

LAINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
July 6, 2015

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

Councilman David Rhodabeck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public comment was conducted.

74-15. Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by Fredline allow the Youth Cheerleaders to use McClintock Park to set off Chinese Lanterns on the evening of Saturday, July 25, 2015, in conjunction with the Chad Hill Cruise-In. Motion carried.

75-15. Moved by L. L. Sparkes, seconded by Fredline to approve the minutes of June 1 and June 15, 2015, motion carried.

76-15. Moved by Fredline, seconded by Rhodabeck to approve the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. Motion carried.

77-15. Moved by Fredline, seconded by L. L. Sparkes to open a public hearing, to receive public input for the proposed Commercial Rehabilitation District. Roll call vote: Yeas - Hartman, Ducastel, Fredline, Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes. Nays: None. Absent: Ducastel and Hartman. Motion carried.

A public hearing commenced to receive public input regarding the establishment of a proposed Commercial Rehabilitation District. The proposed District is the C-1 Central Business District, which is city's downtown area. Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership Vice President/Project Specialist Jones explained that the tax abatements freeze a property owner's taxes at a certain level while the owner rehabilitates the property. It sets a baseline to continue to pay the existing tax rate for a period of time. Lisa Jelenek, property owner, asked how soon it would go into effect. Paula Willoughby, City Treasurer responded it would go into effect once a policy has been established for applying, and it is approved by Shiawassee County Board of Commissioners, which they have 28 days to respond.

78-15. Moved by Fredline, seconded by Rhodabeck to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

79-15. Moved Fredline, seconded by L. C. Sparkes to establish a Commercial Rehabilitation District for tax abatement purposes. The description of the proposed district is the C-1 Central Business District. Roll call vote: Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes, L.L. Sparkes, Fredline and Culpepper. Nays: None. Absent: Ducastel and Hartman. Motion carried.

80-15. Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by L. L. Sparkes to re-appoint Sue Starkey to the Library Board for a five-year term. Motion carried.

- 81-15. Moved by Fredline, seconded by L.C. Sparkes to re-appoint Mark Brink and Jeff Thomas to the Downtown Development Authority, each for a four-year term. Motion carried.
- 82-15. Moved by Fredline, seconded by Rhodabeck to appoint Dan DeKorte as Laingsburg's new Police Chief. Roll call vote: Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes, L.L. Sparkes, Fredline and Culpepper. Nays None. Absent: Ducastel and Hartman. Motion carried.
- 83-15. Moved by L.L. Sparkes, seconded by Fredline to award the contract to the low bidder for the Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer CCTV to Thorton Brothers Sewer, Inc. in the amount of \$166,246.00, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the contract on behalf of the City. Roll call vote: Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes, L.L. Sparkes, Fredline and Culpepper. Nays: None. Absent: Ducastel and Hartman. Motion carried.
- 84-15. Moved by Fredline, seconded by L.C. Sparkes to pay the bills in the amount of \$86,015.83, General Fund checks #37917 – 37975. Also electronic payments of EFPTS \$5,640.69 - Federal withholding, Social Security and Medicare, also MERS - \$938.03 for June. Motion carried.
- 85-15. Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by Fredline to purchase an 18' inflatable open air projection screen to be used for "Movies in the Park" in the amount of \$1,224.00 with the funds coming out of the McClintock Park Fund budget item #508-000-975.000. Roll call vote: Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes, L.L. Sparkes, Fredline and Culpepper. Nays: None. Absent: Ducastel and Hartman. Motion carried.
- 86-15. Moved by Fredline, seconded by L.C. Sparkes to close Grand River Road from Woodhull to Roosevelt Row from 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2015 until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2015. Also close Grand River Road from High Street to S. Laing St, Crum St from Grand River to N. Laing Street and Roosevelt Row from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2015 for the LBCA Pancake Breakfast, Laingsburg Classic Car Show and Chad Hill Memorial Cruise-In. Motion carried.
- 87-15. Moved by Fredline, seconded by Rhodabeck to have staff to send a letter asking for the Shiawassee County Waste Management funds that may be available. Motion carried.
- 88-15. Moved by Fredline, seconded by Rhodabeck to adjourn. The motion was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Lana Kaiser
Clerk

Micheal Culpepper
Mayor