



The City of Auburn Hills

City Council Meeting

Minutes

September 22, 2014

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 Kittle, Council Members Burmeister, Hammond, Knight, Mitchell, Verbeke
Absent: None
Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Acting Assistant City Manager Grice, Director Olko, Deputy Director/Fire Manning, City Clerk Kowal, Community Development Director Cohen, DPW Director Melchert, Community Relations Coordinator Carroll, Recreation Director Marzolf, Golf Manager Marmion, Treasurer Buschmohle, Executive Assistant Marsh, Deputy DPW Director Herczeg, City Attorney Beckerleg, and City Engineer Juidici.
13 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. Regular City Council – September 8, 2014

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To approve the September 8, 2014 City Council meeting minutes.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 14.09.181

4b. City Council Workshop – September 8, 2014

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the September 8, 2014 City Council Workshop minutes.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 14.09.182

4c. Executive Session Minutes – August 15 and September 8, 2014

Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To approve the Executive Session Minutes – August 15 and September 8, 2014.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 14.09.183

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Appointment and Oath of Office to Donald Grice, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Tanghe explained his selection for Assistant City Manager, Don Grice, is a 25 year employee, most recently as Deputy Director of Public Works. This selection was most influenced by Mr. Grice's reputation within the organization as being honest, a team player, dedicated to public service, having a high level of integrity, and most of all as a respected leader among the staff. Mr. Grice is an employee that can get things accomplished, by bringing the right people to the table, and leading by example.

Mr. Tanghe appointed Donald K. Grice, as the Auburn Hills new Assistant City Manager.

Mr. Grice was sworn in by City Clerk Kowal.

Mr. Grice thanked the Mayor, City Council and Mr. Tanghe for this opportunity. He was born and raised in then Pontiac Township as were his parents. He is appreciative of the honor to serve in the capacity of Assistant City Manager for Auburn Hills.

Mayor McDaniel thanked Mr. Grice for his willingness to serve the City in the capacity of the Assistant City Manager.

5b. Motion – Appointment of Laura Ochs to the Planning Commission, term to expire July 31, 2017

Mayor McDaniel asked Ms. Ochs to introduce herself.

Laura Ochs noted she lives on Bald Mountain Road, and she is very excited to serve on the Planning Commission.

Mayor McDaniel thanked Ms. Ochs for her willingness to serve on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Kittle mentioned Ms. Ochs has quite a resume and would like to read some of her published papers sometime.

Ms. Verbeke explained she got to know Ms. Ochs several years ago when she herself was a Planning Commissioner.

Ms. Ochs was very passionate about some of the issues at the time, but always respected what the Planning Commission was doing and trying to accomplish.

Mr. Knight thanked Ms. Ochs and noted though her background is different than typical for a Planning Commissioner, he is pleased for a new positive change.

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Verbeke

RESOLVED: To confirm the Appointment of Laura Ochs to the Planning Commission for a term ending July 31, 2017.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 14.09.184

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

April Hernandez, Allerton Road resident, who has lived in Auburn Hills her entire life. She is running for a Pontiac School Board seat, which she has served in the past. She has held leadership roles in her business life and is currently a business owner in Auburn Hills. Her objective for the Pontiac School bid, is to reach out to the seven communities within the Pontiac School District, with an effort to all work together.

Mr. Knight was pleased an Auburn Hills resident is running for the Pontiac School Board, since better than half of the tax dollar support comes from Auburn Hills.

Thomas Coolman, 848 Chase Way Boulevard, stated he is very pleased with Council, and has voted for all Council Members. He believes everyone has the same goal, to do what is in the best interest of the City, though each may go about it differently. With this new Council, there were rumors of some employees being fired; he ignored those rumors. There were a number of people included in those rumors, with the former City Manager at the top of list. He has met with both the Mayor and Mr. Tanghe, and is asking for consideration for those employees who are being considered to be let go.

7. 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.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8a. Motion – Approve NOCWA Agreement

Mr. Melchert explained NOCWA is comprised of four communities, Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills, Orion Township, Oakland County through its County Agency, Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner (OCWRC), who represents the City of Pontiac Water System. The four communities have been meeting for two years to analyze data for financial and operational needs. The water system will jointly be maintained, however, Auburn Hills will retain ownership of the existing infrastructure as well as the operational responsibilities of the City's system.

