

LAINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 2, 2015

Mayor Culpepper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Councilman L.L. Sparkes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Alan Ducastel, Brian Fredline, David Hartman, David Rhodabeck, Larry L. Sparkes and Micheal Culpepper. Absent: Larry C. Sparkes.

Public comment – Tresha Neff commented on her husband Anthony Neff. Charles Ross commented on Veterans.

20-15. Moved by L. L. Sparkes, seconded by Fredline to approve the minutes of February 2, 2015, as presented. Motion carried.

21-15. Moved by Hartman, seconded by Fredline to approve the Treasurer's Report, and placed on file, subject to audit. Motion carried.

Moved by Hartman, seconded by Fredline to retain Plunkett Cooney law firm to help with an employment issue. Roll call: Yeas: L.L. Sparkes, Hartman, Culpepper Nays: Ducastel, Fredline, Rhodabeck. Motion failed. (Hartman withdrew motion).

22-15. Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by Hartman to retain the law firm Plunkett Cooney to serve as counsel to assist with an employment issue.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: L. L. Sparkes, Hartman, Rhodabeck and Culpepper

Nays: Ducastel and Fredline

Absent: L. C. Sparkes

Motion carried.

The preliminary 2015-16 Budget was discussed. The 2015-16 budget will be introduced as proposed at the next regular City Council meeting on April 6, 2015.

23-15. Moved by Fredline, seconded by Hartman to proceed with the application for the 2015 CDBG Façade Grant for the following downtown buildings: 105 E Grand River, 259 E Grand River and 276 E Grand River for available funding. If additional funding becomes available, or the state of Michigan approves it, other applicants may be considered.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: L.L. Sparkes, Ducastel, Fredline, Hartman, Rhodabeck and Culpepper

Nays: None

Absent: L.C. Sparkes

Motion carried.

- 24-15. Moved by Fredline, seconded by Hartman to pay the bills in the amount of \$54,205.79 General Fund checks #37650 – 37712. Also electronic payments of EFPTS \$5,104.65 - Federal withholding, Social Security and Medicare and MERS for \$1,146.24 for January.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: L.L. Sparkes, Ducastel, Fredline, Hartman, Rhodabeck and Culpepper

Nays: None

Absent: L.C. Sparkes

Motion carried.

- 25-15. Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by Hartman to hire Bill Robinson Tree Service for the sum of \$12,145.50 to remove trees for the Safe Routes to School project, as recommended by the DPW Committee.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: L.L. Sparkes, Ducastel, Fredline, Hartman, Rhodabeck and Culpepper

Nays: None

Absent: L.C. Sparkes

Motion carried.

- 26-15. Moved by Hartman, seconded by Rhodabeck to move forward with the Completion of Roads in Phase II of Pingree Hills Subdivision, which includes hiring an attorney to handle necessary title searches, property transfers and the special assessment process.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: L.L. Sparkes, Ducastel, Fredline, Hartman, Rhodabeck and Culpepper

Nays: None

Absent: L.C. Sparkes

Motion carried.

- 27-15. Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by Hartman to adjourn. The meeting motion was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Lana Kaiser
Clerk

Micheal Culpepper
Mayor