

**CITY OF WAYLAND
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 6, 2007**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

City resident Larry Scheidel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Stein, Council Members Doug Shafer, Jennifer Antel, Sheryl Hamilton, Mark Holloway, Greg Maichele, Bruce Patrick.
Absent: None.
Also Present: City Manager Deborah Nier, City Clerk Sharon Baumgard, City Services Director Pierre Brazeau, Police Chief Dan Miller, Allegan County Commissioner Don Black, Larry Scheidel, Tom Bliesnor, Joe Hurt, Ron DeWeerd, Joel Baugh, Diane Smith, Charles George, Pat George, Ron Kobish, John Faul.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a) Motion made by Council Member Shafer, and seconded by Council Member Holloway, to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2007, Council minutes. All ayes. Motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mayor Stein announced that Paula French would speak under Communications.

COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- a) Board of Review minutes of July 17, 2007, meeting were acknowledged for file.
- b) Sewer Committee minutes of July 24, 2007, meeting were acknowledged for file.
- c) Budget/Finance Committee Minutes of July 25, 2007, were acknowledged for file.
- d) Downtown Task Force Committee Minutes of June 18, 2007, were acknowledged for file.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Paula French of Allegan County Commission on Aging gave a presentation on the activities of the Commission on Aging.
- b. Allegan County Commissioner Don Black provided information on recent County activities.

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BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

- a) Motion made by Council Member Hamilton, and seconded by Council Member Holloway, to approve the regular bills and accounts.

Council Member Hamilton raised the question regarding page 20, Great Lakes Energy for \$1,822.09, is listed twice. She asked is this a duplicate. Finance Director Heath Kaplan stated it is.

All ayes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Motion made by Council Member Shafer, and seconded by Council Member Antel, to award the bid for Type II Slurry Seal to Pavement Restoration of Michigan, Inc., for the sum of \$12,380. All ayes. Motion passed.
- b. Motion made by Council Member Antel, and seconded by Council Member Hamilton to award the bid for Asphalt Crack Sealing, to Pavement Restoration of Michigan, for the sum of \$1.59 per pound. All ayes. Motion passed.
- c. Motion made by Council Member Antel, and seconded by Council Member Patrick, to award the bid for the City's Liability Insurance Pool to PAR Group for the sum of \$38,064.

DISCUSSION:

City Manger Nier stated that currently the MML Liability Pool Insurance is up for renewal. We went out for proposals and found two groups. There are four main differences between the two groups.

- Both insurance groups use different legal counsel for defense issues.
- Emergency vehicle (Fire Trucks) coverage for PAR Group is replacement cost and MML is actual cash valve.
- PAR Group included in their quote a property appraisal. If the City did not require the appraisal, the cost of the premium would decrease by \$1,000.
- PAR Group covers Zoning/Land Use Legal decisions for defense and damages including takings issues. MML covers the same, except for takings damages.

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Council Member Shafer inquired as to what other municipalities PAR Group covers. PAR Group's Representative produced a book of townships covered by them.

Manager Nier stated that the MML has serviced Wayland for twenty years and has done well for us. However, the PAR Group has presented an attractive package.

All ayes. Motion passed.

- d. Motion made by Council Member Shafer, and seconded by Council Member Holloway, to award the bid for replacement of three air conditioners for City Hall to DeWeerd Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., for the sum of \$15,200.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Stein stated he would like to see only one unit replaced at this time. He also inquired if there is money for this. Manager Nier explained that there are ways to cut other expenses, as well as the amount budgeted for this year from Building and Maintenance, including the purchase of window blinds for City Hall and awnings for the Public Safety Building.

Council Member Antel asked if the total included thermostats. It was stated yes, it does.

Council Member Maichele inquired if the cost included the use of the crane. It was stated yes, it does.

Council Member Holloway asked how soon the units would need to be replaced. Ron DeWeerd stated that the City is throwing away money right now.

Council Member Patrick asked if there are maintenance agreements with the bids. It was stated yes, there are maintenance agreements. Mr. DeWeerd stated that he makes annual maintenance visits to replace filters and has made several calls because of the air conditioning not working. Mr. Kaplan stated that Mr. DeWeerd came earlier in the day to fix the air in the Council Chambers, so it would be more comfortable for the meeting tonight. Mr. DeWeerd stated that the thermostats need to be updated for a more regulated heat and air circulation to side rooms.

All ayes. Motion passed.

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- e. Motion made by Council Member Shafer, and seconded by Council Member Maichele, to appoint Mike Salisbury to the Downtown Development Authority Board, with a term to expire in November 2009. All ayes. Motion passed.
- f. Motion made by Council Member Shafer, and seconded by Council Member Holloway, to declare a vacant seat on the Planning Commission. All ayes. Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATION:

City Manager Nier had the following communications:

- 1. A thank you to the Department of Public Works, the VFW Post, the Park Chairman Doug Shafer and Sharon Baumgard for all of their work to make the Friday night concert in the Park and dinner at the VFW Hall a successful event.
- 2. A report on the Cost Recovery Project.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Hamilton commented on how nice the dinner and concert was Friday night.

Council Member Antel stated that she appreciated the budget memos and to please keep them up.

Council Member Shafer announced that The Country Roots Band will be performing at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 10, at the City Park. Mr. Shafer thanked the Department of Public Works and Sharon Baumgard for their work for the 126th Army Band Concert. He also, stated that the Interurban Trail Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 8, at the Wayland Township Hall.

Council Member Holloway gave an update on the emerald ash borer sightings.

Mayor Stein inquired if the Council would like their City Manager Thursday report be emailed to them. The Mayor asked everyone to check out the City's website for any additions or corrections that need to be done. He told Council that he would setup a joint meeting sometime in January with Wayland Township, Hopkins Township, and Leighton Township.

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CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mrs. Patricia George of 442 Falcon Drive approached Council stating that she and her husband do a lot of walking in the City and have noticed a lot of sidewalks are in need of repair. She also stated, something needs to be done about people leaving grass clippings and parking cars on the sidewalk.

Diane Smith of 309 South Main Street addressed Council, stating that she is pleased that a bid is going to a local business.

Mayor Stein adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon L. Baumgard, City Clerk

Burell Stein, Mayor