NOCWA will enter into contracts and negotiate contracts, with the approval of the governing bodies of each participating community. As an example, currently each individual community has a contract with DWSD and as NOCWA, there would be a single contract with DWSD for wholesale water purchase. The contract values could be negotiated for day and peak hour usage.

NOCWA will develop a master plan to demonstrate system efficiencies and how to maximize financial values. Annually a report will be compiled with a comparison of Auburn Hills individually and with Auburn Hills as part of NOCWA.

The agreement requires the governing body of each member community of NOCWA approve the appointment of one member representative and one alternate. It is recommended that DPW Director Ron Melchert be appointed as Auburn Hills Member Representative and DPW Deputy Director Jeff Herczeg as the alternate.

NOCWA officers will be appointed at the first meeting. Informally from a vote taken, the Chairperson, Ron Melchert, Rochester Hills Director of Public Works, Allan Schneck, Vice Chairperson, OCWRC representing Pontiac, Sue Coffey, WRC Manager, the secretary.

In the 2015 budget, NOCWA indicates a drop in water rates and in 2016, phase two will be implemented which includes a water line extending from the southern portion of Auburn Hills to Pontiac. This line will provide additional reduction in revenue requirements for DWSD and impact the rates in a positive way.

Mr. Knight is pleased with the creation of NOCWA and asked if additional communities such as Troy, Bloomfield Hills, Waterford, Oakland Township, Independence Township, could become partners as well.

Mr. Melchert explained NOCWA can expand as far as it wants, providing it is beneficial to NOCWA and the DWSD system. DWSD is interested in adding new customers and welcomed with open arms.

Ms. Verbeke noted NOCWA is an unincorporated organization and asked the importance.

Mr. Melchert explained this assures the City Council will not relinquish any powers with the City being a member of NOCWA.

Ms. Verbeke asked about the number of properties on Collier Road that are not included in the NOCWA area.

Mr. Melchert stated those properties are within the City of Pontiac, but receive water from Auburn Hills. NOCWA cannot acquire debt, nor sell bonds and keeps the governing bodies intact.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To approve the North Oakland County Water Authority Agreement and appoint DPW Director Ron Melchert as the Auburn Hills Community Representative and DPW Deputy Director Jeff Herczeg as the Auburn Hills Community Representative Alternate.

Ms. Mitchell noted she likes the Chairperson of the Authority.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 14.09.185

8b. Motion – Smoking Lounge Ordinance Amendment

Director Olko stated based on Council's direction, language amending the hours of operation for the smoking lounge ordinance has been drafted. The language states smoking lounges may remain open until 2:00 a.m. for the period of one year, starting October 8, 2014. If after that one year City Council sees fit, the ordinance can be permanently amended for 2:00 a.m. closing time.

Ms. Verbeke asked if there will be periodic updates given to Council, so there are no surprises at the end of the probation year.

Director Olko stated that will be possible, quarterly or whatever Council would like.

Moved by Hammond; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To approve Ordinance No.14-861 to amend Section 10-136 Hours of Operation, Chapter 10 as amended, and to place the Ordinance on the agenda for Introduction with Intention to Adopt, with a public hearing, at the next Council meeting on October 6, 2014.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 14.09.186

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – Bid Award for Fire Apparatus

Deputy Director/Fire Manning explained a fire engine – a pumper truck and a fire truck – a ladder truck, each performing specific functions; this request is for a fire engine. The fire engine performs the initial fire attack and is also responsible for the first search and rescue operation. The Auburn Hills fire engine is capable of responding to situations including EMS, Advanced Life Support; JAWS of Life; hazmat situations; ventilation & stabilization equipment; a multi-purpose vehicle.

When researching a new vehicle the requirements included a large pump capacity of 1,500 gallons per minute (gpm), because of the large commercial population in the City. The gross vehicle weight rating; sufficient motor power to move the heavy vehicle and to sustain pumping 1,500 gpm of water and water storage (approximately 750 gallons of water); phone system; equipment storage; master stream deck gun; a generator; the JAWS of life and supporting equipment; backboards and a lockable storage cabinet for medical equipment; the proposed vehicle has the locked storage cabinet for medical supplies in the cab of the truck. The truck must also carry a small supply of hazardous equipment supplies to soak up spills or leaks, as needed.

