



The City of Auburn Hills
City Council Meeting
Minutes

November 23, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: by Mayor McDaniel at 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: City Council Chamber, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326
Present: Mayor McDaniel, Mayor Pro-Tem Mitchell, Council Members Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, Verbeke
Absent: None
Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, Police Chief Olko, Director of Public Works Melchert, Community Development Director Cohen, City Clerk Kowal, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Engineer Katers, City Manager Assistant Mariuz
19 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. Regular Council Meeting – November 16, 2015

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To approve the November 16, 2015 meeting minutes.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 15.11.233

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Motion – Reappointment of Forrest Taylor to the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Mayor McDaniel noted that Mr. Taylor was unable to attend tonight's meeting but has indicated his desire to stay on the Committee.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To confirm the reappointment of Forrest Taylor to the Public Safety Advisory Committee for a term ending November 20, 2017.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 15.11.234

5b. Motion - Reappointment of Jay Boelter to the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Mr. Boelter commented to City Council that he really enjoys the Public Safety Advisory Committee and hopes his appointment will be renewed.

Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To confirm the reappointment of Jay Boelter to the Public Safety Advisory Committee for a term ending November 20, 2017.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 15.11.235

5c. Motion – Appointment of Donearl Johnson to the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Mayor McDaniel introduced Mr. Johnson to Council, and asked him to talk a few minutes about himself. Mr. Johnson pointed out his wife and four daughters in the audience. He is a Pastor, a US Navy Veteran, and community service is his passion in life. His mission is to leave this world a better place. Mayor McDaniel thanked him for his willingness to serve.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To confirm the appointment of Pastor Donearl Johnson to the Public Safety Advisory Committee for a term ending November 20, 2017.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 15.11.236

Motion Carried (7–0)

5d. Motion – Appointment of Eugene Hawkins to the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Mayor McDaniel introduced Mr. Hawkins, announcing that Mr. Hawkins has experience with public safety. Mr. Hawkins spoke briefly about himself, stating that he owns a State Farm agency in Pontiac, but prior to that he worked for State Farm conducting investigations on claims. He has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice / Pre-Law from Michigan State University and Masters of Science in Human Relations from Central Michigan University. He has lived here for 19 years. He serves on Pontiac Youth Assistance Board of Directors, Pontiac Kappa Foundation Board of Directors, and is the Volunteer Youth Basketball Coach and Supporter of the Boys and Girls Club. He is looking forward to serving on this committee also. Mr. Knight informed Council that he personally knows Mr. Hawkins and thinks he will do a fine job.

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To confirm the appointment of Eugene Hawkins III to the Public Safety Advisory Committee for a term ending November 20, 2017

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 15.11.237

Motion Carried (7–0)

5e. Motion – Reappointment of Paul Landsberg to the Tax Incentive Review Committee.

Mr. Landsberg was unable to be in attendance, but Mayor McDaniel reminded Council he has served the City for many, many years, and he told the Mayor he is willing to serve again. We will request an updated committee application from him.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To confirm the reappointment of Paul Landsberg to the Tax Incentive Review Committee for a term ending July 31, 2019.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 15.11.238

Motion Carried (7–0)

5f. Motion – Reappointment of Greg Ouellette to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mayor McDaniel explained to Council that Mr. Ouellette is a member of the Planning Commission, and that one member must also sit on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Ouellette communicated to him that he will be happy to serve again on the ZBA. Ms. Verbeke questioned if this is an appointment just to the ZBA or if it is also for the Planning Commission. The answer is ZBA only. Ms. Verbeke went on to comment that she has worked with Mr. Ouellette in the past and feels he is an asset to both committees.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To confirm the reappointment of Greg Ouellette to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending July 31, 2018.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 15.11.239

Motion Carried (7–0)

5g. Confirm appointments of City Council Members to Committees: Mayor Pro-Tem Mitchell to Pension Board, Retiree Health Care Board and Economic Development Corporation; Councilmember Burmeister to Planning Commission; Councilmember Hammond to Tax Incentive Review Committee; Councilmember Kittle to Beautification Advisory Commission and Sister City Committee; Councilmember Knight to Zoning Board of Appeals, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Sister City Committee; Councilmember Verbeke to Public Safety Advisory Committee and Sister City Committee, and Mayor McDaniel to the Pension Board, Retiree Health Care Board and the Downtown Development Authority.

