

LAINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
May 4, 2015

Mayor Culpepper called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Councilman Dave Hartman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public comment was conducted.

42-15. Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by L. L. Sparkes to approve the minutes of April 6 and April 27, 2015, Motion carried.

43-15. Moved by Hartman, seconded by Rhodabeck to approve the Treasurer's Report, with one correction. Motion carried.

44-15. Moved by Hartman, seconded by L.C. Sparkes to open a public hearing on the Proposed 2015-16 Budget. Motion carried.

Paula Willoughby, City Treasurer read the proposed 2015-16 Budget highlights. The millage rates to support the budget are as follows: city operations 15.2377 mills, library operations 1.0000 mill, fire operations 1.0000 mill road millage of 2.7646 mills and ambulance special assessment millage of 1.1182 mills. (Election to renew the Ambulance Special Assessment millage for 10 years is scheduled for tomorrow, May 4, 2015). There was no public comment from the audience on the proposed budget during the public hearing.

45-15. Moved by Hartman, seconded by Ducastel, to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

46-15. Moved by L.C. Sparkes, seconded by Ducastel to schedule a Special City Council meeting for Monday, May 11, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. to set the city's 2015 millage rate and adopt the 2015-16 budget. Motion carried.

47-15. Moved by Hartman, seconded by Ducastel to adopt the amendment to the City of Laingsburg Zoning Ordinance, specifically, Article 4, Section 402 to define ingress/egress on a public or private road, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Yeas - Hartman, Ducastel, Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes, L.L. Sparkes and Culpepper; Nays – None; Absent - Fredline. Motion carried.

48-15. Moved by L.L. Sparkes, seconded by Hartman to appoint Gail Geasler to the Downtown Development Authority to fill an unexpired term (7-16). Motion carried.

49 -15. Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by L.L. Sparkes to open the floor for discussion regarding a proposal received for purchase of city owned property at 104 W. Grand River Rd. Motion carried.

- 50-15. Moved by L.C. Sparkes, seconded by Hartman to have the Finance Committee enter into negotiations with the applicant of the proposal received for purchase of city owned property at 104 W. Grand River. Roll call vote: Yeas: Hartman, Ducastel, Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes, L.L. Sparkes and Culpepper. Nays: None; Absent: Fredline. Motion carried.
- 51-15. Moved by L.L. Sparkes, seconded by Ducastel to seek bids for overlay for asphalt cap for Pingree Hills Subdivision. Roll call vote: Yeas: Hartman, Ducastel, Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes, L.L. Sparkes and Culpepper. Nays: None; Absent: Fredline. Motion carried.
- 52-15. Moved by L.L. Sparkes, seconded by Hartman to accept Anthony Accardo's resignation as Chief of Police. Motion carried.
- 53-15. Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by L. C. Sparkes to pay the bills in the amount of \$46,106.80, General Fund checks #37788 – 37839. Also electronic payments of EFPTS \$2,564.79 - Federal withholding, Social Security and Medicare and MERS for \$1,132.59 for April. Motion carried.
- 54-15. Moved by L.L. Sparkes, seconded by Hartman to recommend that City Council accept items number one and two of the proposed change to the Police Labor Agreement in the memo dated March 23, 2015 as presented.

Item 3 - "Article XVI (3) - Sick Time"- *the counter offer is that the current sick time language remain the same, with no sick time accruing for part-time employees.*

Item 4- "Article XIX-Wages" *the counter offer is as follows:*

- a. Effective July 1, 2015 - 2% across the board*
- b. Effective July 1, 2016 - 2% across the board*
- c. Effective July 1, 2017 - 2% across the board*

Motion carried.

Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by Hartman to remove the city owned storage building next to the carwash on N. Laing St. Yeas: None; Nays: Hartman, Ducastel, Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes, L.L. Sparkes and Culpepper; Absent: Fredline. Motion failed.

- 55-15. Moved by L.C. Sparkes, seconded by Hartman to have Rob Frank, DPW Superintendent, have an estimate cost for removal of the city owned storage building, next to the carwash on N. Laing St, for next regular city council meeting (June 1, 2015). Motion carried.

Paula Willoughby, City Treasurer, read the OMA requirements (attached to the minutes).

- 56-15. Moved by Hartman, seconded by Rhodabeck to adjourn. The meeting motion was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Lana Kaiser
Clerk

Micheal Culpepper
Mayor

