

CITY OF WAYLAND, MI
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 15, 2010
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Bala opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. PRELIMINARY

1.1 Call to Order and Welcome by Mayor Bala

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

1.3 Roll Call: Mayor Bala & Council members Patrick, Hudson, Hamilton, Antel, Kobish & Maichele

Absent: Trent Podskalan

Others Present: City Manager Chris Yonker, Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Bhama Cairns, Fire Chief Joe Miller, DPW Director Pierre Brazeau, Joe Hamilton, John Shagonaby, Mike Conner, Pat Staley, State Representative Bob Genetski, Denise Poirier, Honorable William Baillargeon

1.4 Excuse absent Council members: None

1.5 Approval of Meeting Agenda: Moved by Councilmember Hamilton, seconded by Councilmember Hudson to approve the meeting agenda; **passed unanimously.**

2. CEREMONIAL ITEMS: None.

3. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS

3.1 Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held March 1, 2010

3.2 Regular Invoice Register dated 3/10/2010 totaling \$7,210.93

3.3 Recurring Invoice Registers dated 3/10/2010 totaling \$6,299.37 and \$175.00

3.4 Bond Fund Invoice Register dated 3/10/2010 totaling \$ 0

Moved by Councilmember Antel, seconded by Councilmember Hudson to approve the routine agenda items. There was no discussion on any of the items. **Passed unanimously.**

4. BRIEF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

6. OLD BUSINESS: None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Construction Progress Update: Gun Lake Casino Phase 1 - CEO John Shagonaby of MBPI, Inc. said that this winter they worked on putting up the structural steel for the casino building and are now working on the roads, WWTP, electrical and plumbing until the end of summer. However the opening date for the Casino has not yet been selected.

7.2 Resolution 2010-02: Recognizing the Wayland Hockey Booster Club as a Local Nonprofit Organization for the Purpose of Obtaining a State of MI Charitable Gaming/Raffle License. Denise Poirier, representing the club stated that in order to obtain a license for gaming/raffle from the MI Bureau of Lottery, the State requires the City Council to adopt a resolution recognizing the club as a local nonprofit organization in the community.

Moved by Councilmember Antel, seconded by Councilmember Patrick to adopt the Resolution to recognize the Wayland Hockey Booster Club as a local nonprofit organization.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilmembers Patrick, Hudson, Hamilton, Antel, Kobish & Maichele and Mayor Tim Bala

Motion passed.

7.3 MDOT Request for 2011 Use of City Streets for 142nd Avenue Bridge Replacement Project Detour.

Moved by Councilmember Antel, seconded by Councilmember Patrick to allow MDOT to use City streets for a detour during the 142nd Avenue Bridge replacement project. Later, the motion was amended by Councilmember Antel, seconded by Councilmember Patrick to change the detour route to include 133rd Street and Reno, instead of West Superior (since newly paved) and to allow staff to rework the sign sizes and locations.

Amended motion passed.

7.4 Contract for Annual Ash Tree & Soil Injections for Preventing/Treatment of Emerald Ash Borer. Mike Conner from Honeytree Nursery stated that after two years of annually treating for the emerald Ash Borer (EAB) disease, the infestation rate has dropped from 16% to 9%. He recommended continuing the treatment program for 2010 at a cost of \$5,080.

Moved by Councilmember Patrick, seconded by Councilmember Antel to authorize Honeytree to continue the tree and soil injections for another year at a cost of \$5,080.

Motion passed.

8. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS: None

9. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Announcements/Reports

- **City Manager** - City Manager Chris Yonker reminded council that the due date for the full application program for the Main Street Selected Level is May 7, 2010.
- **Mayor and Councilmember Comments.**

Councilmember Antel urged everyone to support the Boy Scout food drive by donating items to the food pantry.

9.2 Written Communications Transmitted with Meeting Packet:

- **Summary of Criteria used by Standard & Poor's for Reclassification/ Upgrade of the City's Bond rating.** Finance Director Bhama Cairns stated that according to S&P, the reason for the bond upgrade was the City is now in a position to respond favorably to economic downturn. A primary factor was the City's current General Fund balance of about 25% of the annual budget.
- **WMRPC Region 8 Notes Newsletter:** Regional Economic/Community Development Agencies. The City Manager talked about the role of five regional organizations that focus on economic and community development issues.

10. EXTENDED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Honorable William A. Baillargeon, Allegan Co. District Court Judge Pro Tem discussed the role of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) who volunteer to represent the interests of children who are victims of abuse and neglect.

Michigan State Representative Bob Genetski talked about the challenges the State is facing in balancing its budget.

- 11. ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business before the Council, Mayor Bala adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bhama Cairns, Finance Director

Tim Bala, Mayor