Mayor McDaniel reminded the audience that each new term of office requires the Mayor to assign Council Members to serve as liaisons to the various boards and commissions. He had requested preferences from Council, and heard back from most of them. He is happy to announce that those who replied were able to get their first choice of appointments.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To confirm the appointment of City Council Members Mayor Pro-Tem Mitchell to Pension Board, Retiree Health Care Board and Economic Development Corporation; Councilmember Burmeister to Planning Commission; Councilmember Hammond to Tax Incentive Review Committee; Councilmember Kittle to Beautification Advisory Commission and Sister City Committee; Councilmember Knight to Zoning Board of

Appeals, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Sister City Committee; Councilmember Verbeke to Public Safety Advisory Committee and Sister City Committee, and Mayor McDaniel to the Pension Board, Retiree Health Care Board and the Downtown Development Authority.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 15.11.240

Motion Carried (7–0)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor McDaniel acknowledged Council Member Stephanie Morita, of Rochester Hills, who has requested to make some comments. Council Member Morita introduced herself, explaining that she represents Rochester Hills District 1, which borders Auburn Hills. On November 15, she attended an event where someone complained about the poor condition of Butler Road. She emailed Mayor McDaniel and Mayor Pro-Tem Mitchell, and by noon the next day she received a reply from Mayor McDaniel that the road had been regraded. Council Member Morita wanted to thank City Council for their fast service, and commented that good neighbors make their City a better place to live. She thanks Auburn Hills for being such a good neighbor.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

7a. Approval of City Council Meeting Schedule 2016

RESOLVED: To adopt the Proposed Calendar for the scheduling of Regular City Council Meetings for 2016.

7b. Motion - Adoption of 2016 Non-Union Benefits Resolution

RESOLVED: To adopt the 2016 Benefits Resolution for Non-Union Personnel, as amended, effective January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 15.11.241

Motion Carried (7–0)

8. OLD BUSINESS

8a. Motion – Receive and File Amendment to the Northeast Corner Neighborhood Master Plan

Mr. Cohen began the discussion by explaining that the Planning Commission has completed the procedural process to amend the Northeast Corner Neighborhood Master Plan for 3995 N. Squirrel Road (Sidwell No. 14-01-100-018) to allow a residential open space development on said property at a density of up to 3.2 units per gross acre, in lieu of the planned 2.5 units per gross acre.

Per State law, the plan was distributed to adjacent municipalities, Oakland County, SEMCOG, and utilities for comment. On October 13, 2015, the Oakland County Coordinating Zoning Committee endorsed the Oakland County Planning Department's staff report which found that the proposed amendment was not inconsistent with the plans of any of our surrounding communities. Mr. Mocerri has attended many meetings and has agreed to not exceed 88 homes on this 30 acre parcel. After many reviews, the Planning Commission held a final public hearing and formally adopted the amendment on November 17, 2015. Council would receive and file this amendment.

Mr. Mocerri addressed Council and remarked that the NE Corner Master Plan has received consistent approval from Auburn Hills Planning Commission and Oakland County. Mr. Kittle asked if the distance between the units is 10 feet. Mr. Mocerri responded yes. He went on to inquire about the maintenance fees of these are detached condos. Mr. Mocerri replied that all outside work will be part of the maintenance fee, just the windows and screens will be up to the homeowners.

Mr. Knight asked if the amendment affects the whole City. Mr. Cohen replied that it only pertains to the Northeast corner. The rest of the Northeast section should be addressed next year. Mr. Mocerri was ready to go forward with this project so it is being presented tonight. In January, a site plan and a Planned Unit Development (PUD) will come to the Planning Commission for a zoning change. Mr. Knight confirmed that this change will not affect any other zoning in the City.

Ms. Verbeke questioned why we are doing a Master Plan change rather than a PUD, and Mr. Cohen responded that in order to do a zoning change we must change the Master Plan. We decided it was best to change the policy prior to the development. We have to amend the whole neighborhood prior to the rezoning for this parcel. Ms. Verbeke asked when the plan would be in front of Council; Mr. Cohen responded that the entire plan would be in front of the Planning Commission probably in January, and that it will take about a year to make all the changes.

Ms. Mitchell commented that she wanted Council to know that the Planning Commission had extensive conversation on this change to the Northeast section of the City. They recognize that this section has some unique properties. Both Mr. Knight and Ms. Verbeke make some good points. She feels that this section deserves the extra time and efforts being expended on it.

