



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015
7:30 P.M.**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Ackley

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Ackley

Invocation led by Mayor Pro Tem Robertson

ROLL CALL: Mayor Ackley, Mayor Pro Tem Robertson, Council Member Loch,
Council Member Owsinek, Council Member Sturgeon,

ABSENT: Council Member Ambrose, Council Member Yezbick

There being a quorum present, the meeting was declared in session.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Whitt, Police Chief Shakinias, Interim Fire Chief
Coomer, Finance Director Coogan, City Attorney Vanerian,
Deputy City Clerk Stuart and Confidential Assistant Rodgers

**CM 08-01-15 MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBERS AMBROSE AND
YEZBICK FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING**

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To excuse
Council Members Ambrose and Yezbick from tonight's meeting.

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**CM 08-02-15 APPROVAL OF THE JULY 21, 2015 REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve
the July 21, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

PRESENTATION:

1. Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority – Mr. McClorey

Finance Director Coogan provided a brief explanation of the Michigan Municipal Risk
Management Authority (MMRMA) and its position with the City. She said they work with
municipalities to reduce claims, provide policy and procedures, Freedom of Information Act

(FOIA) education, and risk avoidance grants. She said the City aggressively manages its risk factors and as a result has seen the premiums decrease for the Police Department. She said in last five years the returns have been approximately \$132,000 which is significant.

MMRMA Regional Representative Mr. Tim McClorey said the City has been a member for seven years and as a member and part of the Net Assets Distribution program, the City has benefited \$132,000 in returns of the premium. He said Public Act 138, allows municipalities to pool together to obtain insurance. He presented the City with two checks one from the General and Retention Fund in the amount of \$39,143 and the State Pool Members in the amount of \$19,419. He said the MMRMA returns back to its membership.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Barbara Plecas, 1422 Harbor- said she is a resident of Walled Lake and her property is about to go into foreclosure because of the Clerk's Office. She said her summer taxes were due on September 3, 2013. She said she was in the hospital at that time she called City of Walled Lake to explain her situation. She said the Clerk's office asked questions and she said she was told she qualified for deferment. She said she has lived in her property for 27 years. She said a while back she received a notice from the Oakland County Treasurer's Office. She said she came to the City of Walled Lake Clerk's office and said she was told she qualified for the deferment. She said she was told the City Treasurer would send a letter to the County Treasurer's Office. She said she received additional notices from the County and called them and they referred her to the hardship office. She said she came back to the Clerk's Office and she was told she had to file the deferment in advance. She said she has filed the deferment form in advance for 2014 and 2015 as she is often in the hospital.

She said she had a meeting with Oakland County in person last week and was told if the delinquent taxes were still due as of April 2016 for the 2013 tax year her property will be foreclosed on. She said she is asking Council for two things to be specific on the back of the tax form that a deferment form must be filed and to pay the fees due to the County Treasurer.

City Manager Whitt said if the council is inclined to provide relief, they can do so at this time they have the authority.

CM 08-03-15 MOTION TO PAY FEES DUE FOR 2013 DELINQUENT TAX IN AMOUNT OF \$254.33 ON PARCEL 92-17-35-377-097 TO THE OAKLAND COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To pay fees due for 2013 delinquent tax in amount of \$254.33 on parcel 92-17-35-377-097 to the Oakland County Treasurer's Office.

Susan Helke, 1361 Shaw – congratulated Council on the MMRMA. She said her husband and her do a lot of walking in the City and there is cut off pipe in front of Subway. She said she spoke with Ms. Rodgers and she addressed issue right away. She said she was told it was

responsibility of the owner of strip mall. She said she feels with the lawsuits of today, the City could be sued. She would like to see something done about it.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

COUNCIL REPORT: None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

1. Executive Session to discuss pending litigations

**08-04-15 MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS
PENDING LITIGATION**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: (5) Loch, Owsinek, Robertson, Sturgeon, Ackley
No: (0)
Absent: (2) Ambrose, Yezbick
Abstain: (0)

(5-0) MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Resolution 2015-26 Revised City Investment Policy

Finance Director Coogan said the State Regulations governed what the City can do regarding investment policies. She said she and the City Attorney reviewed those requirements and this resolution addresses them.

**CM 08-05-15 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-26 REVISED CITY
INVESTMENT POLICY AND AFFIRM THE DESIGNATION OF
THE CITY TREASURER AS THE CITY INVESTMENT OFFICER**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Loch, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2015-26 Revised City Investment Policy and affirm the designation of the City Treasurer as the City Investment Officer.

2. Proposed Resolution 2015-27 City Approved Financial Institutions

Finance Director Coogan, banks have merged and due to changes in the industry and this resolution updates those changes.

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Robertson

DISCUSSION

City Manager Whitt said there is no such thing as a local bank anymore, it does not mean as much as it had before.

CM 08-06-15 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-27 APPROVED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2015-27 Approved Financial Institutions.

3. Proposed Resolution 2015-28 Authorized Signatories for City Funds

Finance Director Coogan pointed out this resolution notes the title position not a specific name as to help with any future transitions within the City.

CM 08-07-15 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-28 AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR CITY BANKING, WIRE TRANSFER AND OTHER TRANSFERS AND INVESTMENTS OF CITY FUNDS

Council Member Sturgeon inquired about depositing of the money and signing of the checks, where's the check and balances if the Treasurer is the investment officer and authorized signer. Finance Director Coogan said she reviews the banks reconciliation. She said the Treasurer reviews the check but does not process the check they approve what the check request is for. She said the Finance Department prepares the check and Treasurer signs them.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Loch, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2015-28 Authorized Signatories for City banking, wire transfer and other transfers and investments of city funds.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Loch, she said unfortunately she was not here in town for Movies in the Park, she said she saw pictures on Facebook and it looked like a great turnout.

CM 08-08-15 BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Sturgeon, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To authorize the Treasurer to make disbursements and transfers on Warrant #8-2015 in the amount of \$319,339.81 this being the best interest of the City.

Council recessed 8:09 p.m.

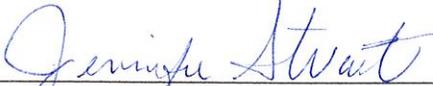
Council entered into executive session at 8:19 p.m.

Council rose from executive session at 8:23 p.m.

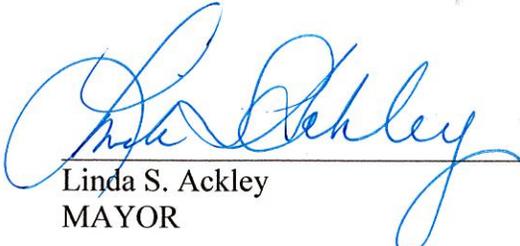
**CM 08-09-15 MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CASE EVALUATION AWARD OF
\$8,500 ON LITIGATION DISCUSSED FROM THE JULY 21, 2015
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Loch, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To accept the case evaluation award of \$8,500 on litigation discussed from the July 21, 2015 executive session.

Meeting adjourned 8:24 p.m.



Jennifer A. Stuart
DEPUTY CITY CLERK



Linda S. Ackley
MAYOR