



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Roberts.

Invocation led by Mayor Pro Tem Ackley.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem Ackley, Council Member Ambrose, Council Member Owsinek, Council Member Robertson, Council Member Sturgeon, Council Member Yezbick

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Whitt, Deputy Clerk Williams, Deputy Treasurer Stuart, DPW Coordinator McGill, Police Chief Shakinis, and City Attorney Vanerian.

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:

Add Item #3 under Council Consideration for ITC Vegetation Easement Request.

CM 02-10-12 APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2012 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on February 7, 2012.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

1. Lakes Area Youth Assistance

No one was present. Council asked that Deputy Clerk Williams contact them to arrange their visit to be rescheduled to the March 6, 2012 Council meeting.

2. Saint Baldrick's Childhood Cancer Research Fundraiser

Emily MacBeth, a representative of Saint Baldrick's informed the Council about the event she would like to hold at the Walled Lake Fire Station on a weekend in April, 2012. The event has previously been held at the Fire Station and the organization appreciated the family-friendliness of the location. She further explained that the event is a fundraiser

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benefiting childhood cancer research. Funds are raised by volunteers who are willing to shave their heads in return for donations.

Fire Chief VanSparrentak is in favor of her request and the dates are available. Council Member Ambrose stated it was a great event in the past.

CM 02-11-12 APPROVE THE REQUEST OF SAINT BALDRICK'S TO HOLD A FUNDRAISER IN THE FIRE HALL WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE FIRE CHIEF AND TO PLAN WITH HIS COOPERATION AND COORDINATION

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the request of Saint Baldrick's to hold a fundraiser in the Fire Hall with the approval of the Fire Chief and to plan with his cooperation and coordination.

3. ITC Vegetation Management Easement Request

Cynthia Stump and Michael Schira were present as representatives of ITC. They explained that they are attempting to acquire additional easements from the City and residents in order to maintain the safety of the lines. This will eliminate trees near transmission lines.

Council Member Ambrose asked how ITC differs from DTE Energy. They explained that ITC was once a subsidiary of the DTE and are now an independent company who is responsible exclusively for the transmission grids.

Council Member Sturgeon asked how low they will be cutting the trees. They explained that larger trees would be removed according to incompatibility and lower growing shrubs that comply will likely be left.

There was further discussion about a potential road and the Rails to Trails program.

CM 02-12-12 APPROVE THE REQUEST OF ITC VEGETATION MANAGEMENT FOR THREE PROPOSED EASEMENT REQUESTS

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the request of ITC Vegetation Management for three proposed easement requests.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Roberts requested the approval of Council to attend the March 21, 2012 Michigan Municipal League Conference and to spend \$100 for conference registration.

CM 02-13-12 APPROVE THE REQUEST OF MAYOR ROBERTS TO ATTEND THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (MML) CONFERENCE ON MARCH 21, 2012 AND TO PAY THE \$100 REGISTRATION FEE

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Robertson, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**: To approve the request of Mayor Roberts to attend the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Conference on March 21, 2012 and to pay the \$100 registration fee.

COUNCIL REPORT:

Council Member Robertson reported on the Planning Commission and that they are currently involved in an ongoing issue and are attempting to continue to work on the Master Plan. The Master Plan was intended to be completed in eight meetings but the Planning Commission has only worked on it for about one and a half meetings.

Council recommended that we continue to encourage the City Planner to expedite this process as time is of the essence.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

CM 02-14-12 ACCEPT AND RECEIVE THE DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE POLICE, FIRE AND DPW

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Ackley, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**: To accept and receive the departmental statistical reports of the Police, Fire and DPW.

City Manager Whitt updated Council on efforts taken by the labor union representatives to work with the City Manager to bring new alternatives to the table regarding health insurance cost issues. City Manager Whitt has agreed to hold back any new costs until a decision is made.

City Manager Whitt asked Deputy Treasurer Stuart to report on the OLHSA contract. Deputy Treasurer Stuart stated that the City of Walled Lake has been partnering with OLHSA for over 15 years to provide services to older adults. The cost is \$1,000 and is budgeted for this year.

CM 02-15-12 APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH OLHSA FOR \$1000 TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OLDER ADULTS IN THE WALLED LAKE AREA

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Robertson, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**: Approve the contract with OLHSA for \$1000 to provide services to older adults in the Walled Lake area.

City Manager Whitt asked Deputy Clerk Williams to update the Council on the status of Elections.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A certificate was received from the Hospitality House in recognition of our support in 2011.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Vanerian presented the Super Drunk legislation which enables officers to enforce stricter penalty for individuals with a .17 or higher intoxication level. The legislation has been passed by the State and the City can adopt an Ordinance so that a majority of the funds collected from this law are distributed directly to the City.

Police Chief Shakinis noted that this law is directed at the worst offenders and that it would be more cost effective to enforce this under local legislation. He noted approximately one-third of offenders fall into this category.

**CM 02-16-12 DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE
FOR SUPER DRUNK LEGISLATION AND TO PRESENT IT AT
THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Sturgeon, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:** To direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance for Super Drunk legislation and to present it at the next Council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Owsinek complimented DPW Coordinator McGill and the DPW staff on management of keeping the roads cleared.

Council Member Sturgeon asked when he can view the financial budget information.

City Manager Whitt responded that they will be available as soon as possible and Finance Director Coogan has been working steadily on their preparation.

Council Member Yezbick asked if City Manager Whitt had heard anything from Plate Moran regarding the outstanding invoice.

City Manager Whitt informed him that he would be sending a letter along with the minutes from last week's meeting, which were approved tonight, as soon as possible.

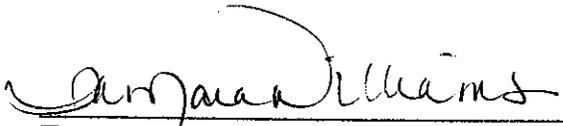
Mayor Roberts also commented on the great condition of the roads and complimented DPW Coordinator McGill.

Council Member Ackley informed Council that the Road Commission has agreed to install audible crossings when completing the construction along Pontiac Trail and Maple Road.

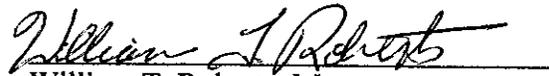
CM 02-17-12 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL**

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To authorize the Treasurer to make disbursements and transfers on Warrant #04-2012 in the amount of \$302,817.54 this being in the best interest of the City.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Tamara Williams, Deputy City Clerk



William T. Roberts, Mayor

FOR: L. Dennis Whitt, City Clerk