

The regular meeting of the Clare City Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers by Mayor Pat Humphrey who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Pat Humphrey, Carolyn (Gus) Murphy, and Karla Swanson. Absent: Jean McConnell. Also present were Ken Hibl, City Manager; Steven Kingsbury, Treasurer and Finance Director; Al Jessup, DPW Superintendent; Jim Chapman, Fire Chief; and Diane Lyon, City Clerk.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Swanson second by Commissioner McConnell to approve the items listed with an asterisk (*) (Agenda as amended, Minutes, Communications, and Bills) that are considered to be routine by the City Commission. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Jean McConnell. *Motion Carried.*

3. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approved By Consent Agenda.

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5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Al Demarest, 106 W. State St., attended tonight's meeting to express concerns regarding tonight's proposed Recreation Complex Bonding and the city's long term debt. Mr. Demarest cited the expense of the new industrial park infrastructure and a prior recreation bond which he believed was put on the books in 2015 as the basis for his concerns. While a public notice had been published for public comment for proposed bonding for the Recreation Complex several months ago, the bonding issue never came before the Commission because the Operator's Union (Local 324) offered to complete the earth moving work at the Recreation Complex without cost to the City; therefore, bonding was not needed to complete that portion of the project and was not proposed to the City Commission.

Treasurer Steven Kingsbury pointed out that the indebtedness for infrastructure, as part of the north industrial park project, is being paid for by the taxes generated from the tenants of the park.

Mr. Demarest began asking for specific details about assessments, tax levels and SEV's for Colonville Road properties; Mr. Kingsbury invited Mr. Demarest to visit him in his office so that he could provide specifics regarding the various information requested.

Mr. Demarest went on to assert that the 60 acre parcel (industrial park) had not been donated to the City of Clare declaring that the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) had paid for the property. Mayor Humphrey maintained that Mr. Demarest had been misinformed. Mr. Kingsbury offered that the donation of the property was recorded at \$200k, and that the City has since sold 20 acres to Consumer's Energy, 8.3 acres to CNG, and just over 2 acres to Loren Cole at \$10,000. Funding from the sale of industrial property by the City had been applied to reduce the bonding up front.

Contrary to Mr. Demarest's assertion, City Manager Hibl stated that it is a matter of record that the City purchased the 60 acres (industrial park property) for the amount of

one dollar. The IDC did not have money to purchase the property however the IDC is managing the park for the City.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CLARE COUNTY TRANSIT MILLAGE PRESENTATION

The Clare Country Transit Authority is asking Clare County voters to consider renewal of a 1-mil transportation millage. Mr. Tom Pirnstill, the Authority Executive Director was not able to attend tonight's meeting to present the renewal to the City Commission.

B. PURCHASE OF PICK UP TRUCK FOR CLARE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The City has received a USDA grant to assist in the purchase of a new command vehicle (a 4x4 crew cab pick-up truck) for the Clare Fire Department. We solicited bids for the purchase of the truck. Eight bids were received and one bidder (MY Chrysler-Dodge) was disqualified due to the tardy submission of its bid. The low bidder is Berger Chevrolet of Grand Rapids; the local low bidder is Krapohl Ford of Mt. Pleasant. All of the bids received and accepted meet the stated bid specifications, although some of required equipment is dealer-added versus factory installed equipment. The City Commission is asked to approve the bids and select the vendor for the purchase of the vehicle.

Motion by Commissioner Swanson second by Commissioner Murphy to approve the bids and select Krapohl Ford as the vendor for the purchase of a new pick-up truck by adoption of Resolution 2016-070. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Pat Humphrey, Carolyn (Gus) Murphy, and Karla Swanson. Nays: None. Absent: Jean McConnell. *Motion Carried.*

C. BIDS FOR DRILLING LANDFILL GAS MONITORING WELLS

MDEQ and the City met last fall to develop a continuing plan for the Hatton Township Landfill. It was agreed that the primary project the City would complete this year was the installation of gas monitoring wells at the landfill. The City solicited bids for this project; only one bid was received, that being from Pearson Well Drilling. The City Commission is asked to approve the bid and award the work to the lone bidder.

