

A regular meeting of the Leslie City Council was held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at Leslie City Hall, 107 E Bellevue Street, with Acting Mayor Fox presiding.

PRESENT: Council Members Pamela Beegle, D.K. Beyer, Shelly Motes, Jennifer Shuster, Pete Zamora and Mayor Randy Fox.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Brian Reed, City Clerk Denae Davenport, Finance Director/Treasurer Cheryl Neu, Leslie Fire Chief Bruce Howe, Mandilyn Miller, Matt Chalmers, City Attorney Mark Grua, Leslie Township Trustee/Cemetery Board Judy Vickers, Mike Canteberry, *The Leslie Weekly Guardian* writer Jeff Moss, *Jackson Citizen Patriot* writer Larry Hook, Janet Bloom, Joyce Kranz, Terry Brown, Bradley Newman.

Fox led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Motion by Motes, support by Beyer to approve the agenda. **All yes. Motion carried.**

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve the minutes of the April 12, 2011 Council Meeting and April 19, 2011 Special Budget Workshop.

B. Approve Payment of the Bills as presented.

Motion by Beegle, support by Motes to approve the agenda. **All yes. Motion carried.**

INVOICE SUMMARY

Date:4/27/11

MAY 3, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING BILLS
DETAILS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	STATUS	JNLZD?
AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	DPW - WELDING SUPPLIES	33.57	Paid	Y
ARROW UNIFORM	UNIFM RENT DPW/CEM	202.99	Paid	Y
AT&T	MONTHLY PHONE BILLS	354.91	Paid	Y
AT&T LONG DISTANCE	MNTH LNG DIST BILL	10.14	Paid	Y
BARCO PRODUCTS COMPANY	TRASH CAN LINER	75.35	Open	Y
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	MONTHLY RETIREE HEALTH INS	2,031.16	Paid	Y
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	MONTHLY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS	5,002.63	Paid	Y
BROADSTRIPE	MNTLY INTRNT SERV	32.97	Paid	Y
BYRUM HARDWARE	MISC SUPPLIES DPW	678.76	Paid	Y
BYRUM HARDWARE	LFD1/2TWP ANTIFREEZE, CAULK	78.32	Paid	Y
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	MML CONF, MGFOA SEM, DMPSTR	1,318.95	Paid	Y
CARRIE FANCHER	CAMCA MG-SPKR RUTH JOHNSON ASSESMT NOTICES, POSTAGE &SUPPLIES	30.60	Paid	Y
CHARLES S ZEMLA		761.12	Paid	Y
CHARLES S ZEMLA	MONTHLY ASSESSOR CONTRACT	1,500.00	Open	Y
CHERYL NEU	MILEAGE	26.52	Paid	Y
CINTAS CORPORATION #725	MAT SERV LCO, LCH, LPD	143.82	Paid	Y
CITY OF LESLIE	APR-JUNE 2011 W/S	2,597.57	Paid	Y
CONSUMERS ENERGY	ST & AREA LIGHTS	4,179.92	Paid	Y
CONSUMERS ENERGY	APR 2011 IA BILLS	1,687.55	Paid	Y
CONSUMERS ENERGY	APR 2011 FACILITIES	5,418.54	Open	Y
COUNTRYSIDE MOTORS	LPD CAR #80 OIL CHG	15.95	Paid	Y
EAST JORDAN IRON WORKS	1" COPPER TUBING	668.00	Open	Y
ELHORN ENGINEERING CO.	WELLS CHEMICALS	576.25	Open	Y
FASTENAL COMPANY	SHELVES & DIVIDERS	213.34	Open	Y
FITZGERALD HENNE	WATER PLANT PRLIM DSGN	16,983.08	Open	Y
FITZGERALD HENNE	WATER PLANT PRELIM STDY	8,016.91	Open	Y
FITZGERALD HENNE	MILL ST BRDG PRELIM	785.00	Open	Y
FITZGERALD HENNE	MILL ST BRDG ENG	3,517.50	Open	Y
FITZGERALD HENNE	MAPPING 4 RUSSEL PK, & POOL GRTS	300.00	Open	Y
FOGG OIL COMPANY	LFD 1/2 TWP MONTHLY GAS SLIPS	597.73	Paid	Y
GADALETO, RAMSBY	MONTHLY LIFE INS UNION EMPL	218.38	Paid	Y
GANNETT MICHIGAN NEWSPAPERS	BOR, WTR PLT, SU PMT NOTICES	386.31	Paid	Y
GRUA, JAMO & YOUNG P.L.C	ATTY FEES	812.50	Open	Y
IKON OFFICE SOLUTIONS	LCO LEASE COPY/SCANNER/FAX	199.00	Open	Y
IKON OFFICE SOLUTIONS	LCO LEASE COPY/SCANNER/FAX	69.04	Paid	Y
INFRASTRUCTURE ALTERNATIVES	WWTP MONTHLY CONTRACT	13,730.06	Open	Y
INGHAM COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION	COLD PATCH 12.5 TONS	693.50	Open	Y
INGHAM COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION	COLD PATCH	110.96	Open	Y
INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICES, INC	MILEAGE CHRG 4 WARRANTY WK	468.65	Open	Y

