

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey and the Clare City Commission
FROM: Ken Hibl, City Manager
DATE: December 2, 2015
RE: Recognition & Honor – Commissioner Bill Horwood

For the Agenda of December 7, 2015

Background: The City unexpectedly and tragically lost Mr. Bill Horwood, one of its long-time community leaders, one of its greatest citizens, a dear and much-cherished friend, and a Great American on September 29, 2015. A copy of Bill's obituary is attached. The City Commission is asked to formally recognize the life and service of Commissioner Horwood by resolution. A number of family members and friends of Mr. Horwood are scheduled to be present at the December 7th meeting to accept the resolution of the Commission. This presentation has been delayed due to multiple scheduling conflicts of the family members.

Issues & Questions Specified: Should the City Commission formally recognize the life and service of Mr. Bill Horwood?

Alternatives:

1. Formally recognize Bill.
2. Do not recognize Bill.
3. Set aside the decision regarding this matter to a later date.

Financial Impact: Insignificant – the cost of resolution frame.

Recommendation: I recommend the City Commission recognize Bill Horwood by adoption of Resolution 2015-114.

Attachments:

1. Obituary.
2. Resolution 2015-114.

Obituary for Russell "Bill" W. Horwood

Russell "Bill" W. Horwood, age 81 of Clare, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, September 29, 2015. Bill was born son of the late Russell and Hazel (Sorenson) Horwood on December 9, 1933 in Marquette. He had served his Country as a member of the Army Corp of Engineers. He was united to the love of his life Janice Timmerman on October 3, 1964 with her predeceasing him on November 20, 2005. He worked professionally in the Insurance Industry until his retirement. Bill loved his family foremost; he treasured his children and grandchildren and the time spent with them. He had an ever enlarging circle of friends, he took pride in his community of Clare and the people who worked and lived there. He was self-less, giving of his soul to others - not only his time, but his hand to help. He saw the good in all people; he was an eternal optimist. Bill had a joy of the earth - whether it was walking in a farm field, fishing a stream, or sitting watching nature and taking "pictures with his eyes" for his memories. He was an avid sports fan, especially a diehard MSU Spartan fan. Bill was kind and considerate, he greeted many with "Thanks for what you do!" or "Happy Monday!". He loved the fellowship of his hunting and fishing pals and his annual pilgrimages with his nephews to the U.P.. He had endless stories and enjoyed many adventures. Bill loved his immediate family, but he had a circle of people that he took in as his extended family. He valued hard work and honesty; above all, his character and the way he lived his life was motivated by his love of the Lord.

Bill is survived by his daughters Kim Horwood and Karen (Christopher) Grossnickle; grandchildren Hannah and Max Hofweber and their father Jack Hofweber and Sophia, Evan, Lydia and Emma Grossnickle; his brothers Robert (Pat) Horwood; brother-in-laws James (Barbara) Timmerman and Alan Timmerman; many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his very special friend Corinda Brown and her family, Tom, Jenn, Hannah and Charlie Brown, Janis and Brian Bowman. Bill was predeceased by his Brother Richard and sister-in-laws Nancy Horwood, Lorraine Horwood and Joan Timmerman. Visitation will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 P.M. Funeral services will be held on Monday at 11 A.M. at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church with Pastor Paul Young officiating. Burial to follow in the Cherry Grove Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Clare County Community Foundation Scholarship Fund, or the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com

RESOLUTION 2015-114

A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARE CITY COMMISSION FORMALLY RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF COMMISSIONER BILL HORWOOD.

WHEREAS, Mr. Bill Horwood, a tremendously-respected, highly-revered, and much-loved community leader, mentor, father, friend, and great American was very unexpectedly lost as a victim of an apparent heart attack on September 29, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Clare City Commission, on behalf of the residents of the City of Clare and the Greater Clare Area Community, formally offer its heartfelt condolences to the family and innumerable friends of Mr. Bill Horwood to his family and many friends and recognize and honor his distinguished life and his outstanding public service to the Clare Area Community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Horwood passionately and with great effectiveness served in numerous prestigious positions of great responsibility and significant merit during his residency in Clare, to include service as a City Planning Commissioner, service as an elected City Commissioner, service in numerous community organizations – in particular the Kiwanis and Ducks Unlimited – and service to his Church.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, on behalf of the residents of the City of Clare and the Greater Clare Area Community, the Mayor and Clare City Commission hereby formally recognizes the faithful, devoted, and highly distinguished public service, outstanding community leadership, and exemplary life of Mr. Bill Horwood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Commission hereby designates the 8th day of December 2015 as an official day of honor, recognition, and remembrance within the City of Clare commemorating the distinguished life and innumerable achievements of Mr. Bill Horwood.

The Resolution was introduced by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____. The Resolution declared adopted by the following roll call vote:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Resolution approved for adoption on this 7th day of December 2015.

Diane Lyon, City Clerk