for use of Church St. Ballfield June 14, 2008 for Fundraiser for Leslie Pools.**

Mayor Schmit reported attending a meeting earlier on this date regarding the Leslie Pools.

Mgr. Reed explained regarding the operations of the Pool for the 2008 Season:

- Director of DPW Owen will hire personnel.
- The Pool Committee has set 2008 daily and membership rates.
- The non-resident daily swim fee will increase to \$4.00/day.
- The resident (Leslie City and Leslie Township residents) rate will be \$2.00/day.
- Adult swim nights will be a fee of \$2.00.
- Seasonal Membership rates will increase slightly to:  
Residents: \$35.00/Single \$50.00/1-2 children \$70.00/3 or more  
Non-Residents:\$45.00/Single \$70.00/1-2 children \$90.00/3 or more

Resident status for Leslie Township residents will be extended as long as the Township continues the outstanding support of the pool.

Ideas were discussed for encouraging participation in adult swim nights, such as providing “themes”, etc.

As a “Kick-Off” a fundraiser will be conducted on Saturday, June 14, 2008.

Councilmember Zamora has requested that on that same Saturday a Co-ed Softball Tournament be held as a fundraiser to benefit the Leslie Pool Fund.

Moved by Beegle, seconded by Fox, to approve the use of the Church St. Ballfields on June 14, 2008 for a fundraiser to benefit the Leslie Pools. All yes. Motion carried.

**G. Consider requests from Leslie Area Education Foundation:**

1. **Closure of Carney Street between Main Street and Commercial Drive between 8:00 a.m. and midnight, Saturday, July 26, 2008.**
2. **Use of Carney Street for Street Dance and Beverage Tent.**
3. **Use of Church Street Ballfields on July 26 & 27 for Fifth Annual Softball Tournament.**

Discussion of activities planned, specific location, etc. per the written request prepared by Councilmember Zamora.

Moved by Fox, seconded by Motes, to approve the request of the Leslie Area Education Foundation for the closure of Carney Street between Main Street and Commercial Drive, and the use of Carney Street for a Street Dance and Beverage Tent, on Saturday, July 26, 2008; and for the use of the Church Street Ballfields on July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to conduct a Softball Tournament Fundraiser. This approval contingent on receipt by the City of appropriate proof of insurance for all the events. Discussion. All yes. Motion carried.

**H. Leslie High School request RE: Gus Macker 3 on 3 Tournament.**

Mgr. Reed reviewed the two requests affecting the City for this event, which is conducted on the Leslie High School property: 1) Sweeping of the parking lot at the Leslie High School by the City, and 2) Providing two uniformed police officers for the duration of this 3 on 3 Tournament.

This event is a fundraiser to benefit the High School football and basketball programs.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Beegle to approve the request of the Leslie High School to provide sweeping of the North High School parking lot on July 23, 2008 by the City, and to provide that two uniformed police officers will be on duty during the Gus Macker 3 on 3 Tournament to be held July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Leslie High School facility. All yes. Motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM VI. COUNCIL AGENDA:**

**A. Committee Reports.**

Attorney Grua reported he has been working on EDC issues with Finance Dir./Treasurer Neu.

Councilmember Beyer reported he had been approached by a citizen who stated they wished the City would stop the library expansion, since it would take away some of the soccer area. (NOTE: The proposed library expansion would be to the East, and not affect the soccer field area.)

Councilmember Wood reported the Woodlawn Cemetery Board had met twice, regarding some policy changes, and working on the annual budget.

Mayor Schmit asked if the Cemetery Flag Pole would be painted this year. Mgr. Reed will follow-up on this suggestion.

Councilmember Beegle reported:

- There was no Ad Hoc meeting in April.
- On behalf of the United Way Fund, she had presented a check in support of the City Pool to Fin. Dir./Treasurer Neu.
- The Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Meeting would be conducted May 7 at Leslie High School, to honor the Top 10 Seniors of Leslie High School.

**B. Manager’s Report.**

Mgr. Reed requested that Council check on the newly-formatted City WebSite and reported:

- Hopefully a current Council picture will be taken prior to the next Council meeting.

- The City hired a contractor to conduct the Spring Clean-Up Street Sweeping, since the City's street sweeper is out of commission.
- At that time, the City went out for bid for ongoing street sweeping, but since only one bid was received, the notice has been sent again to accept bids for once a month sweeping.
- He congratulated the Firefighters who were acknowledged earlier this evening for the accomplishment of completion of the training.
- He thanked the City staff for their help during his first month with the City.

Mayor Schmit announced a five-minute intermission at 8:10.

At 8:17 the meeting resumed.

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

Moved by Fox, seconded by Motes, to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion of Union Contract Negotiations. All yes. Motion carried.

Closed session began, 8:20 p.m.

Open meeting resumed, 8:57 p.m.

**D. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting.**

Moved by Wood, seconded by Beegle to adjourn the meeting. All yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned, 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vyrna Dotte Weideman, Leslie City Clerk