LANSING UNIFORM CO	LFD1/2TWP BADGES, ALTER	252.00	Open	Y
LOWES BUSINESS ACCT	LPD DOOR REPAIR	108.62	Paid	Y
MARATHON ASHLAND PETROLEUM LLC	LPD & DPW MONTHLY GAS CHR CARDS	993.89	Paid	Y
MASON ELEVATOR CO.	100LB GRASS SEED	160.00	Paid	Y
MICHAEL R. KLUCK	LABOR ATTY	281.29	Open	Y
MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF PLANNING	ANNUAL MEMBSHP PLAN/ZONE	60.00	Open	Y
MICHIGAN SUPPLY COMPANY	VALVE PARK SINKS METERING UNT	130.11	Open	Y
MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION	ANNUAL SUBSCRIP	40.00	Open	Y
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMEN	CITY MGR RETIREMENT FOR 4/21/11 PAYROLL	219.08	Paid	Y
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMEN	EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MAR 2011 REPO	5,258.90	Paid	Y
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMEN	EMPLOYER CONTRIB-DPW WAGES JAN-MAR 2011	1,861.20	Paid	Y
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMEN	MERS RPT FOR APR 2011- EMPLOYER CONTRIBUT	5,152.96	Paid	Y
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	COUNCIL AND FIRE PAYROLL DATED 4/13/11	7,202.25	Paid	Y
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	CITY SOC SEC FOR COUNCIL & FIRE PAYROLL	550.95	Paid	Y
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	REGULAR PAYROLL DATED 4/21/11 CITY SOC SEC FOR 4/21/11	20,164.32	Paid	Y
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	PAYROLL	1,507.97	Paid	Y
PEERLESS-MIDWEST INC	CONTROLS- IRP & WTR TWR	48,412.00	Open	Y
QUILL CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	171.72	Paid	Y
REPUBLIC SERVICES #249	DUMSTER 4 PAVILION RUSSPK	450.40	Paid	Y
ROGER'S CLINE TIRE	LPD CAR 80 4 TIRES	404.00	Open	Y
SIGN CREATIONS	SPONSOR BANNER-ANDY'S	35.00	Open	Y
SIMPSON'S SERVICE, INC.	LCO, LCH & LPD OFFICE CLEANING 1/2 TWP FIREFIGHTER LEATHER	270.00	Open	Y
STEVE DEKETT	BOOTS	243.00	Paid	Y
SUPERIOR SAW	SAW TUNE UP	76.43	Paid	Y
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON	BOND AGENT FEE FOR 1994 SERIES A-2-LDFA	262.50	Open	Y
THE STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	LIFE & DISABILITY NON-UNION POSTAGE-REUNION FLYERS-WILL	114.00	Paid	Y
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	BE REIMBURSE	94.16	Paid	Y
UNITED STATES TREASURY	CITY SOC SEC ON TAYLOR TP SICK PAY-1ST Q	22.95	Paid	Y
WILLIS INFORMATION TECH., INC.	REMOVE VIRUS FRONT COMP, REFORMAT	190.00	Open	Y
WOODLAWN CEMETERY ASSOC.	QUARTERLY ALLOCATION	6,250.00	Paid	Y
	Total:	175,467.25		

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Non-Agenda Items that Cannot be Handled During Regular Business Hours. None.

IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Appoint member to the Leslie City Zoning Board of Appeals - term ending June 30, 2013. None.

v. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **PUBLIC HEARING**

7:00 PM City of Leslie Proposed Budget, Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Accept Public Comment Regarding Proposed Budget & Estimated Property Tax Millage.

