

**CITY OF WAYLAND
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 19, 2007**

Mayor Stein called the regular meeting of the Wayland City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Boy Scout Troop 3097 and Wolf Scouts Pack# 5 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Stein, Council Members Antel, Geshel, Hamilton, Shafer, Maichele, Holloway.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Deborah Nier, Assistant City Manager Heath Kaplan, City Clerk Sharon Baumgard, City Services Director Pierre Brazeau, High School Representative Brittney Osborne, Sara Holcomb, Monte Listopad, Donna Thomas, Terry Thomas, Julie Mucci, Samantha Mucci, Max Antel, Bob Golm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Council Member Shafer, and seconded by Council Member Holloway, to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2007, Council Meeting. All ayes. Motion approved.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Mr. Bob Golm, representing Golm Insurance Services, of 117 S. Main St., read a prepared statement addressing health care insurance for the City of Wayland. Mr. Golm stated he could save the City money as well as have a health care representative available two doors down the street. Golm also added that the cost of the insurance would be the same as offered by the current Employee Benefit Specialist that is handling the account. He stated the only difference is the Human Resources Service Basic Guru web site offered by the current representative. Mr. Golm believes this service of the web site will not be as effective as believed.

Council Member Geshel stated he would like to know more about the web site and is Mr. Golm asking for all three insurance services. City Manager Nier addressed the Council stating that this issue will be brought up during the Closed Session to discuss the proposed collective bargaining agreement, so be cautious as to how the Council discusses the issue. Nier stated that the City has been with the current agent for eight years and he has done an admirable job for the City. The main difference is Employee Benefit Specialist offers a Human Resource Management Service.

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COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- a) Minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting of February 13, 2007, were acknowledged for file.
- b) Minutes of the Downtown Development Authority Meeting of March 8, 2007, were acknowledged for file.
- c) Minutes of the Park Committee Meeting of January 17, 2007, were acknowledged for file.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a) High School Representative Brittney Osborne gave an update of the activities at the High School level.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

- a) Motion made by Council Member Antel, and seconded by Council Member Holloway, to approve the regular Bills and Accounts, as written.

DISCUSSION:

Council Member Holloway inquired as to whom Rebecca Rininger is and why have we issued a check for \$27,493.75.

Manager Nier told Council Member Holloway Ms. Rininger is the Allegan County Drain Commissioner and the check is issued for a Water and Sewer Bond payment.

Council Member Geshel asked Mr. Kaplan as to why the late addition to the Bills and Accounts.

Mr. Kaplan explained to Mr. Geshel that he was finally able to issue out the tax disbursements and he did not have time to get them ready for the Thursday packets delivery date.

All ayes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Pay Request No. 5 from JWK Construction:

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Motion made by Council Member Holloway, and seconded by Council Member Maichele, to approve Pay Request No. 5 to JWK Construction Co. for the sum of \$25,192.80, for the Facade work on City Hall.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Stein pointed out a mistake in the memo stating the correct amount should read \$25,192.80, not \$22,192.80.

Council Member Geshel asked City Manager Nier if the project is complete.

Manager Nier stated there are still a few things left to do that is on the punch list plus the staining of the brick.

Council Member Maichele inquired if the new lamps are on a timed system. Manager Nier stated they are not. One of the Staff will turn them on when leaving at 5:00 p.m. and turn them off in the morning.

Council Member Holloway stated he has received compliments on the City Hall's Facade.

All ayes. Motion passed.

- b) Request from Downtown Development Authority:
Motion made by Council Member Antel, and seconded by Council Member Hamilton to accept the recommendation from the Downtown Development Authority to enter into an agreement with Cornerstone Architects, Inc. to develop a way-finding plan for Downtown Wayland at a cost of \$6,500.

DISCUSSION:

City Manger Nier explained that Cornerstone would provide a master plan to indicate where signs should be placed.

Council Member Holloway inquired if we are ready for these signs now, being that the Planning Commission is working on the sign ordinance. Council Member Geshel stated that the City is not purchasing any signs, only a plan as to where to place the way-finding signs.

All ayes. Motion passed.

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- c) Summer Sidewalk and Driveway Program:
Motion made by Council Member Shafer, and seconded by Council Member Maichele, to approve the Summer Sidewalk and Driveway Repair and Replacement Loan Program for 2007.

All ayes. Motion passed.

- d) Motion made by Council Member Shafer, and seconded by Council Member Antel, to go into closed session to discuss the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Police Officers Labor Council. All ayes. Motion passed.

7:30 p.m. Council entered into Closed Session.

8:14 p.m. Council resumes regular Council Meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Hamilton, and seconded by Council Member Maichele, to accept the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Police Officers Labor Council.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Nier explained that salary increases would be the following:

2007	2.9%
2008	3.1%
2009	3.5%

Retroactive from October 1, 2006.

All ayes. Motion passed.

Council Member Geshel addressed Mr. Golm with the question of; the only difference between the proposals of the insurance is the web site, would you be able to offer this service to the city.

Mr. Golm stated he would offer this service at his expense if it meant it would be the difference of getting the job.

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Motion made by Council Member Shafer, and seconded by Council Member Maichele, to award the contract for medical, dental, and vision benefit plan to Golm Insurance Services, with the addition of the Human Resource Service of the Basic Guru Web-site for \$300 at Mr. Golm's expense.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Geshel, Hamilton, Maichele, Holloway, Shafer, Antel, Stein.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGERS COMMUNICATION:

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Hamilton reported on a complaint she received from a Mr. Darin Winkler of 306 Sib Rumery St., stating he is unhappy with the trees cut down separating his property from 801 S. Main St., the new ITC business. He is complaining that the lights shine in his windows.

Manager Nier stated she also has spoken to Mr. Winkler, explaining to him that ITC is in the I-1 district and is allowed. ITC has a choice of natural screening or a solid fence; they chose to have a solid fence. There is nothing we can do, it is permitted in our ordinance.

Council Member Antel gave a report on the meeting of the Ambulance Board Meeting. Mrs. Antel stated a couple of the Ambulance Board members would be making a visit to City Council with their plan for cost to the municipalities. Mrs. Antel stated that all municipalities have to pass the new plan for it to become effective.

Council Member Shafer announced that there will be a Park Committee Meeting Wednesday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m., located at City Hall. Bob Golm asked Council Member Shafer how the Skate Park equipment is holding up. Mr. Shafer reported that it is holding up fine.

Council Member Holloway commented on the calls he received regarding the facade work on City Hall., stating everyone he has spoken with likes the look. Mr. Holloway reported he too had received calls regarding the trees cut down.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Bob Golm asked a question of City Manager Nier as to if the Basic Guru web site is a one-year trial. Manager Nier said that it is.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stein adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Baumgard, City Clerk

Burrell Stein, Mayor