The National Fire Protection Association has specific standard for fire apparatus based on the equipment carried by the truck as well as the safety features.

Another concern is the ISO (Insurance Service Office) rating, the rating is based on three areas; 1. - Water Supply, 2. - Communication (dispatch and policy procedures), and 3. - Operations. Operations consists of apparatus, personnel, equipment, training certifications, policies and procedures. Auburn Hills has completed the first two steps, but the third has recently been updated and communities are expected to have their ISO rating increased by one or two points. Currently, Auburn Hills doesn't have sufficient equipment to cover all areas of the City as noted by the ISO, but is working to correct that issue.

The life expectancy of such a vehicle is 15 years, possibly 20; after 15 years the engine can go into reserve, as a back-up engine was taken into consideration as well as ongoing maintenance costs, reliability, and customer service.

Four bids were received from three manufactures; Rosenbauer through, Emergency Vehicle Plus (EVP), submitted two bids. Prices ranged from \$411,529 for HME- Ahrens Fox to \$396,918 for Emergency Vehicle Plus proposal 2. Proposal 2 offers the advantage of a significantly shorter time to delivery because the chassis has already been built and has been assigned a build number. Rosenbauer planned to build the apparatus as a demonstration vehicle. The City can take advantage of the pre-built chassis while customizing options to meet the City's needs.

Deputy Director/Fire Manning assured the Board that proposal 2 met all the specifications and the truck is a 2014 model. The gross vehicle weight rating is 47,000 pounds, which includes the truck, the personnel and the equipment. The proposed

pumper also has a foam system, the foam adheres to whatever is burning and extinguishes the fire more quickly. The cab is custom with a 10-inch raised roof; a master stream deck gun; a 170" wheel base, the shortest of all proposals, making maneuvering much easier; and the largest hose storage ability. Of the bids received, Rosenbauer has the best warranties, 10 year, 100%, no pro-ration warranty, including the paint. Two manufacturers offered discounts, Rosenbauer is offering a \$10,000 discount on 100% prepay; \$8,700 discount on 75% prepay; and the completed chassis, which includes the frame, motor, transmission, and the cab, the discount would be \$7,460. The suggested option is taking advantage of the 75% prepay, the initial payment would be \$196,010 as opposed to \$291,139.50.

After an earlier discussion with Mr. Knight, consideration of the interest rates and pre-pay discounts should be considered. Rosenbauer is a world manufacturing leader of fire apparatus, and has been in business for over 140 years, with sales and service in over 100 countries and produce over 2,000 vehicles per year. If this proposal is approved, the vehicle would come from South Dakota. Emergency Vehicle Plus, is the Michigan representative for Rosenbauer, a full service dealership since 1970. There is on-site service available, they are licensed and certified as emergency vehicle technicians, and certified mechanics will come to the City to perform the routine maintenance.

Deputy Director/Fire Manning stated he included a 1.5% contingency, there may need to be some modifications after being reviewed by the designer and engineer experts.

Mr. Knight stated in the past the City had ladder trucks, and the ladder could be used to evacuate people or for a firefighter with hose in hand to reach a fire. He didn't realize the City removed one of the three lead trucks from service in 2012 and the City's been operating with only two trucks.

Deputy Director/Fire Manning stated a ladder truck was not removed from service, there are still three quint trucks and those trucks are multi-task vehicles with ladders and pumps. The problem with those trucks, they require more personnel to operate them. One of the lead engines was sold in 2012, because of the significant amount of money that was being spent for maintenance. There was close to \$18,000 in one year for the maintenance; the sister vehicle is still being used. The manufacturer of those trucks is no longer in business. There were hopes to replace the truck much sooner, but there were many other issues at hand.

Mr. Knight was lead to believe that a smaller truck was needed for quicker response, but understands the need for the larger, heavier truck to accommodate all that is needed. He also noted, if paying the full price up front, there would be about a 3% savings.

Responding to Mr. Burmeister, Deputy Director/Fire Manning stated EVP is located in Milan, Michigan.

Mr. Burmeister noted there were no bids from Pierce or E-1 and asked if the specification were too specific.

Deputy Director/Fire Manning stated he wasn't sure why there were no bids received from either of the manufacturers; he was in constant contact with the Pierce representative prior to receiving the bids. He has not spoken with the representative to understand why a bid was not submitted. The bid specs were kept very generic, no particular brand names.