Mayor Fox opened the Public Hearing. **Public Hearing OPENED at 7:03 PM.**

Fox announced that council is accepting public comment regarding the City of Leslie proposed budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Fox restated that this is the time for public comment regarding the City of Leslie Budget. Hearing no comments from the public. Fox closed the Public Hearing. **Public Hearing CLOSED at 7:05 PM.**

Fox asked councilmembers if they had any comments regarding the proposed budget for the City of Leslie, Fiscal Year July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012. Finance Director Neu passed out revised pages for the budget reflecting the changes discussed at the Budget Workshop held April 19, 2011. Neu reported that a copy of the proposed budget was on hand for anyone that wishes to review it. Shuster stated that she would not be able to support the proposed budget as it stands with the increase in General Operating Millage. Zamora agreed with Shuster stating that he would not be able to support the proposed budget with the millage increase, further stating that as long as the fund balance is in the black he didn't see any reason to increase the millage. Beyer stated that he would not be voting in favor of the proposed budget. Resident Terry Brown asked if council has held a budget workshop, when council will vote on the

budget, and if the revised pages of the budget were included with the budget available for public view. Fox responded that City Council has held one budget workshop on April 12, 2011. Reed responded that the vote regarding the proposed budget will most likely take place at the June 7, 2011 Council Meeting. Neu explained that the proposed budget including the revised pages has been available at City Offices for Public Viewing. Resident Joyce Kranz asked for information regarding the water and sewer rates. Reed responded that she could come into City Offices at any time and he would be willing to talk with her about the rates. Resident Janet Bloom asked about the annual increase in water and sewer rates. Zamora responded that the annual increase is built into the ordinance. Hearing no more questions regarding the budget Fox again closed the public comment at 7:16 PM.

Reed asked council to schedule another budget workshop.

Motion by Beyer, support by Beegle to schedule a Budget Workshop on June 1, 2011 at 7 PM. All yes. Motion carried.

B. Fire Department Recognize New Firefighters.

Leslie Fire Chief Bruce Howe reported that he had three new firefighters who have achieved the level of Firefighter 1; Mandilyn Miller, Matt Chalmers and Taylor Hannon. Miller and Chalmers were on hand to receive an honor recognizing their achievement. (Hannon planned to be there but was unable attend the meeting)

Howe expressed his appreciation and pride for the hard work and dedication of the firefighters.

C. Cemetery Presentation - Master Planning.

Reed introduced Michael Canteberry, an architect working with the Cemetery board and explained that he will present the master plan for Woodlawn Cemetery. Canteberry explained that he has worked extensively with the Woodlawn Cemetery Board to develop the master plan. The board sought input from the general public, City Council, Township Board and employees and held several public meetings. Canteberry explained that the decision was made to leave the office building in its current location and to replicate many of the features from the historic portion of the cemetery in the undeveloped area. There will be a memorial walkway and a new location for the flag pole. Reed explained that this master plan offers the Cemetery Board direction for planning in the short term and the long term. The board can not afford to do everything in this plan at this time but they will continue to work on items within their budget. Reed stated that the office building will soon be painted. Cemetery Board member Judy Vickers stated that they have worked hard to come up with this plan and it is a nice plan to follow. Cemetery Board member Shelly Motes stated that she is happy with the plan and they have spent a lot of time gathering information at public meetings to come up with the best plan for Woodlawn Cemetery. Motes continued to say that many of the low cost aesthetic suggestions made by Canteberry have been completed by Sexton Ron Bogart and that it has made a big impact. Canteberry commended Bogart for doing a great job. Reed asked if there were any other questions or comments regarding the plan from the public.

Motion by Zamora, support by Beegle to accept the proposed master plan for the cemetery. All yes. Motion carried.

D. Request to waive \$35 Water Shut Off Fee.

Reed explained that Janet Bloom requested that her water service be shut off to repair a leak in her water line and was informed of the \$35 charge at that time. Reed explained that it has not been past practice of council act against its ordinance. Bloom explained that she has paid her water and sewer bill faithfully for 40 years and didn't feel she should be charged to turn the water off for a repair. Zamora explained that he agrees with Bloom and would like to see the fee waived. Shuster agreed with Zamora. Grua explained that council does not have the authority to waive this fee that is set by ordinance. Shuster asked why this item was presented to council if they don't have the power to act. Reed responded that it is the citizens right to appeal to council when they are unhappy with the actions taken at City Offices. Reed explained that when the DPW employees are called to shut off water they are many times pulled from other jobs. The fee is in place to recover some of the costs. Zamora stated that he would like to see the ordinance changed to allow for hardship waiver of the fee. Motes commented that if we make an exception on this then we will set ourselves up going forward to have to waive fees for many customers. Motes continued that if we change the ordinance we would have to be very specific with the criteria for waiving the fee. Grua suggested that he and Reed could research the ordinances in other communities. Grua stated that he would like council to abide by the ordinance and deny Ms. Blooms request. Bloom stated that she would like to see the ordinance changed.