Motion by Commissioner Bonham second by Commissioner Swanson to approve the bid and award the work to Pearson Well Drilling by adoption of Resolution 2016-074. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Pat Humphrey, Carolyn (Gus) Murphy, and Karla Swanson. Nays: None. Absent: Jean McConnell. *Motion Carried.*

D. EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT FOR CLARE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The City diligently strives to provide its police officers with the best possible equipment within its available resources to ensure their safety and the safety of the public. One such item of equipment that is considered essential to night-time police operations is night vision devices. These devices significantly increase the department's night-time capability while concurrently increasing the safety of the public. But this equipment is

very expensive and frequently improves/changes with advances in technology. Research by the Clare Police Department has revealed an opportunity to lease this equipment from the U.S. Department of the Navy at a reasonable cost while concurrently providing an opportunity to obtain latest technology equipment as it becomes available. The City Commission is asked to provide approval to enter into a lease agreement with the U.S. Navy to provide this equipment to our police officers.

Motion by Commissioner Murphy second by Commissioner Bonham to approve the lease agreement by adoption of Resolution 2016-071. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Pat Humphrey, Carolyn (Gus) Murphy, and Karla Swanson. Nays: None. Absent: Jean McConnell. *Motion Carried.*

E. ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT-CLARE AIRPORT PARALLEL TAXIWAY PROJECT

The City receives \$150K in federal grant funds annual to fund airport improvements in accordance with its' state-approved Airport Development Plan. The current approved project is the completion of the parallel taxiway for the primary runway at the airport. Approximately one-half of the taxiway has been completed. The City has received a proposal from Mead & Hunt, the City's engineer of record for the Clare Airport, to design the remaining portion of the taxiway. The City Commission is asked to approve the contractual agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Bonham second by Commissioner Swanson to approve the Engineering Services agreement by adoption of Resolution 2016-072. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Pat Humphrey, Carolyn (Gus) Murphy, and Karla Swanson. Nays: None. Absent: Jean McConnell. *Motion Carried.*

F. RECREATION COMPLEX BONDING PROPOSAL

The City Commission previously agreed to the solicitation of bonds to assist in the funding of the City's new recreation complex. Three qualified bids were received, the most favorable being submitted by Mercantile Bank. The City Commission is asked to review and consider the bid documents and select one of the financial institutions. hereby allowing the properties to be auctioned for sale by the Clare County Treasurer.

Motion by Commissioner Swanson second by Commissioner Murphy to the bond offers and award the bond project to Isabella Bank by adoption of Resolution 2016-073. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Pat Humphrey, Carolyn (Gus) Murphy, and Karla Swanson. Nays: Bob Bonham. Absent: Jean McConnell. *Motion Carried.*

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer presented his report.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Recognition of John Pedjac. With the elimination of the Clare Police Department administrative position, John Pedjac's last official day of duty is today, June 30th. John served the City for 11 years as a full-time employee with two additional years of part-time service – not to mention 26 years as a reserve officer. We attempted to coordinate John's presence at the July 5th meeting to recognize his dedicated service, but he is not available; consequently, we have scheduled this matter for the agenda of August 1st.

Formal Notification of National Historic Listing. We received a notifying us of the listing of our downtown on the list of National Historic Places. CM Hibl suggests we need to recognize this designation at a function and invite the entire community. City Staff provide some alternatives/suggestions, but we ask for any guidance from the Commission.

Addendums:

Jury Duty: The City Manager has been called to serve jury duty for the month of July.

City Email Server: The City's email server is down. We have contacted IT Right with the hope of getting us back up and running within the week.

10. *COMMUNICATIONS

Approved By Consent Agenda.

Clare-Gladwin RESD Thank You Note. The City received a thank you note from Superintendent Presler for supporting the millage request.

LEAF Newsletter. The most recent law enforcement newsletter was provided for information.

Lamar Advertising Correspondence. The City received a letter explaining our billboard revenue calculations.

Farwell Thank You Letter. We received a letter from the Village of Farwell thanking the members of our DPW for their recent assistance.

Tax Tribunal Motion. We received a letter notifying us of a tax appeal matter.

11. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Demarest asked why the Clare Northern Group has ceased construction of a roadway on their property. Mayor Humphrey offered that Mr. Demarest should direct questions about the road to the developer rather than the City as it is not the city's project. Mr. Demarest then expressed concern about placing a used City ladder truck for sale on the corner of Colonville Road and Clare Avenue because blow sand could damage the equipment.

12. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TOPICS: None.

13. *APPROVAL OF BILLS

Approved By Consent Agenda.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Bonham second by Commissioner Murphy to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Jean McConnell. *Motion Carried.* Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Pat Humphrey, Mayor

Diane Lyon, City Clerk