

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF EAST TAWAS CITY COUNCIL AUGUST 2, 2010

Meeting called to order by Mayor Bruce Bolen at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the East Tawas City Hall.

Present: B. Bolen, L.Bolen, Cano, Freel, Klenow, Look and McMurray.

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered.

McMurray moved, Cano seconded, CARRIED, to approve the agenda as presented.

Mayor Bolen presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a City coffee mug to Janell Reed for her fifteen years of service as Executive Director of the East Tawas Housing Commission.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

Klenow moved, Freel seconded, CARRIED, to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2010 regular meeting as presented.

The following correspondence was noted: a thank you note from the Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce for the City's donation to the Fireworks Fund, a memo from Clark Hill concerning the Consumers Energy Company 2010 Rate Case, and a letter from Rebecca Rivard from Wilcox Professions Services, LLC concerning the safety of four sidewalk ramps in the downtown area.

There were no Council Committee Reports.

Staff Report: City Manager Leslie reported that there will be a representative from Lake State Railway at a meeting within the next month. He also noted that Lake State Railway is replacing the railroad ties between Pine Street and Wilkinson Street and he has asked them to look at the Newman Street intersection. City Manager Leslie reported that the Chamber of Commerce has hired Mark Hitchcock as the new Chamber Director effective today. City Manager Leslie asked Council members to look at the lights in front of Tom Huck's office on Newman Street to determine which of the two LED lights they prefer. He noted that there is a difference between the two in the light and the cost.

Klenow moved, Freel seconded, CARRIED, to receive the minutes of the May meeting of the Housing Commission.

Bills and transfers having been properly presented, Look moved, McMurray seconded, CARRIED, that these transactions be approved. Yes: B. Bolen, Cano, Klenow, Look, and McMurray. Abstain: L. Bolen and Freel.

The following bids for cleaning and televising selected sewer lines within the City were opened:

Young's Environmental Cleanup, Inc. - \$2.95 linear foot, R. B. Satkowiak's City Sewer Cleaners, Inc. - \$2.00 linear foot and Liqui-Force Services - \$2.25 per linear foot. Freel moved, Klenow seconded, CARRIED, to receive the bids for cleaning and television sewer lines and refer them to City Manager Leslie for review and recommendation at the next meeting.

Councilman Cano indicated that the Compensation Committee met to discuss issues and has requested information concerning revenues and payroll related expenditures. He further indicated that the Committee would like to meet with Administrative Staff to go over the budget and other figures.

Councilman Klenow noted that he has been contacted by individuals concerned with the number of cigarette butts in front of or behind bars due to the smoking ban.

It was the consensus of the Council to have City Manager Leslie send a formal proposal to Tawas City for funding the additional cost of the COPS grant to add an officer to the Police Department. The proposal would be to take half of the expected additional cost of \$80,000 from TPA reserves and increase the contribution from each city by \$5,000 per year for four years.

It was the consensus of the Council to notify the members of the Tax Increment Finance Authority about the letter from Becky Rivard that states that the three foot ADA ramps are safe and that the Council understands the Authority's desire not to reconstruct the ramps at this time but also urging the Authority to keep the reconstruction of the ramps as a priority when funds are available. Council members also indicated that they would like a timetable for getting this accomplished.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Blinda A. Baker  
Clerk/Treasurer