

HUDSONVILLE CITY COMMISSION
City Commission Minutes

March 18, 2014

Mayor Van Doeselaar called a Work Session of the Hudsonville City Commission to order on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Van Doeselaar, Commissioners Brandsen, Bolhuis (arrived at 6:40), Leerar, Northrup, Raterink, City Manager Waterman, City Attorney Wendt, Marketing Coordinator Michelle Fare and City Clerk Wiersum.

Absent: Commissioner O'Brien

8320. *Saladbowl Bash.*

Marketing Coordinator Michelle Fare gave an update on Saladbowl Bash scheduled for July 26, 2014. They will be focusing on a community celebration of obtaining the Guinness World Record for the longest salad bar, which was achieved at last year's Saladbowl Bash. Events planned for this year include a farmers market, singing competitions, live music, farm tours, a kid's area, cooking demonstrations and a barbeque contest. The committee is also interested in checking on the possibility of having fireworks. The fireworks would be a small scale show. They are currently looking at possible locations. The Committee would like the thoughts of the City Commission on having fireworks and whether the City Commission would like the Committee to pursue this idea further. Fund raising needs to be done and a site has to be found that meets all safety requirements. The City Commission likes the idea of fireworks, but do have concerns regarding safety. The consensus of the Commission is to have Michelle investigate whether there is a safe location in the City for fireworks. The committee would come back to the City Commission for final approval if a site is located.

8321. *Recreation Passport Grant.*

Michelle Fare reviewed the grant proposal for a Recreation Passport Grant through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to be used for the renovation of the Hughes Park restrooms. They would be asking for a \$45,000 grant. The City would need to match \$15,000. A portion of the City's match could be \$5,000 in labor. These renovations would make the Hughes restrooms fully ADA compliant. City Manager indicated that the City had looked at renovating these restrooms a few years ago, and the project was delayed at that time. He feels this grant would be a great help to getting this project completed.

8322. *Dangerous Solicitation Ordinance.*

Attorney Dick Wendt reviewed with the City Commission a proposed Ordinance which deals with dangerous, offensive and misleading solicitation. The City's current Ordinance had been determined by the ACLU as unconstitutional. Consequently a group of city attorneys has discussed the enforcement of "panhandling" and have drafted an Ordinance that would be enforceable. Attorney Wendt reviewed what activity is prohibited by the Ordinance and what activity is allowed. Attorney Wendt stated that Kentwood, Wyoming, Walker and Grandville have approved similar Ordinances. By the City of Hudsonville adopting this Ordinance, it would discourage panhandlers from moving from one community to a neighboring community.

8323. Motion by Leerar, seconded by Raterink, to adjourn the work session at 6:55 p.m. for the regular session.

All aye, motion carried.

Mayor Van Doeselaar called the Regular Session of the Hudsonville City Commission to order at 7:00 P.M., March 18, 2014. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated and Commissioner O'Brien gave the invocation.

Present: Mayor Van Doeselaar, Commissioners Brandsen, Bolhuis, Leerar, Northrup, O'Brien, Raterink, City Manager Waterman, City Attorney Wendt, City Finance Director Sal and City Clerk Wiersum.

8324. Motion by Raterink, seconded by Brandsen, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following:

1. Minutes of City Commission work session & regular session dated February 11, 2014
2. Minutes of Fountain of Honor Nominating Committee dated February 12, 2014.
3. Minutes of Planning Commission meeting dated February 19, 2014.

All aye, motion carried.

8325. Department Presentations

Dutch Besteman, DPW Supervisor gave a presentation on the Department of Public Works.

Dave Dahl, Emergency Services Director gave a presentation on the Emergency Management Department.

Public Safety

8326. Fire, Police and Emergency Services statistical reports for February received as information.

8327. Camp 911 by Life EMS.
Motion by Brandsen, seconded by O'Brien to approve the use of the Fire Station and meeting room on July 8, 2014 for Camp 911 by Life EMS.

All aye, motion carried.

8328. Temporary Traffic Control Order.
Motion by Brandsen, seconded by O'Brien, to approve Temporary Traffic Control Order No 14-02 for temporary street closures for a 5K run on May 23, 2014.

All aye, motion carried.

Public Works

8329. Forestry Information Presentation – Consumers Energy
Jon Hall, Forestry Communications Director for Consumers Energy gave a presentation on the forestry operations of Consumers Energy. He stated that they will be starting tree trimming in the City within the next few weeks. Aaron Konn, Forestry Supervisor and Carrie Dicks, Forestry Planner, are the two people who will be working in Hudsonville. Mr. Konn will be e-mailing a list of the trees to be trimmed to City Manager Waterman.

8330. Authorization for Change in Standard Lighting Contract
Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Brandsen, to approve Resolution No. 14-1569 to authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the Standard Lighting Contract with the City of Hudsonville to relocate a street light on Highland Blvd.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

Finance

8331. Finance Director's Financial Reports for January 2014 were given. An Investment report was also available for review.

Approval of Bills

8332. Motion by Brandsen, seconded by Northrup, to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$1,262,671.79 and to confirm payment of bills paid between meetings and reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

Administration

8333. Dangerous Solicitation Ordinance.
Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Brandsen, to approve Ordinance No. 14-297 to amend Section 16-21, "General Offenses" of Article II "Offenses Against Persons," of Chapter 16, "Offenses," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hudsonville and add Section 16-22, "Dangerous, Offensive, and Misleading Solicitation" to Article II, "Offenses Against Persons" of Chapter 16, "Offenses" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hudsonville.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

Appointment.

8334. Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Raterink, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Robert Nesky to the Planning Commission with a term ending June 30, 2014.

All aye, motion carried.

Public Hearing

8335. Recreation Passport Grant Program – Hughes Park Bathroom Project

Mayor Van Doeselaar opened a public hearing at 8:15 p.m. on an application for a Recreation Passport Grant to renovate the Hughes Park bathrooms. Receiving no public comments, the hearing was declared closed.

Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Brandsen, to approve Resolution No. 14-1568 to submit an application to the Recreation Passport Grant Program for Hughes Park Bathroom Project.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

8336. Grand Valley Metro Council Resolution.
Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Raterink, to approve Resolution No. 14-1570 to approve Amendment No. 38 in the Articles of Incorporation of Grand Valley Metropolitan Council.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

8337. The Mayor informed the City Commission that he has been requested to recognize a teacher at the Hudsonville South Elementary school for her years of service to the community. A fellow teacher is requesting that the City present the teacher with a key to the City. He would like the thoughts of the City Commission on whether the Commission would approve of that. The consensus of the Commission is to have the Mayor prepare a written Proclamation to present to this teacher on the City's behalf instead of presenting her with a key to the City.

ADJOURNMENT

8338. Motion by Leerar, seconded by O'Brien, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

All aye, motion carried.

Jan Wiersum
Hudsonville City Clerk

Mayor Van Doeselaar