Motion by Beyer, support by Motes to deny Janet Bloom's request to dismiss the \$35 Water Shut Off Fee. All yes. Motion carried.

E. Community-wide Garage Sale Request.

Reed explained that Marie Charnley approached the city last year about hold a Community Wide Garage Sale event. Charnley then worked with the Leslie Area Chamber of Commerce to organize and publicize the event. Beegle explained that the event was a huge success last year bringing many visitors to our community that filled the area restaurants.

Motion by Motes, supported by Beegle to approve the 2nd Annual Community-wide Garage Sale Event and to allow city residents to hold sales without obtaining a city permit for the weekend of August 12th through the 14th 2011. All yes. Motion carried.

F. 8th Annual Softball Tournament, Street Dance and Beverage Tent-July 15-17, 2011.

Councilmember Zamora explained that he would like to hold his annual softball tournament, street dance, and beverage tent on July 16, 2011. Zamora is requesting the closure of the parking lot south of Event Center, and Commercial Drive from parking lot to Police Station be closed from 8am until Midnight. Zamora will provide all insurance, site plan, and other paperwork before the event.

Motion by Motes, supported by Beyer to approve the 8th Annual Softball Tournament, Street Dance and Beverage Tent, July 15th - July 17th, 2011 additionally approving the closure of the parking area south of the Event Center, and Commercial Drive from parking area to police station from 8am until Midnight, July 16th, 2011. **All yes. Motion carried.**

G. 5th Annual Gus Macker Tournament 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament-July 22-24, 2011.

Zamora requested the approval of the Annual Gus Macker tournament will be held July 22 - 24th, 2011, requesting the closing of Main St. from Bellevue south to just past the flower shop and Carney St. from Main west to the alley. South parking lot, and Commercial Drive from parking lot to the Police Station. The streets will need to be closed from Friday July 22, at 4pm until Sunday 24, until approximately 5pm. Zamora will provide a site plan and other paperwork prior to the event.

Motion by Beegle, supported by Motes to approve the 5th Annual Gus Macker 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament to be held July 22nd - July 24th, 2011 Additionally approving the closure of Main St. from Bellevue south to just past the flower shop. Carney St. from Main west to the alley and the parking area south of the Event Center and Commercial Drive from parking lot to the Police Station from Friday July 22nd, at 4pm until Sunday July 24th, 2011 until approximately 5pm.

All yes. Motion carried.

H. Memorial Day Parade

Motion by Motes, supported by Beegle to approve the American Legion's request for a Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 2011. **All yes. Motion carried.**

I. American Legion Poppy Sales

Motion by Beegle, supported by Beyer to approve the American Legion's Request to sell Poppies May 19, 20 & 21, 2011. **All yes. Motion carried.**

J. PTO Carnival Street Closure

Shuster explained that each year Woodworth PTO holds its annual Carnival. This year, the event will be on May 20, 2011 from 4pm to 8pm. Shuster is requesting the City to close down Pennsylvania Street during the time of the carnival. Beegle comment that it had made a big improvement to the carnival having the street closure.

Motion by Beegle, supported by Motes to approve the request for Woodworth PTO to shut down Pennsylvania from the North side of the Library Driveway to Baggerly from 4pm to 8pm on May 20, 2011.

All yes. Motion carried.

VI. COUNCIL AGENDA:

A. Committee Reports.

Motes reported that the next Cemetery Board Meeting will be held at Leslie City Hall at 8am, May 19, 2011.

B. Manager's Report.

Reed reported that Fire Chief Howe will be back to a future council meeting to report on the downtown fire at Moo's Bar & Grill located at 147 S. Main St. At this time we have not received all the reports needed to give a complete report to council.

C. Closed Session pending litigation

Motion by Zamora, supported by Beegle to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. **All yes. Motion carried.**

Leave Open Session at 8:30 PM.

Mayor Fox called the meeting into Open Session.

Open Session resumed at 8:55 PM

D. Closed Session labor negotiations

Motion by Beegle, supported by Motes to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. **All yes. Motion carried.**

Leave Open Session at 8:56 PM.

Mayor Fox called the meeting into Open Session.

Open Session resumed at 9:08 PM

E. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Beyer, supported by Shuster to adjourn the meeting. **All yes. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned 9:11.

Respectfully submitted,

Denae Davenport
Leslie City Clerk