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To receive and place on file the amendment to the Northeast Corner Neighborhood Master Plan for 3995 N. Squirrel Road, which was adopted by the Planning Commission on November 17, 2015.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 15.11.242

Motion Carried (7–0)

8b. Motion – Approve the Renewal of Property and Liability Insurance Coverage Policies

Mayor McDaniel Mr. Jim Huttenlocher, of the Huttenlocher Group. Mr. Huttenlocher reminded Council that they have a summary prepared by Ms. Schulz and Mr. Tanghe in their packet. He went on to explain that last year we had a very successful year and received significant reduction on prices for 2015 and also secured a multiyear rate lock. This year, we have had substantial losses, with both the flood in the Community Center and the ambulance claim. The combined loss is over \$450,000.00. Our exposures this year are up significantly, with about a 3% raise on buildings, due to inflation, and equipment due to new lighting in the City. Fortunately, the plan we are in, the Michigan Township Participating Plan, has changed their program that results in a lower deductible even though our exposure is higher. The deductible will go from \$75,000 to \$50,000, so we still have very good rates.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To approve the 2016 policy renewal for Liability and Property Insurance with MTPP in accordance with the specifications contained in the Coverage Summary in the amount of \$276,508 and authorize Mr. Huttenlocher to convey acceptance on behalf of the City and for the City Manager to sign the necessary documents related to binding coverage.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 15.11.243

Motion Carried (7–0)

8c. Motion - Accept Traffic Control Order SS-15 Stop Sign for Forester Square

Mayor McDaniel asked Lt. Gagnon to address Council on this issue. Lt. Gagnon reported that in Forester Square we have received complaints of drivers running the stop signs. The stop signs were wooden, and painted, and not enforceable as they were not authentic stop signs on their private roads. The Homeowner's group was informed they would have to replace the signs, which they have done. They then sent a letter to the Police Department asking the Chief to issue a temporary Traffic Control Order to enforce the stop signs. Police Officers have stopped drivers without issuing tickets, and are handing out a flyer with the dangers of ignoring stop signs. Council needs to approve the order to allow the Police Department to issue citations if needed.

Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To adopt Traffic Control Order SS-15, creating a TCO for the Stop Signs in Forester Square.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 15.11.244

Motion Carried (7–0)

8d. Motion – Speed Limit Traffic Order – Bald Mountain Road

Lt. Gagnon addressed Council on this issue. He explained to Council that studies have shown that the average speed on Bald Mountain Road is about 42 miles per hour (mph). This is the last one for some time he will be bringing forward. Once again the situation is that he cannot issue a citation on a road that has an unreasonable speed limit. Calls are received frequently from a resident complaining of speeders doing 60 mph on the road. Traffic studies and traffic engineering reports determine the best speed limit. It goes back to the 85 percentile and what the speed is that they travel. Three sections of road had auto counters placed which indicated the speed should be 35 mph.

Ms. Verbeke believes this is the wrong thing to do. If the speed limit is raised, people will go even faster. It doesn't make sense to reward speeders by raising the speed limit. She went on to ask if the residents have been notified. Lt. Gagnon

replied yes, they were. He did not receive any complaints about increasing the limit to 35 mph. He understands Ms. Verbeke's concern, but we need to make the limits enforceable so that we can write tickets on the speeders. Mr. Kittle feels like we may be backing into a solution, but feels the current 25 mph limit is not reasonable. Lt. Gagnon added that if this is passed by Council further education will be given.

Mr. Knight feels this is the right move, and feels people should watch for deer on that road. Ms. Hammond concurred. Mayor McDaniel stated this road has been a problem with speeders for a long time, and feels the speed limit should be raised. He also thanked Lt. Gagnon and staff for all the efforts that went into these reports.

Ms. Verbeke asked if there was any data available on the Collier and Taylor Road speed limit changes, such as tickets issued. Lt. Gagnon does not have the information available but will send it to Council.

Mr. Burmeister is comfortable with this change, especially with the houses so far back.

Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To adopt Traffic Control Order SL-5, setting the speed limit on Bald Mountain road at 35 miles per hour.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell

No: Verbeke

Resolution No. 15.11.245

Motion Carried (6-1)

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – Approve Upgrade of Internet and Phone Services for City Campus

Mayor McDaniel introduced IT Director Eric Brunk, who introduced Caleb Purdy, an associate in the IT department. Mr. Brunk explained to Council that over the last couple years, city staff has been experiencing an increase in network traffic associated with a growing demand on our current internet connections. The City has seen a significant increase in online data transfer with programs such as BS&A, Sire and RTA Fleet. These programs have placed additional burdens on our current connection speeds resulting in slow connection times, failures, and interruptions in service. For the past several months IT has been investigating the option of converting to a fiber connection to provide increased internet speeds, as well as increased security and improved connections to off campus locations, such as Fieldstone Golf Course, DPW, and Fire Halls 1&3. In addition to convenience, this increase in speed and security is necessary to more efficiently manage the City's increasing demand associated with our many online programs. The improvements will also directly benefit our new cloud disaster recovery backup program.

Auburn Hills is currently contracting with Comcast Business cable for internet at a monthly cost of \$234.85. The City's current Primary Rate Interface (PRI) phone contract is through AT&T which costs an average of \$1,583 per month including long distance. This proposed change to a fiber connection would allow the City to combine internet and phone into one contract, saving approximately \$3,958 annually. In addition to the projected cost savings, this recommended change would also increase our internet download/upload speeds from a variable flow of 100/20 Mbps respectively, to a dedicated 100 Mbps in both directions.

While AT&T appears to be the lowest bidder, they will not agree to discuss installation costs until a contract is signed. Both Comcast Business and 123Net are willing to wave installation and setup costs. In addition, AT&T plans to terminate their fiber connection at our DMARC which is in our "ice house". With this option, we would need to purchase and install additional equipment and incur additional labor costs for installation. Our current contract with Comcast Business is scheduled to expire in March of 2017, so there is an early termination of approximately \$3,007.90. However, the cost savings obtained in this new service will recapture the savings in the first year.

Mr. Knight asked Mr. Beckerleg if the information provided is sufficient to choose the non-lowest bidder, and the answer was yes, it is sufficient.

Ms. Mitchell does not have a problem with the change, but wonders about the timing. Mr. Brunk replied that the buildout will take a few months, so this plan will help avoid a gap in coverage.

Mr. Burmeister stated he has never heard of 123Net and wondered who else was using them. Mr. Brunk stated two of the current customers are the Detroit Opera House and Ford Field.

Mr. Kittle asked for more information on the vendor. The Mayor concurred that he is not aware of them either, but the speed of the internet seems fine.

Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: Move to approve authorizing the termination of our current Comcast Business Cable contract with a maximum cancelation fee of \$3,007.90 and sign a 5 year contract for internet and PRI phone service through 123Net, upon the approval of 123Net's Metro Act telecommunications permit application, with an annual cost of \$17,856, a total contract cost of \$89,280. Funding to be provided by the 2016 General Fund, Account #101-883-985.000.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 15.11.246

Motion Carried (7-0)

9b. Motions – Purchase of Replacement Vehicles

9b.1. Purchase of 8 Chrysler Vehicles for 2016

Mayor McDaniel invited Dan Brisson, Manager of Roads and Fleet, to speak on this subject. Mr. Brisson explained to Council that in January of 2014 we had 129 vehicles in our fleet, on January 15, 2015 there were 120, today there are 114, and with the addition of the ambulance there will be 115. Of those vehicles, 65 are Chryslers, 15 are General Motors, 9 are Fords, and 25 are vehicles of various companies for the large machine and DPW equipment. As far as the fleet reduction, we had three fire inspector vehicles, all of which were in bad shape. We sold the three and replaced them with one. The water department had two crane trucks, both of which needed replacement, so both were sold and one replacement was purchased. There has been a change in the custodial services; in the past they had three vehicles moving from location to location, now they use two. The third truck was sold and not replaced. The City had seasonal pickup trucks that were sold and not replaced. The sale of retired vehicles is done on MiTn, with good success. So far this year we have sold 24 vehicles, with three more to go. We have netted \$275,000.00 with the sale this morning of the Police Department Charger. Attachment A is an overall summary of all vehicles for which we are seeking replacement. Bid specs were sent out for the Chryslers; only one dealership responded, the same as in 2015, and that was Milosch in Lake Orion. The state MiDeal purchasing program, which is through Snethkamp Lansing Dodge, was the lowest price in most cases.

