



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
(ELECTRONIC MEETING PLATFORM)  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020  
4:00 P.M.**

The Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Ackley.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Ackley, Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose, Council Member Costanzo, Council Member Lublin, Council Member Owsinek, Council Member Woods

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

**CM 7-1-20 TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER LOCH FROM TODAY'S MEETING**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Lublin, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To excuse Council Member Loch from today's meeting.

City Manager Whitt explained he called a special meeting pursuant to city Charter to address two items that are on the agenda and these are the only items council is legally allowed to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Proposed Resolution 2020-24 Agreement for Election Services for the Limited Purposes of Providing Absentee Ballot Counting Services**

City Clerk Stuart explained during the times we are going through and all the COVID measures being taken the Secretary of State took measures to mail every single voter an absent ballot voter application. Clerk Stuart explained in turn the absentee count is increasing on a daily basis and seeking a proactive measure to accommodate the huge influx. Clerk Stuart explained Oakland County Elections has offered this type of opportunity through Public Act 95 which the governor recently signed. Clerk Stuart said there is not currently a cost to participate in this joint venture and there are several other communities that are participating such as Clarkston, Madison Heights, Holly Township, Farmington just to name a few. She explained the agreement is strictly for absent voter ballots, the city will still have the precincts at the fire hall.

**CM 7-2-20 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-24 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR ELECTION SERVICES FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSES OF PROVIDING ABSENTEE BALLOT COUNTING SERVICES**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Lublin, CARRIED: To approve resolution 2020-24 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Walled Lake to enter into agreement for election services for the limited purposes of providing absentee ballot counting services.

#### Discussion

Council Member Costanzo said what he understands is the county to pick up ballots the day of election and take them to the county. Council Member Costanzo asked if this was for one election or ongoing and there is no cost now but there could be a cost. He said the resolution does not cover this and he would like to see language in the agreement that if fees were to be assessed the agreement would have to come back before council and he was not comfortable with the ballots being handled by the county.

Mayor Ackley said council is notified of contract or agreement increases or new cost.

Council Member Costanzo made motion to amend resolution to include language if costs were to be incurred it come back before council for approval before hand.

Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose asked what would be done if there was a charge, deny paying and take the burden on ourselves.

Mayor Ackley explained before any further discussions Council Member Costanzo made an amendment to the motion and it is on the table waiting for a second.

Council Member Costanzo's motion dies for lack of support.

Council Member Lublin asked right now with the August election is there no cost, correct.

Clerk Stuart said yes correct.

Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose asked if there were fees for future elections they would come before council, there will be time before hand to bring to council for discussion.

City Manager Whitt said the contract speak for itself, it is no cost to the city, but it is the county's contract. Manager Whitt explained council is not in the position to amend the contract. Manager Whitt explained if the county were to charge us, that changes the contract and they would have to resubmit a contract that would come back before council. Manager Whitt said essentially that Council Member Costanzo's motion was perfunctory because the agreement would naturally come back before council if there were changes. He Manager Whitt said he recommends approval of the agreement.

Council Member Lublin said he agreed with City Manager Whitt as there is not cost presented in the agreement at this time.

#### Roll Call Vote

Ayes (5)	Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Ackley
Nays (1)	Costanzo
Absent (1)	Loch
Abstention (0)	

**2. Proposed Resolution 2020-25 Agreement for CARES Act Distribution between Oakland County and City of Walled Lake**

Finance Director Barlass explained this agreement allows Oakland County to distribute portions of the CARES Act to local municipalities and currently the city has incurred \$45,000 to \$50,000 in reimbursable expenses.

**CM 7-3-20 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-25 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY FOR CARES ACT FUNDING DISTRIBUTION**

Motion by Costanzo, seconded by Ambrose, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2020-25 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Walled Lake to enter into agreement with Oakland County for CARES Act funding distribution.

Discussion

Council Member Woods asked for clarification, in section 2.4 it referenced November 30, 2020 would be the final date of submission, but section 3.6 references the agreement expiration date of December 30, 2020. He asked if that period of time would have to be forecasted.

Finance Director Barlass said estimates can be submitted.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6)	Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Costanzo, Ackley
Nays (0)	
Absent (1)	Loch
Abstention (0)	

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

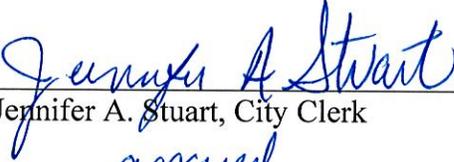
Attendee Lynn – asked how the \$55,000 was spent as coronavirus prevention.

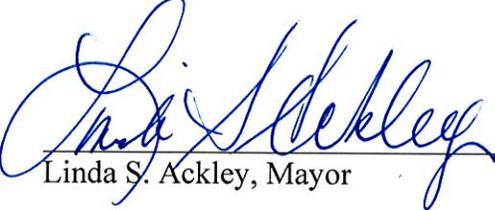
Finance Director Barlass explained it was for personnel for payroll, PPE, sanitizing agents, hand sanitizer to keep workers safe. She explained those funds have already been submitted to FEMA for reimbursement but the majority of what would be requested would come from Oakland

County through the CARES Act and would cover the additional personnel expenses for police and fire.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

  
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Jennifer A. Stuart, City Clerk  
approved  
7-21-20

  
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Linda S. Ackley, Mayor