Mr. Burmeister asked if the specifications are much different than previous engines.

Deputy Director/Fire Manning stated the gross vehicle weight rating is 7,000 pounds heavier than the current Pierce and there is a lock medical box located inside the cab to meet the EMS standards, leaving four seats in the cab as opposed to six. This proposed engine has the high-flow capacity deck gun, which is a very nice feature. There is also a pump and roll feature that is already on this chassis, that is good for grass fires along the expressway, though it wasn't a requested item.

Mr. Burmeister asked if having the three engines reflects in the ISO rating.

Deputy Director/Fire Manning stated he was basing the rating on the area of coverage. The ISO recommends 1.5 mile radius road travel for each engine and 2.5 for each ladder. These vehicle wouldn't cover the entire City as recommended by the ISO, and he doesn't believe there is any community in the nation that can achieve all of the points in the ISO rating. For the fire apparatus, the most points available is 50, with the points being accrued in fractions. The points are based on what each engine has to offer such as the pump capacity, the hose capacity, and the other equipment, as well as the distance between each station. He isn't sure how the engine weight factors into the 50 points.

Mr. Burmeister asked if there was any collaboration with any communities who are in need of a truck.

Deputy Director/Fire Manning stated he meets regularly with other area fire chiefs and discuss options for fire apparatus. Rochester Hills wanted to be specific, and knowing Auburn Hills City Council, prefers a broader approach of getting the best piece of equipment at the best price is a goal for the City. There is also the issue of two fire chiefs having different ideas of what is necessary on a piece of equipment.

Mr. Knight asked if there are any current owners of a Rosenbauer apparatus that it is still in good running condition after 15 years or better.

Deputy Director/Fire Manning stated Rochester purchased a Rosenbauer two or so years ago and are preparing to order another. Green Oak Township has an older model, he isn't sure how old, but they too are planning on ordering another.

Bob Coulter, EVP Sales Manager, stated he could provide a list of owners with older trucks, but also noted, Miami/Dade has just ordered another 76 trucks. The trucks are meeting the larger cities criteria.

Mr. Knight was happy that a list can be provided and can be checked if the Fire Department wishes to do so.

Mr. Kittle noted from a collaborative stand point – Orion Township will be building a new fire station near the GM plant and suggested there may be an interest in sharing in this proposed engine. He was curious if looking at leasing as opposed to buying was considered and if a trade-in value option is available. Regarding the ISO rating, is there the possibility to include the overlap areas with other communities through the mutual aid agreements.

Deputy Director/Fire Manning stated the Orion Township equipment millage was defeated; there was no collaboration with Orion Township. There was not in depth research done with a lease versus a purchase, but other fire chiefs' purchase because of years of service and the time the truck is expected to be in service. The net, the lease cost is high because when these apparatus go out of service after 15 or so years, and 20 years as a reserve unit, the value has depreciated quite a bit. The truck that was sold, was in poor condition maintenance wise, but operational, but was sold for less than \$5,000. The mutual aid is more applicable to special response vehicles; Rochester Hills has a 100 foot platform ladder that the City has relied on in the past. The Mutual Aid Agreement is reflected in an ISO rating. When there is a structure fire, depending on where in the City, dispatch alerts the other community that is most near the fire, and they too respond to the fire, however, it may take another community 10 to 12 minutes or so to respond. This new proposed Fire Engine, is first to arrive at the scene, in approximately six to seven minutes.

Mr. Kittle asked if the representatives from EVP could comment on leasing a vehicle as opposed to purchasing.

Mr. Coulter stated there are departments that lease the equipment, with a normal lease being seven to 10 years. As an example, the truck costs \$400,000 and in seven years, the company will give the community \$100,000 for the truck, so the community will be responsible for \$300,000. At the end of the seven year agreement, there is a choice of giving the truck back or keeping the truck with the \$100,000 buy-out. After the seven years, the value begins to significantly decrease. The \$100,000 buy-back will be affected by the condition of the truck, the maintenance, the mileage, and the record keeping.

Mr. Kittle questioned the cost difference, and suggested there would be more competitive, alternative financing solutions available, especially for those communities that don't have the cash.

Mr. Coulter noted there are about 5% leased vehicles, the remainder are purchased. During that seven years of leasing, the prices have risen for a new truck, and there is still the responsibility to the community of having the fire truck available. The financing is generally annual payments, whether a lease or a purchase.

