

LAINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 4, 2016

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

Councilman Ducastel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public comment – Jeff Bartz, Shiawassee County Commissioner commented on County government.

35-16. Moved by L. L. Sparkes, seconded by Gates to approve the minutes of March 7, 2016, as presented. Motion carried.

36-16. Moved by L.C. Sparkes, seconded by Fredline to approve the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. Motion carried.

37-16. Moved by Fredline, seconded by L.C. Sparkes to open a public hearing on the Proposed Façade Project for the CDBG Grant. Motion carried.

Lana Kaiser, City Clerk, reported on the Proposed Façade Project for the CDBG Façade Grant. The grant fund of \$196,995 and private investment funds will be used to repair and restore, 271, 268 and 259 E Grand River Road to a historically accurate appearance. It was publicly disclosed that Gail Geasler, serving the Laingsburg Downtown Development Authority owns 271 and 268 E Grand River Road and will benefit from the federal funding of the project with her own private investment of \$113,779. It was also publicly disclosed that Peter Preston, City of Laingsburg Planning and Zoning Consultant, owns 259 E Grand River Road and will also benefit from federal funding of the project with his own private investment of \$83,216.

There were three individuals in the audience that were present for the public hearing. There was no public comment concerning the project.

38-16. Moved by Fredline, seconded by L.L. Sparkes to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

39-16. Whereas, after conducting a public hearing on the proposed Laingsburg Façade Project, which will include CDBG grant funds of \$196,995 and private investment of \$196,995; and

Whereas, the proposed project is consistent with the local community development plan as described in the application; and

Whereas, 51 percent of the beneficiaries of the proposed project would be low and moderate income persons; and

Whereas, no project costs (CDBG and non-CDBG) will be incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and formal, written authorization to incur costs is received from Community Development; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Laingsburg City Council authorizes the submittal of the Michigan CDBG Application and further authorizes the Mayor, Micheal Culpepper, to execute the Part 2 Application and all attachments, the Grant Agreement and all amendments and all Grant Payment Requests on behalf of the City of Laingsburg.

Ayes: Ducastel, Fredline, Gates, Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes, L.L. Sparkes and Culpepper
Nays: None
Absent: None

Resolution declared adopted.

- 40-16. Moved by Gates, seconded by Rhodabeck to close the following streets for the Laingsburg Lions Springtime Festival: Grand River Road from Woodhull Street to South Laing Street and Crum Street from Grand River to North Laing Street. Also Roosevelt Row from Grand River to McClintock Street beginning Wednesday, May 11th at 4:00 p.m. to the evening of Sunday, May 15th. Motion carried.
- 41-16. Moved by Fredline, seconded by L.C. Sparkes to schedule a public hearing on the Proposed 2016-2017 Budget for Monday, May 2, 2016, during the regular City Council meeting that commences at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.
- 42-16. Moved by Fredline, seconded by Rhodabeck to respond the Shiawassee County Solid Waste Committee Request for Proposals for tire collection and other household refuse, by April 20, 2016. Motion carried.
- 43-16. Moved by L.L. Sparkes, seconded by Gates to accept Debra Ross's resignation from the Cemetery Board. Roll call vote: Yeas: Ducastel, Fredline, Gates, Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes, L.L. Sparkes, and Culpepper. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 44-16. Moved by L.C. Sparkes, seconded by Gates to pay the bills in the amount of \$241,953.99, General Fund checks # #38540– 38605. Also electronic payments of EFPTS \$5,706.80 - Federal withholding, Social Security and Medicare, also MERS - \$1,037.76 for March. Motion carried.
- 45-16. Moved by L. L. Sparkes, seconded by Rhodabeck to approve the \$1,000 estimate to install roof over the council chambers exterior door, this comes and a recommendation from the DPW Committee. Roll call vote: Yeas: Ducastel, Fredline, Gates, Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes, L.L. Sparkes, and Culpepper. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 46-16. Moved by Gates, seconded by L.C. Sparkes to refer the possibility of returning to parallel parking on Grand River Road in the Business district to the DPW Committee and DDA and to report back to the City Council. Motion carried.

47-16. Moved by L.C. Sparkes, seconded by Fredline to adjourn. The motion was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Lana Kaiser
Clerk

Micheal Culpepper
Mayor