



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**

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, Fire Chief Coomer, Finance Director Coogan, City Attorney Vanerian, Deputy Treasurer Stuart and Assistant to the City Manager Williams

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:

Mayor Roberts requested that the nomination of Casey Ambrose to the Walled Lake Improvement Board be added under Mayor's Report.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

CM 09-01-13 APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 20, 2013 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the August 20, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

1. Valerie Kemp, 182 Angola – Spoke in support of the Redevelopment Liquor License.
2. Lorena Burke – Spoke regarding her late father, William Burke. She requested a refund of the sewer charges for a leak that occurred outside of the home, under the deck. Since sewer was not actually used, she asked that this portion of the bill be excused.

CM 09-02-13 APPROVE THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO ADJUST THE WATER BILL FOR 566 E. WALLED LAKE DRIVE

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Sturgeon, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Finance Department to adjust the Water Bill for 566 E. Walled Lake Drive.

3. Duda Lucaj, Owner of 602 N. Pontiac Trail – Spoke in support of the Redevelopment Liquor License and feels that it would be a benefit to his business in the City.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

City Manager Whitt welcomed City Engineer, Mike Boss, and asked him to speak regarding these agenda items.

Mr. Boss recommended revising the order of the approvals.

1. Recommendation of Contractor and Proposal for Pontiac Trail Repaving, Sidewalk and Pedestrian Signalization

Mr. Boss explained that the grinding and overlay is projected for completion by the end of this year and the sidewalk and signalization will be in the Spring of 2014.

CM 09-03-13 APPROVE THE PROPOSAL AND ACCEPT THE LOWEST BID FROM CADILLAC ASPHALT FOR CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR THE PONTIAC TRAIL REPAVING, SIDEWALK AND PEDESTRIAN SIGNALIZATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$218,345.41 AND BOSS ENGINEERING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,750.00 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY TO ACQUIRE ALL NECESSARY EASEMENTS

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Sturgeon, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the proposal and accept the lowest bid from Cadillac Asphalt for contractor services for the Pontiac Trail Repaving, Sidewalk and Pedestrian Signalization in the amount of \$218,345.41 and Boss Engineering services in the amount of \$32,750.00 and authorization for the City Attorney to acquire all necessary easements.

2. Decker Road Sidewalk Replacement Design Services by Boss Engineering.

CM 09-04-13 APPROVE BOSS ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE DECKER ROAD SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,500.00 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY TO ACQUIRE ALL NECESSARY EASEMENTS

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Boss Engineering Design services for the Decker Road Sidewalk Replacement in the amount of \$30,500.00 and authorization for the City Attorney to acquire all necessary easements.

Mr. Boss also mentioned to the City Council a Maple Road expansion in the areas where it goes down to two lanes. Oakland County is not interested in this project at this time so it is something the City may want to look into.

City Manager Whitt explained that this is a serious need for the City because Maple Road is a gateway to the City. He feels strongly that there should be action on this. After the completion of Decker Road, he would like to see Maple Road done next.

3. Request to Enter into Executive Session to Report on Labor Negotiations for Police

**CM 09-05-13 APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION TO REPORT ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR
POLICE**

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the request to enter into Executive Session to report on labor negotiations for Police.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Ackley, Ambrose, Owsinek, Robertson, Sturgeon, Yezbick, Roberts
No: None
Absent: None

4. Banner Request for Outrun Hunger for Three Signs from October 2 to November 2, 2013

**CM 09-06-13 APPROVE THE BANNER REQUEST FOR OUTRUN HUNGER
FOR THREE SIGNS FROM OCTOBER 2 TO NOVEMBER 2, 2013**

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Banner Request for Outrun Hunger for three signs from October 2 to November 2, 2013.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Roberts thanked Deputy Treasurer Stuart, the Downtown Development Authority and all volunteers for their efforts to make Pet Awareness Day a success.

Mayor Roberts nominated Council Member Casey Ambrose to sit on the Walled Lake Improvement Board to fill the current vacancy. He is currently an alternate.

**CM 09-07-13 APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF CASEY AMBROSE TO THE
WALLED LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD**

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the nomination of Casey Ambrose to the Walled Lake Improvement Board.

COUNCIL REPORT: None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Whitt introduced Interim Fire Chief James Coomer who has been with the department for many years and is filling in this position.

1. Departmental Statistical Reports

CM 09-08-13 MOTION TO RECEIVE DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICAL REPORTS

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Ackley CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To receive the monthly departmental statistical reports.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Vanerian reported that payment for the outstanding water bill for the Trailway was received. It now requires the execution of the necessary paperwork consistent with City Council's prior approval.

CM 09-09-13 AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH MICHIGAN AIR-LINE RAILWAY

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with Michigan Air-Line Railway.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. First Reading of C-310-13 Fireworks Ordinance Amendment

CM 09-10-13 APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF C-310-13 FIREWORKS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the First Reading of C-310-13 Fireworks Ordinance Amendment

NEW BUSINESS: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

1. Susan Helke, 1361 Shaw – thanked the City Council for posting the meeting dates on the marquee and informed them of additional complaints regarding the city website. She also feels that the sidewalks are perfectly fine. She never hears the Council say that they have to postpone something. It's like the sidewalks are more important than the Police Officers.

2. Valerie Kemp – loves the idea of new sidewalks and thinks it will be a big improvement to making Walled Lake a walkable city. She also thinks it would be nice to install boulevards.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Robertson said that Pet Awareness Day was a good event. Additionally, he moved that the Council continue to have one meeting a month for the remainder of the year on the third Tuesday, with the exception of December which will be on the first Tuesday.

CM 09-11-13 AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE TO HAVE ONLY ONE MEETING A MONTH FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2013 ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DECEMBER WHICH WILL BE ON THE FIRST TUESDAY

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To amend the City Council Meeting Schedule to have only one meeting a month for the remainder of 2013 on the third Tuesday of the month with the exception of December which will be on the first Tuesday.

Council Member Owsinek said that Pet Awareness Day went very well.

Council Member Sturgeon said that Pet Awareness Day was most enjoyable and welcomed Fire Chief Coomer.

Council Member Ambrose said that Pet Awareness Day was a success and thanked all the volunteers and Deputy Treasurer Stuart for all they did. He also welcomed Fire Chief Coomer.

Mayor Pro Tem Ackley thanked Boss Engineering and City Manager Whitt for being here and bringing up these projects which need attention and she knows Walled Lake will benefit from them. Many of the businesses think the road improvements are helpful. She also thanked the Police and Fire Department on behalf of the Burke family for the honor and tribute they gave to Mr. Burke on the day of his funeral.

Mayor Roberts noted that the Walled Lake-Wixom Lions Club requested to hold their White Cane Days in Walled Lake and would like to give them approval.

CM 09-12-13 APPROVE THE WIXOM-WALLED LAKE LIONS CLUB TO HOLD THEIR WHITE CANE DAYS IN WALLED LAKE FROM SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2013

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Wixom-Walled Lake Lions Club to hold their White Cane Days in Walled Lake from September 27-29, 2013.

CM 09-13-13 BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Sturgeon, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To authorize the Treasurer to make disbursements and transfers on Warrant #14-2013 in the amount of \$791,437.51 this being in the best interest of the City.

The meeting recessed at 8:32 p.m. Council entered into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. and ended this session at 9:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Tamara Williams, Recording Secretary



William T. Roberts, Mayor