

STANDISH CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 21, 2010

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Winslow called the regular meeting of the Standish City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Winslow.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Ireland, Winslow, Reno, Nelson, Macaulay

Absent: Tunney & Sanford

**MOTION** by Nelson and supported by Ireland to excuse the absence of Tunney and Sanford. The motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION** by Nelson supported by Reno to amend the agenda to add item 4 A. being appointment of interim Clerk/Treasurer and under New Business item H – Tax Abatement Discussion. The motion carried.

**MOTION** by Nelson and supported by Reno to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried.

4 A. **MOTION** by Reno and supported by Nelson to appoint Peggy Burtch as the Interim Clerk/Treasurer to serve until the position is filled. The motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Barnum addressed the Council to announce that he will be running for the State Representative office this year and asked for Council support.

Kelly Kimball of 401 Orchard Street addressed the Council with her concerns regarding the lay off of the previous Clerk, Becky Lakin and submitted a Freedom of Information Request for the meeting minutes where the administrative assistant's position was made into a full time position through a vote of Council.

Dave Munson of 225 West Cedar Street addressed the Council with his concerns regarding the number of unanimous votes recorded by this Council and submitted a

Freedom of Information Request for all of Mike Moran's email correspondence to the Mayor and the City Council from the first day in office until the date of this request.

Mike Calery of 409 Orchard addressed the Council and submitted a Freedom of Information Request for all of Michael J. Moran's evaluations from the first day in office until the date of this request, including resume presented to Council; the resignation letter of Richard E Vollbach Jr.; and a letter of correspondence from Richard E Vollbach Jr, dated October 7, 2009 to Michael J. Moran and the City Council.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION** by Ireland and supported by Reno to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2009 regular council meeting as submitted. The motion carried.

**MOTION** by Nelson and supported by Ireland to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2010 Special Meeting with the following amendment: under New Business Budget Discussion inserting the words: " as recommended by the Finance Committee and to appoint the current City Treasurer as Interim Clerk/Treasurer until the new position is filled and to authorize the City Manager to issue the City Clerk two weeks severance salary through January 29, 2010 and authorizing the City Manager to consider that the Council offer the employee (Clerk), consent to allow the doctor to send report to City Manager indicating medical test results and her medical condition which will be used by the City Manager to recommend to Council regarding whether to give the employee (Clerk), BC/BS insurance as part of her lay off package" after the word "days". The motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. *Fire Authority – Building Discussion*

Jeff Trombley, Standish Area Fire Authority, appeared before Council to request that the City split the cost of separating the utility meters in the Fire Barn. No action was taken and the issue was referred back to the City Manager.

B. *2009/2010 Budget Discussion*

The treasurer reported that there were no budget amendments for this meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. *Presentation of Award – Relay for Life*

WHEREAS, the City of Standish has the authority to designate a bank(s) as its legal depository for all money belonging to the City of Standish, and

WHEREAS, every effort should be made to secure the maximum return for such funds from investment to the benefit of the City of Standish, and such maximum return may not always be available at one depository bank;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Standish hereby adopts Resolution #10-02, designating Citizen's, Independent, and Chemical banks of Standish as its legal depository of all money belonging to the City of Standish, County of Arenac, State of Michigan and all monies shall be deposited in said banks from time to time, with no limitations upon amounts. Be it also resolved, that the City of Standish hereby designates these banking institutions within the State of Michigan as depository of funds for investment purposes to secure maximum return upon investment.

The Motion Carried and the Resolution was adopted with a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays and 2 absent.

G. *Review of the 2001 & 2003 Truck Bids*

The City Manager reported to Council that two (2) bids were received for the 2001 Ford F-250 4 x 4 Pickup Truck. The high bid was \$3,251.58 received from James Erickson. After discussion, **MOVED** by Reno and supported by Ireland to reject all bids received for the 2001 Ford F-250 4 x 4 Pickup Truck. The motion carried.

The City Manager reported that two (2) bids were received for the 2003 Chevy Silverado 1500 Pickup Truck. The high bid was for \$4,958.58 received from James Erickson. After discussion, it was **MOVED** by Reno and supported by Nelson to accept the bid of \$4,958.58 from James Erickson for the 2003 Chevy Silverado 1500 Pickup Truck and authorize the City Manager to handle the sale. The motion carried.

H. *Tax Abatement Discussion*

Matt Davis from Arenac Castings Inc. appeared before Council to address Council concerns regarding the number of employees at his facility per required by the contract with the City for said tax abatement. Other tax abatement agreements regarding the required number of employees were also discussed by Council.

**MOVED** by Nelson and supported by Reno to table any action on the City's Tax Abatement with Arenac Castings Inc. until June 2010 at which time the abatement agreement will be reviewed for compliance regarding number of employees working at said facility. The motion carried.

**MOVED** by Nelson and supported by Reno to direct the City Manager and the City Assessor to contact the other companies with IFT's and ask that they have

Dawn McNamara representing the Relay for Life Association appeared before Council and presented the Mayor with the All American Relay for Life Award for 2009 recognizing the City's participation with the Relay for Life activities.

B. *Board of Review Minutes*

The Council received the Board of Review minutes from the December 15, 2009 meeting.

C & D *Updates to Utility Dispute Forms and Updates to Water/Sewer Tap Application Forms*

The City Manager presented the Council with language that would allow the City Manager to handle all utility billings disputes and asked the Council approve said language.

**MOTION** by Reno and supported by Ireland to approve the language and policy as requested by the City Manager and also approve the Utility Dispute and Water/Sewer Tap Application forms as submitted. The motion carried.

E. *Resolution # 10-01 Appointing Members to the Board of Review*

**MOVED** by Ireland and supported by Macaulay to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to 13.7 of the Standish City Charter, the Board of Review shall consist of three electors of the City, consisting of one from each Ward and shall be appointed to three (3) year terms by the Standish City Council;

WHEREAS, Orland Kauffman, Ward III and Ginger Sanford, Ward I Board of Review terms will expire January 2010;

WHEREAS, the Standish City Council hereby re-appoints Orland Kauffman and Ginger Sanford to Wards III and I respectively to Board of Review seats for a three (3) year term expiring January 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Standish City Council hereby adopts resolution #10-01, appointing members to the City of Standish Board of Review.

The Motion Carried and the Resolution was adopted with a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 2 absent.

F. *Resolution #10-02 Designating the Financial Depository for the City of Standish*

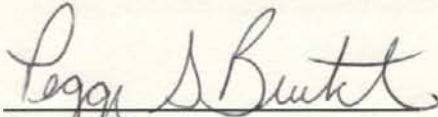
**MOVED** by Reno and supported by Nelson to adopt the following resolution #10-02;

representatives attend the February 18, 2010 regular meeting to discuss the IFT abatement agreements currently in place with the City. The motion carried.


10. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to come before City Council, Mayor Winslow adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Peggy S. Burtch  
Interim Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: 

Mark Winslow, Mayor