Mr. Kittle asked if we would benefit from purchasing any vehicles from Milosch, since they are close to the City. It seems that on certain vehicles we can save some money by purchasing from them. Mayor McDaniel asked for confirmation that we can purchase vehicles from either place; Mr. Brisson concurred.

Mr. Knight believes purchasing locally helps the local economy. He questioned giving all the purchases to Milosch, but Mr. Brisson responded that we are using a different dealership for service, etc. He feels Snethkamp Dodge is very knowledgeable on patrol cars, as they sell many. He is not sure Milosch's has sold police cars.

Mayor McDaniel stated that service for the vehicles and getting the cars back in service as soon as possible is very important.

Mr. Kittle stated he is ready to make a motion excluding the Ram Promaster which we can then get from Milosch's dealership in Lake Orion.

Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of seven Chrysler Vehicles from Snethkamp Lansing Dodge, Inc., 6131 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing, Michigan 48911 in the amount not to exceed \$210,334.00, including one Ram Promaster 4 Cylinder, from Milosch's Chrysler in Lake Orion as priced in the bids. Funding is provided from the 2016 Fleet Vehicles account 661-442-981.000.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 15.11.247

Motion Carried (7-0)

9b.2. Purchase of Administration and Pool Replacement Vehicles

Mr. Brisson explained that we have five administration vehicles that are out of warranty. He is confident that we can sell the five vehicles to a net cost of zero for four new in-warranty vehicles.

Mr. Knight likes the plan to sell the cars and purchase less, but feels the motion should not reflect the sale of the old cars, as if the prices comes in a little lower than the whole deal would be off. He inquired of Mr. Beckerleg if we could eliminate the recommended "not to exceed \$9000.00" from the proposed motion so if the used cars do not sell for as much as anticipated we could still go forward. Mr. Beckerleg concurred. Mr. Knight continued, stating he feels we should just move to purchase the vehicles.

Mr. Tanghe reminded Council that if the cost exceeds \$10,000.00 the item usually comes back to Council, so if we want to increase the amount of the net amount we could do that.

Mr. Knight went on to say that he doesn't like the idea of the motion having us buying and selling cars. Mayor McDaniel commented that he understands Mr. Knight's view, and inquired of Mr. Beckerleg if the sale could be eliminated from the motion. Mr. Beckerleg stated it could.

Mr. Tanghe informed Council that the reason the sales amount was in the motion in the first place was so that it was understood that the net of the car purchase should be minimal after the sales.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To approve the sale of five existing City vehicles and the purchase of four new vehicles. Funding (if needed) will be provided from the 2016 Fleet Operating Budget, account number 661-442-981.000. Staff will inform the City Manager of the net profit from the sale of the vehicles.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 15.11.248

Motion Carried (7-0)

9b.3. Purchase of Tandem Axle Dump Truck with Wing

Mr. Brisson introduced this vehicle purchase by explaining that this is our third request for a wing plow. The wing plow clear one and one half lanes rather than three quarters of a lane. We have four sections of the City that we clear; this purchase will allow one truck per section. This will be our last wing truck purchase for a while; these are specialty winter trucks. They have worked out very well for us.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a Freightliner Tandem Axle Chassis from Wolverine Freightliner Eastside, 107 S. Groesbeck Highway, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 in the amount of \$101,598.00; and to approve the body equipment and installation from Truck and Trailer Specialties, 6726 Hanna Lake, Dutton, MI 49316 in the amount of \$105,752.78.00. Total Truck build cost is \$207,350.78. Funding is provided from the Fleet Operating Budget, account 661-442-977.000. .

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 15.11.249

Motion Carried (7–0)

9b.4. Purchase of One Ton Asphalt Roller

Mr. Brisson explained that this is replacing a 24 year old asphalt roller that is requiring more maintenance. He researched this purchase, and feels this one is the lowest price and will serve us for many years.

Ms. Verbeke asked if the new one will last 24 years. Mr. Brisson stated that the old one had the motor replaced some time ago, and spent several weeks this past summer waiting for a small part to come in. He is hopeful the new one will last as long.

Mr. Kittle asked if we can get any money from the old one. Mr. Brisson stated he thinks he can do better selling it on MiTn. Ms. Mitchell confirmed with Mr. Brisson that he had sought three bids; he confirmed that he did and this is the best price he could find.

