

**CITY OF WAYLAND
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JULY 2, 2007**

Mayor Stein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ron Kobish.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Stein, Sheryl Hamilton, Mark Holloway Greg Maichele, Bruce Patrick, Doug Shafer.

Absent: Jennifer Antel.

Also Present: Don Black, Dorothy DeWeerd, Vicki Kouchnerkavich, Ron Kobish, John Rugaber, Larry Scheidel, Diane Smith, Maurice Stahl, Director of City Services Pierre Brazaeu, Finance Director Heath Kaplan, City Manager Deborah Nier.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Doug Shafer, seconded by Council Member Greg Maichele, to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2007, Regular City Council meeting. All ayes. Motion passed.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

Vicki Kouchnerkavich, of Henika District Library, thanked City Manager Nier and other City staff who assisted with the Library's kick-off event for the summer programs.

Don Black, Allegan County Commissioner, provided a report of recent Commission activities. Mayor Stein had questions about County tax collections.

COMMITTEE MINUTES:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Sheryl Hamilton made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Motion was seconded by Mark Holloway. All ayes. Motion passed.

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OLD BUSINESS:

a. Military Pay. Discussion continued on the proposed amendment to the Employee Policy Manual that would provide for a deferential pay for employees in the uniformed services. The following changes will be made to the proposed policy:

- The Military Daily Rate of Pay will include monthly base pay plus entitlements.
- Employees will be limited to 14 days of Differential Pay excluding active deployment.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

City Manager Nier reported to the City Council that a citizen had expressed a concern that the sidewalk project did not include sidewalks on Plum Street between Locust and South Main, particularly since it is heavily used by children going to and from schools. Ms. Nier indicated that requests for proposals for engineering services have been distributed and that a project site walk-through is for July 3. If the City Council wished to change the scope of the project to include the section of Plum Street, it should take action before the walk-through takes place. Bruce Patrick made a motion to include Plum Street between Locust and South Main Street as part of the 2007/2008 sidewalk project. The motion was seconded by Doug Shafer. All ayes. Motion passed.

Finance Director, Heath Kaplan, informed the council of the need for a budget amendment if Plum Street was added to the Sidewalk Project. The original budget approved in May only appropriated funds for Main, Commerce, Sycamore, etc.; Mr. Kaplan suggested an amendment once the construction estimate arrives.

A discussion concerning where the funding for the Sidewalk Project was coming from took place. Heath Kaplan stated that Major Street Fund will fund the Sycamore/Commerce Sidewalk Project, Local Street Fund will fund Hickory/Plum, and the Special Road Fund will fund The South Main Street Project connecting to 133rd.

City Manager Nier asked if any City Council members are interested in attending the Michigan Municipal League annual conference.

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COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Sheryl Hamilton made a motion to excuse Jennifer Antel. Motion was seconded by Doug Shafer. All ayes. Motion passed.

Mark Holloway reported that the emerald ash borer has been reported in the area. He said that a tree specialist is going to be contacting Pierre Brazeau to discuss what preventative measures can be taken in Wayland.

Burrell Stein congratulated Heath Kaplan on the birth of a son. He requested that as many local events as possible be included on the website. The Mayor suggested that Paula French, the Executive Director of the Allegan County Commission on Aging, be invited to a City Council meeting to provide information about the Commission and its activities.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Diane Smith asked if Dan Miller is now the City's Fire Chief. She said that Dan Miller appeared on a local news broadcast and was identified as the Fire Chief. City Manager Nier said that Dan Miller is not the Fire Chief.

Maurice Stahl expressed concern that the Police Chief was out of town making these appearances on behalf of the Fire Department.

Larry Scheidel said that she has noticed the smell of what appears to be burning garbage in his neighborhood. City Manager Nier advised Mr. Scheidel to contact the Police Department whenever he notices the smell or smoke so it can be investigated.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stein adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Nier, City Manager

Mayor Burrell Stein