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PROPOSED LAINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS February 6, 2017

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

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

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

Public comment – None

Moved by L.L. Sparkes, seconded by Rhodabeck to approve the minutes of January 9, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by L.C. Sparkes, seconded by Nickols to approve the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. Motion carried.

Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by Ducastel to open a public hearing on the City of Laingsburg 5 year Park and Recreation Plan. Motion carried. There was no comment from the public regarding the Park and Recreation Plan.

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

The following resolution 1702 was offered by Rhodabeck and supported by L.C. Sparkes:

WHEREAS, the City of Laingsburg has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2017 through 2021, and

WHEREAS, the City of Laingsburg began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resource conservation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Laingsburg were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 6, 2017, at Laingsburg City Hall, Council Chambers, 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, MI, to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the City of Laingsburg 5-year Park and Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the City of Laingsburg has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and

enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Laingsburg, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the City of Laingsburg voted to adopt said City of Laingsburg 5-year Park and Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Laingsburg hereby adopts the City of Laingsburg 5-year Park and Recreation Plan. Yeas: L.L. Sparkes, Ducastel, Nickols, L.C. Sparkes, Rhodabeck and Culpepper. Nays: None. Absent: Fredline.

Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by L.C. Sparkes to Adopt the Cemetery Ordinance. Roll call vote: Yeas: Culpepper, Nickols, L.C. Sparkes, Rhodabeck, Ducastel and L.L Sparkes. Nays: None. Absent: Fredline. Motion carried. (Ordinance attached to minutes)

Moved by L.C. Sparkes, seconded by Rhodabeck to confirm the Special Assessment roll and create a lien on each of the following properties:

Parcel #022-40-004-003-00, more commonly known as 116 E. Grand River \$10,259.00

Parcel #022-40-006-003-00, more commonly known as 114 E. First North \$405.00

Parcel #022-43-002-006-00, more commonly known as 214 Church Street \$50.00

Roll call vote: Yeas: Culpepper, Nickols, L.C. Sparkes, Rhodabeck, Ducastel and L.L Sparkes. Nays: None. Absent: Fredline. Motion carried.

Moved by L.L. Sparkes, supported by Nickols to open the floor for discussion regarding the future use of the Abbott/Treat Street Park. All in favor, motion carried. Rob Frank, DPW Supervisor, requested the Council consider allowing a farmer to farm the property in order to reduce the need to mow the area. Following the discussion, it was suggested that the DPW/Park and Recreation Committee review allowed uses for the area and come back to council with more information.

Moved by L.C. Sparkes, supported by Ducastel to open the floor for discussion regarding the proposed remodel of the City Hall front office area. All in favor, motion carried.

Moved by L.C. Sparkes, supported by Rhodabeck to approve the provided request to remodel the front office area with an additional review of the electrical service. Roll call vote: Yeas: Culpepper, Nickols, L.C. Sparkes, Rhodabeck, Ducastel and L.L Sparkes. Nays: None. Absent: Fredline. Motion carried.

Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by Ducastel to pay the bills in the amount of \$319,361.53, General Fund checks #39161– 39234. Also electronic payments of \$11,239.66 in January. Roll call vote: Yeas: Culpepper, Nickols, L.C. Sparkes, Rhodabeck, Ducastel and L.L Sparkes. Nays: None. Absent: Fredline. Motion carried.

Moved by L.C. Sparkes, supported by Ducastel to approve the Finance Committees recommendation to change the insurance plan to the McLaren Gold HMO Plan at a cost savings of approximately \$10,312 to the City while maintaining consistent employee coverage. Roll call vote: Yeas: Culpepper, Nickols, L.C. Sparkes, Rhodabeck, Ducastel and L.L Sparkes. Nays: None. Absent: Fredline. Motion carried.

Moved by Rhodabeck, supported by Nickols to authorize the purchase of a 2008 F550 dump truck from Genesee Valley Vault in the amount of \$9,000. Roll call vote: Yeas: Culpepper, Nickols, L.C. Sparkes, Rhodabeck, Ducastel and L.L Sparkes. Nays: None. Absent: Fredline. Motion carried.

The following Resolution 1703 was offered by Rhodabeck and supported by Nickols:

WHEREAS, the City of Laingsburg desires to sell the 2000 Chevrolet CK3500 truck, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Committee began the process of seeking offers, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Supervisor found comparison prices of vehicles in “good” condition to be approximately \$3,300.00, and

WHEREAS, the 2000 Chevrolet owned by the City is in less than good condition, and

WHEREAS, an individual desirous of purchasing the city owned vehicle offered the City \$3,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the City of Laingsburg in compliance with the City of Laingsburg Charter, Sec 13.6 “Purchase and Sale of property” subsection(b), find that no advantage to the City will result from competitive bidding, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Laingsburg hereby agrees to sell the 2000 Chevrolet CK3500 truck for \$3,000

Yeas: L.L. Sparkes, Ducastel, Nickols, L.C. Sparkes, Rhodabeck and Culpepper. Nays: None. Absent: Fredline

Moved by L.C. Sparkes, supported by Nickols to schedule a public hearing on March 6th 2017 during the regular City Council meeting, for the update of Article 3 Nuisances, section 30-71 adding enumerated items 16, 17 and 18. Roll call vote: Yeas: Culpepper, Nickols, L.C. Sparkes, Rhodabeck, Ducastel and L.L Sparkes. Nays: None. Absent: Fredline. Motion carried.

Moved by L.L. Sparkes, supported by Rhodabeck to adjourn the meeting, meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Paula Willoughby
Clerk/Treasurer

Michael Culpepper
Mayor