Mr. Knight asked if this would be delivered; Mr. Brisson stated yes, it will.

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a Bomag Asphalt Roller from Southeastern Equipment Company, 48545 Grand River Ave., Novi, Michigan 48374, in the amount of \$17,748.43. Funding is provided from the Fleet Machinery and Equipment account 661-442-930.001.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 15.11.250

Motion Carried (7–0)

9b.5. Purchase of Replacement 12 Ton Tag Trailer

This item was removed from the agenda by Mr. Brisson to conduct further research. It will be brought back either December 14 or January 11.

9b.6. Purchase of Replacement Sign Truck

Mr. Brisson introduced the information on the replacement sign truck, stating that this purchase will replace a 2006 model year truck with heavy rusting. This truck is our most used crane truck, used not only for signs but also for street light work and post replacements. He is recommending stainless steel for the body of the next one since it has a lot of exposure to weather.

Mr. Knight inquired about the truck costing more than the budgeted line item, and if we needed to amend the budget. Mr. Tanghe replied that it depended on the entire cost of the fleet, which is all one line in the budget. It is measured by the category. The overall budgeted amount and costs will be evaluated by Ms. Schulz.

Ms. Mitchell asked if there is a limited number of vendors that can supply this truck. Mr. Brisson answered yes, and remarked that we have had some less than desirable results with some of the other vendors. We have been successful working with Cannon in the past. He was also concerned about service from an out of state vendor. Ms. Mitchell went on to say that she understands need for convenient service.

Mr. Kittle commented on the many vehicles purchased. Mr. Knight complimented Mr. Brisson on making the change to stainless steel on this vehicle. Mayor McDaniel thanked Mr. Brisson for his thorough presentation. Mr. Tanghe explained to Council that when only bid comes forward it doesn't mean only one person bid. It just means that the alliance went out for bids and brought forward the lowest bidder. He wanted to make sure everyone understood that.

Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a 2016 Freightliner Chassis from Wolverine Freightliner, 107 S. Groesbeck Hwy., Mt. Clemens, Michigan 48043, in the amount of \$ 77,434.00. And to approve the purchase of an aerial lift and stainless steel body from Cannon Truck Equipment, Inc., 51761 Danview Technology Ct., Shelby Twp., Michigan 48315 for \$117,829.00. Funding is provided from Fleet Vehicle Account 661-442-977.000.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 15.11.251

Motion Carried (7–0)

9b.7. Urgent Purchase of Replacement DPW Water Meter Van

Mr. Brisson explained that one of our DPW water meter vans was involved in a crash that totaled the van. We paid over \$23,000 about 15 months ago, the damage is estimated now at \$19,000. He would like a new Promaster 1500.

Mr. Kittle asked how this van is different than the one we bought earlier in the agenda. Mr. Brisson explained the previous one in a 3500 cargo van, this one 1500 chassis, so it is smaller. One is the Promaster City and one is the Promaster Cargo.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a 2016 Ram Promaster 1500 Cargo Van from Milosch's Palace Chrysler 3800 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion, Michigan 48359, in the amount of \$26,046.00. Funding is provided from Fleet Vehicle account 661-442-981.000.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 15.11.252

Motion Carried (7–0)

COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

- **Mr. Kittle** commented on the earlier Traffic Control Orders, with the advisory traffic speeds. We may need advisory speed signs on the DDI. When you are coming in there at the posted speeds, if the roads were icy, there could be accidents coming around the curve.
- He is anticipating questions regarding what is happening North on University and Walton and what to expect in the spring.
- **Mr. Burmeister** thanked Mr. Melchert for the fine job his department did clearing the roads during the snow storm. He saw them out from early Saturday through Sunday.
- December 4th is the tree lighting event, always fun.
- On a sad note, Margaret Jones, wife of the late Norval Jones, very long time residents, passed away. Her memorial service will be on December 28th. Her son sent his thanks to the Fire Department on the great care they provided his mother when transporting her.
- **Ms. Verbeke** remarked also on the great snow removal.
- Asked Chief Olko is there is any update on plans for Black Friday, and remarked that the past three weekends the traffic lights were off at Joslyn and I-75. The traffic backed up very badly.
- **Chief Olko** responded that plans are made well in advance. They do want to remind people not to drop their kids off at the mall; there are curfew times. They do watch the traffic and do their best to put out Tweets and Nixle notices to keep the public updated with traffic news.
- Ms. Verbeke reminded residents that the Beautification Committee will be awarding prizes to the best lighted houses this holiday season. You can nominate your neighbors or even yourself!
- Received a resident request for signage at Sam's Club and Home Depot from Brown Rd. Mr. Melchert responded that it is a Road Commission road and sign. The DPW has been trying to work with the Road Commission on the striping. We are having difficulty actually talking to someone, and have been leaving messages. He drove this area and agrees a sign would be helpful.
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- **Ms. Hammond** appreciates that the fleet count is down.
- Wondered if the road work on Squirrel Road came to a halt on Saturday with the snow. Mr. Brisson stated it did have to stop, but there is better weather predicted, and if PK Contracting can stripe the roads as planned it will open on Wednesday.
- Asked if the sparkle in the paint on the bridge striping could be used in downtown Auburn Hills. Mr. Brisson explained it might work in some smaller areas, but is very costly for the long lane markings. Ms. Hammond feels it would be beneficial downtown.
- **Mr. Knight** – drove by Squirrel Road on Sunday and there were workers there. He wants to thank them for the temporary opening.
- Spoke to Kay Sendegas who had been very ill but is on the road to recovery now. She is in good spirits and will be back into full gear by Christmas.
- Asked Mr. Melchert who caused the fiasco with Taylor Road. If it was the State, if they have changed or something in the middle of the contract process, we shouldn't have to pay for the changes. Mr. Melchert stated that it is a complex situation, without either the State or the City being the problem in the design. There are limitations at the junction of Taylor and Lapeer. OHM attempted to widen the approach so Southbound traffic would not have to turn into oncoming traffic. There is a limit on the length from the bridge to the approach. MDOT wants a longer deceleration lane, but it is not possible with the bridge there. OHM is confident we will get the approval but we don't have it right now, so we have the delay.

- Mr. Knight responded that the entrance of coming in on that big turnaround was not the best solution, and now it seems we didn't have MDOT approval for it. Mr. Melchert responded that MDOT cannot give approval until they have the plans. Timing has been difficult with obtaining funding and going through the approval process. Mr. Knight asked if the road will be finished or will it be left hanging; the response is that with the temporary paving it will be open at the junction throughout the winter. The design that will be approved will be implemented in the spring.
- Announced that the Optimists will be meeting at the Community Center at noon Wednesday. There will be 6th graders from Will Rogers School, it is always a treat. All are welcome.
- Hoping the downtown striping will be improved. With the stripes being worn down, it is hard to see them in the dark and rain. That is a safety issue. Mr. Brisson replied that they were restriped about one and one half weeks ago.
- **Mr. Kittle** wanted to discuss Squirrel Road for a moment. He is questioning the opening on Wednesday and wonders what "open" means. There are drives not yet done, etc. Ms. Katers replied that there will be markings placed to maintain two way traffic. They will backfill the curbs and some drives then complete restoration will take place in the spring. Concrete work will take place as long as weather allows into December. Some drives will be temporary asphalt, then will be removed and replaced at the contractor's cost in the spring. Ms. Katers went on to say they are meeting with the contractor and will get the work done. Mr. Kittle remarked that some of the road is compromised, with storm cover not level with the pavement, and driveway aprons not lined up. Ms. Katers reported that those items will be on a punch list and repaired in the spring.
- **Ms. Mitchell** wanted to remind all the residents of the food drive sponsored by the Fire Fighters to support their Helping Hands program at Station 2 from December 7th through the 12th. Station 2 is right here on campus and non-perishable food can be dropped off 24 – 7.
- On December 12th, the Fire Fighter are hosting a holiday extravaganza at Station 3, in the north part of the City on Joslyn Rd. It is scheduled from 11 am until 1 pm, and children of all ages can meet with Santa and learn about fire safety.
- Had the opportunity to walk through the Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday. Even with the bad weather, it was a great event. Thank you to staff for their hard work.
- Happy Thanksgiving to all.
- **Mayor McDaniel** - will be out of town for the Tree Lighting ceremony on December 4th. His children's grandparents surprised them with a gift of a trip to Disney. He is very sorry to miss the event, but Ms. Mitchell will be there and is a much better Christmas caroler than he. He wishes everyone a wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hammond, Seconded by Knight to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Kowal, City Clerk