

LAINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
June 6, 2016

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

Councilman Rhodabeck 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 - None

71-16. Moved by L.L. Sparkes, seconded by Gates to approve the minutes of May 2 and May 9, 2016, as presented. Motion carried.

72-16. Moved by Fredline, seconded by L.C. Sparkes to approve the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. Motion carried.

John Lancour, DDA Treasurer, presented the DDA's 2016/17 Budget and Annual Report.

73-16. Moved by Fredline, seconded by Ducastel to open a public hearing to receive public input for the consideration of a Tax Abatement. Motion carried.

A public hearing commenced for the tax abatement application received from James Conklin, owner of 104 W Grand River Rd, Laingsburg. Mr. Conklin was in attendance to address any questions or concerns regarding his request. Paula Willoughby, City Treasurer noted that the City of Laingsburg created a Commercial Rehabilitation District in the C-1 zoned portion of the City a year ago. John Lancour asked how many years the abatement would be. Paula responded that it could be for no more than 10 years and that is what is being considered. Once the City approves it would go the State Tax Commission for their approval.

74-16. Moved by L.L. Sparkes, seconded by Rhodabeck to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

75-16. Moved by L.L. Sparkes, seconded by Gates to close Grand River Road from High Street to S. Laing Street, Crum Street from Grand River to N. Laing Street and Roosevelt Row from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2016, for the LBCA Pancake Breakfast, Laingsburg Classic Car Show and Chad Hill Memorial Cruise-In. Motion carried.

76-16. Moved by L.C. Sparkes, seconded by Ducastel to approve the 2016-17 City Council Meeting Schedule, as presented. Motion carried.

- 77-16. Moved by Fredline, seconded by L.C. Sparkes to renew the Employment Agreement with Dan DeKorte as Chief of Police through July 6, 2018, with a 2 % wage increase annually and an additional 8 hours paid time off annually (2016 - 37 hours PTO and 2017 - 45 hours PTO), the remainder of the agreement will remain as originally written. This comes as a recommendation from both the Finance and Police Committees. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rhodabeck, L. C. Sparkes, L. L. Sparkes, Ducastel, Fredline, Gates and Culpepper. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.
- 78-16. Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by Fredline to approve the 2015-16 Budget Adjustments, as presented. (copy of the budget adjustments attached to the minutes.) Roll call vote: Yeas: Rhodabeck, L. C. Sparkes, L. L. Sparkes, Ducastel, Fredline, Gates and Culpepper. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.
- 79-16. Moved by Fredline, seconded by L.C. Sparkes to pay the bills in the amount of \$146,837.91, General Fund checks # #38668– 38722. Also electronic payments of EFPTS \$5,972.04 - Federal withholding, Social Security and Medicare, also MERS - \$1,044.25 for May. Motion carried.
- 80-16. Moved by Fredline, seconded by Rhodabeck to have Twin Oaks Lawn Mowing mow the vacated property at 214 N. Church Street. Motion carried.
- Paula Willoughby reported that the CDBG ICE Grant Application has been turned in and the Movies in the Park will be on Wednesday evenings beginning July 13 and end August 17.
- Councilman L. L. Sparkes thanked the Police and DPW for their hard work during the Lions Springtime Festival in May.
- Mayor commented on how nice the cemetery looked at the American Legion’s Memorial Day Service held in the Laingsburg Cemetery on May 30, 2016.
- 81-16. Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by L.C. Sparkes to adjourn. The motion was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Lana Kaiser
Clerk

Micheal Culpepper
Mayor