Mr. Kittle he would like to know more particulars on this vehicle; the costs of each option and what the estimated trade-in value may be. Other vehicle purchases have an off-set column showing the net purchase. He would like to see the lease option and possibly sharing with Orion Township.

Ms. Hammond noted there was discussion for this truck being in the budget for 2014. The last truck purchased was in 2009.

Mr. Kittle isn't disagreeing that the purchase is needed, he is curious if a little more time would tell if this is the best deal possible.

Ms. Verbeke questioned where the vehicle would be fixed if there are any problems, in the City or elsewhere for repairs and what is the time lapse.

Deputy Director/Fire Manning explained because this is a very technological piece of equipment, there may be a feature that may not work, but the truck is still operational. If there are issues that take the vehicle out of service, part of the agreement with EVP, service is almost immediate. Most of the repairs will be done on site, by EVP, unless it is necessary for heavy lifting then the vehicle would have to go elsewhere.

Mr. Coulter explained the warranty is like any other vehicle, there are many variables. Depending on what breaks, the length of time may vary for repairing. The normal technician response time is maximum of six hours, seven days a week, if the truck is out of service and will not function. Other repairs are scheduled; warranty repairs and service work will be done on site.

Mr. Burmeister asked in the event a truck needs heavy lifting for repairs, if there are area shops that would allow the EVP technicians to use a facility.

Mr. Coulter stated it would depend on the nature of the repair. If the City's DPW had the capability of heavy lifting, then that facility would be used. Emergency Vehicles Plus has two locations; one in Milan, just outside of Ann Arbor and the other in Holland. The Holland location is 47,000 square feet, with 20 bays and 31 mechanics. If needed, paint and body work is also done.

Ms. Mitchell asked when this vehicle would become part of the fleet, the time frame of delivery.

Deputy Director/Fire Manning stated on the proposed vehicle, because the chassis is ready and has a production number assigned, the vehicle would be completed and ready for delivery in March or April. The other options would have a delivery date of approximately one year, which is standard from signing a contract to delivery.

Mr. Kittle questions if the 5% that lease know something more than the purchasers, and would like to hold off taking any action until looking at alternatives in purchasing/leasing are investigated.

Moved by Kittle:

RESOLVED: To table action until alternatives are presented to Council.

The motion died for lack of support.

Mr. Knight suggested paying the 100% up front, saving approximately 2.6%, as opposed to interest of .75%.

Mayor McDaniel agreed with Mr. Knight's proposal and asked for comments from Council and if the budget would need amending.

Mr. Tanghe stated there wouldn't be an issue with the budget.

Ms. Verbeke asked Deputy Director/Fire Manning if there are any reasons to not pay 100% up front.

Deputy Director/Fire Manning stated he hadn't considered the overall savings as Mr. Knight has noted.

Ms. Verbeke is in favor of the 100%.

Mr. Kittle suggested leaving it up to Finance.

Mr. Beckerleg confirmed for Mayor McDaniel a motion can be made without being specific of the prepay percentage.

Mayor McDaniel thanked Deputy Director/Fire Manning for the thoroughness of the report and appreciates Mr. Kittle forcing everyone to look at alternatives of expenditures, regardless of how large or how small. He is in favor of moving forward with the recommended purchase, noting all the work that has been done in the past with response times, this new apparatus will enable the City to reach its goals sooner.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a Rosenbauer custom fire engine from Emergency Vehicles Plus as specified in proposal #2, using a 100% prepay in the amount of \$386,536 or as Financial staff determines a better option for the prepay; change orders not to exceed 1.5%.

Mr. Kittle isn't in agreement with paying 100% up front for a vehicle and administration should be left to do the math before making a determination. He would also like to know why Pierce did not submit a bid.

Ms. Verbeke would like the Fire Department to contact Orion Township and discuss shared services.

Mr. Knight believes it is Council's job to save money, and that would be with the 100% prepay.

Mayor McDaniel agrees with Mr. Knight in saving money, but would like the Finance staff to verify numbers prior to stating the 100% prepay is the best cost savings.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 14.09.187

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Hammond:

- Thanked Council for the reconsideration for the smoking lounges hours of operation.
- There were campaign signs posted on the former Mound Steel property that is now City owned.

