

STANDISH CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2010

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Winslow called the regular meeting of the Standish City Council to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Winslow.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Ireland, Winslow, Reno, Nelson, Macaulay, Tunney

Absent: Sanford

MOTION by Ireland and supported by Reno to excuse the absence of Sanford. The motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Tunney and supported by Nelson to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Munson of 225 West Cedar Street addressed the Council with his concerns regarding his Freedom of Information Requests from the previous meeting involving the City Manager's emails and the minutes from the Finance Committee meetings.

Kelly Kimball of 401 Orchard Street addressed the Council with her concerns regarding her Freedom of Information Requests from the previous meeting citing the amount of time taken for her responses and the costs involved. Ms. Kimball also submitted three (3) Freedom of Information requests for the following:

1. A list of the training taken by Administrative Assistant Janice Cuttitta
2. A copy of the meeting minutes approving the City Police Office to drive the City of Standish Police car to and from work.
3. A list of applicants that have applied for the Clerk/Treasurer position.

Lester Cousineau asked if the City Attorney would give his opinion on the Freedom of Information issues.

Joellyn Pedota, Standish Township Trustee, presented Council with a letter regarding the P.E.G. channel and gave a brief history of its existence. She requested that the City appoint three (3) new members to the P.E.G. Board. She also noted that the same request for the appointment of members would be made to the Standish Township Board at their next regular meeting.

Jeff Trombley appeared before the Board to request that the City consider selling some property to the Standish Area Fire Authority for the purpose of constructing a new fire barn.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Reno and supported by Macaulay to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2010 regular council meeting as submitted. The motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

MOTION by Reno and supported by Nelson to pay the invoices as submitted. The motion carried.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. *Budget Review Workshops*

Manager Moran presented Council with calendars for March, April and May with dates for the 2010/2011 budget workshops. All Council present had no conflicts with the dates for the workshops.

B. *Amendment – Resolution # 09-31 Water Rates*

MOTION by Nelson and supported by Reno to amend Resolution #09-31, adopted December 17, 2009, by adding an effective date of January 1, 2010.

Yeas: Tunney, Nelson, Reno, Macaulay, Ireland, Winslow

Nays: None

Absent: Sanford

The motion carried.

MOTION by Reno and supported by Tunney that water/sewer customers receive a credit for overpayment of the October, November, and December usage that was charged to them that will be reflected on their April 1, 2010 bill.

Yeas: Nelson, Macaulay, Ireland, Tunney, Reno, Winslow

Nays: None

Absent: Sanford

The motion carried.

C. *IFT Abatement Discussion*

Mayor Winslow asked that this item be tabled until the March 2010 meeting at which time the City Assessor would be available. **MOTION** by Reno and supported by Ireland to table the IFT Abatement Discussion until the March 2010 regular meeting. The motion carried.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. *Planning Commission Appointments*

MOTION by Ireland and supported by Nelson to reappoint Jim Hergott, Ray Mielke and Leonard Leclair to the City of Standish Planning Commission for three (3) year terms. The motion carried.

B. *Appointment to the Arenac Heritage Route Authority*

MOTION by Ireland and supported by Reno to appoint Ardith Fales as the City's Representative to the Arenac Heritage Route Authority for a three (3) year term. The motion carried.

10. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A. *City Assessor Discussion*

Manager Moran informed that the City Assessor position will need to be addressed as to whether that position is an employee of the City or a private Contractor.

B. *Mers Benefit E Discussion*

Manager Moran informed the Council on an issue of funding for the City's retiree's retirement program as it relates to the upcoming fiscal year budget. Moran stated that the usual 2% COLA increase for the City's retiree's could no longer be done unless the City were to be 80% funded in the retirement plan. Moran stated as of now the City is only 67% funded. Moran stated a \$500.00 actuarial would need to be done to determine how much it would cost the City to become 80% funded. **MOTION** by Reno and supported by Tunney to table any decision on this issue until October of 2010. The motion carried.

C. *Special Meeting for Interviews for Clerk/Treasurer*

MOTION by Nelson and supported by Tunney to set two (2) Special Meeting dates for the Standish City Council to conduct interviews for the position of City of Standish Clerk/Treasurer. Those dates: to be Monday, February 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried.

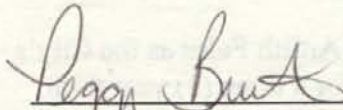
D. *Special Meeting for Review of Water/Sewer Rate Study*

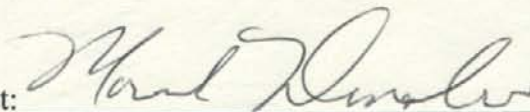
MOTION by Reno and supported by Tunney to call a Special Meeting of the Standish City Council for Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the recently completed Water/Sewer Rate Study. The motion carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to come before Council, Mayor Winslow adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Peggy S. Burtch
Interim Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: 
Mark Winslow, Mayor