Mayor McDaniel thanked Ms. Hammond for her championing the smoking lounge hours.

Mr. Knight:

- Attended the carillon dedication at Oakland University, where Mr. Tanghe was also attending and complimented Mr. Tanghe, noting he is the ideal candidate to continue developing the relationship between the City and Oakland University.

Mr. Kittle:

- Acknowledged and thanked Jim Endres, for being a candidate for the Pontiac School Board, who is in the audience this evening.

Ms. Verbeke:

- Also was going to acknowledge Jim Endres, and thanked April Hernandez for introducing herself to residents.
- Asked Director Olko how the weekend traffic issues were at Great Lakes Crossing.

Director Olko explained Saturday evening there were some issues around 7:00 p.m. and a traffic push was done. Officers directed the traffic directly onto I-75 without making the loop for approximately 20 minutes which helped clear the traffic.

Sunday night there was a large police exercise at the mall, as well as a rollover accident on I-75 at the time the mall was closing. The mall management believed the traffic situation was somewhat better. Hopefully the Baldwin Road construction will be completed on time, by the end of October, prior to holiday shopping season.

Mr. Burmeister:

- Asked Mr. Melchert to extend his appreciation to Mr. Brisson for the excellent paving project notices for the residents on Mattie Lu, Phillips, and Armada.
- Asked whose responsibility is the drain behind Gloria Dei, there is always flooding each time it rains.

Mr. Melchert stated he isn't sure, he'll have to take a look and identify the location. He believes it is a private matter.

- Thanked Mr. Cohen for keeping Council updated on the golf dome property.
- Asked who maintains the ditches and culverts in the subdivisions.

Mr. Melchert stated culverts are maintained by the homeowner, because they become part of the driveway. The ditches are maintained by the City as part of the road right-of-way.

Mr. Burmeister asked if someone could take a look at ditches in his neighborhood and the standing water.

Ms. Mitchell:

- Recognized City Attorney Beckerleg as being named as one of the best lawyers in America.
- Senior Services has made a request for residents that may want to be included in a video for the Age Friendly Auburn Hills. Monday, September 29th, from 1:00 until 2:30 p.m. or Friday, October 3, from noon to 1:30 p.m. More information is available at the Community Center.
- Was pleased to see in the Police Blue Card Survey resulted in all positive comments and no negative comments.

Mayor McDaniel:

- A few residents asked him what the red ribbons and red x's on utility poles throughout the City are for, and he came upon a man marking the poles; those poles are to be replaced by DTE. He was curious if DTE has contacted the City about removing those poles.

Mr. Melchert stated he hasn't been contacted by DTE as of yet, but a right-of-way permit will be needed from the City.

- He'd like to echo Mr. Knight's comments about Mr. Tanghe's representation at OU, including the many recent ribbon cuttings and ground breakings.
- The Chamber of Commerce is holding a meet and greet for the business community to introduce Mr. Tanghe as the City Manager.
- During the last Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting, the Chairperson made some untrue and misleading comments, statements, and accusations about City Council and City Manager. After the appropriate staff reviewed details of the statements, it was concluded the best course of action was to acknowledge that the statements were made, and deny them as being factual. The statements are untrue, misleading, and reckless. As suggested by the City Attorney, a letter was drafted and sent to the Committee Members to address the claims and accusations. The letter sent to the Committee Members will be included as a response and attached to the Public Safety Advisory Committee minutes.

11. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – none

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- It was a wonderful night for the dedication of the Elliott Tower and he also attended the opening of Oakview Hall, another wonderful event.
- As a reminder, there is a 'Sand Breaking' for the new Michigan Sea Life Aquarium at Great Lakes Crossing, taking place tomorrow.
- Congratulation to Lelli's for celebrating their 75th Anniversary, the City will be participating in the Thursday celebration. More information can be located on the Lelli's website.
- The DDA proposal has not been forgotten; there is a 60 day opt out period for the different taxing jurisdictions after the public hearing has been published. The team, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Lohmeier, Ms. Carroll, Ms. Mariuz, and he have been working on moving the process forward. He would like to recognize Ms. Mariuz for all the work she has put into this project.
- Would like to recognize Stephanie Carroll, as of today, has been promoted to Manager of Business Development and Community Relations. This new position combines retired Laurie Renaud's Economic Development Director position with Ms. Carroll's Community Relations position.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.