

**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Monday, March 1, 2010
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Waddell.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Greenwood, Harvath, Hoexter, Sapita, Smith, Urquhart,
Waddell

Absent: None

Also Present: Community & Economic Development Director Kilpatrick and
City Clerk Neve

3. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor

4. Changes/Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Addition: Item #8C Letter from Kirk Harrier, City Manager, City of
Saugatuck, RE: Public Safety Saugatuck Natural Harbor Area
Item #10B Report from Councilperson Sapita RE: Kalamazoo
Harbor Master Plan Committee Meeting

Motion by Hoexter with support from Harvath to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular City Council Meeting of February 15, 2010.
Motion by Hoexter with support from Harvath to approve
meeting minutes from February 15, 2010 as presented. Motion
carried.

6. Appointments /Resignations

None scheduled.

7. Proclamations/Awards – Mayor Pro Tem

None scheduled.

8. Public Communications (Limit of three minutes)

Verbal: No comments were heard.

Written:

A. Summary of Interurban Transit Authority Board Meeting of February
16, 2010.

- B. Letter from Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth; Bureau of Construction Codes, to Attorney Robert A. Dietzel; Thurn Law Firm, dated February 10, 2010 RE: Early Childhood Center, Saugatuck Public Schools.
- C. Memo from Kirk Harrier, Saugatuck Cit Manager, dated February 26, 2010 RE: Public Safety Saugatuck Harbor Natural Area.

Written communications noted as received and filed.

9. Unfinished Business

Continue identification and discussion of City projects/plans/needs/requirements excluding those pertaining to planning, zoning, and public facilities.

Mayor Waddell set a time limit to end the discussion at 8:30 p.m. and continue with the remainder of the agenda.

Kilpatrick continued review of the priorities list finishing with the Miscellaneous Projects, Green Community, and DDA projects.

Council suggested checking e-bay or government surplus websites for purchasing fireproof safe, cabinets, council tables and chairs.

Urquhart commented he thought if an emergency disaster plan were developed and a command center was needed the Masonic Lodge could be used for that purpose.

Members discussed holding a work session with MERS representatives to talk about options for offering retirement benefits.

Members commented they would like to see a city-wide clean-up day instituted again. Perhaps twice a year pick-up for hazardous waste, appliances, paints, tires, etc. Hoexter related All Saints Church offer a similar collection twice a year at the church.

A five-minute recess was called at 8:35 p.m.

10. New Business

- A. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-2010, a Resolution in support of protecting the Great Lakes from the Asian Carp.
Motion by Urquhart with support from Sapita to approve adoption of Resolution No. 06-2010. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- B. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 07-2010 authorizing and approving an amendment to the previously approved charge of the Kalamazoo Harbor Master Plan Committee
Motion by Harvath with support from Sapita to approve Resolution No. 07-2010 approving an amendment to the previously approved charge of the Kalamazoo Harbor Master Plan Committee.
Sapita gave comments on the February 4th meeting of the Great Lakes Navigation Stakeholder Meeting and explained this resolution is essential to the Harbor Committee's future. The Douglas Harbor is where the

Critical silt is filling in most. The Harbor is designated in the Super Fund area so is not eligible for any other federal funds. By extending the charge of the Harbor Committee we will be able to investigate removing our harbor from the Super Fund and seek other grants. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

11. Staff Reports

None scheduled.

12. Commission/Committee Reports

- A. Planning Commission
Next scheduled meeting is March 10th.
- B. Kalamazoo Lake Sewer & Water Authority Commission
Next scheduled meeting is March 15th.
- C. Kalamazoo Harbor Master Plan Committee
Saptia reported in Item #10B.
- D. Joint Planning Committee
No meeting to report.
- E. Community Recreation Advisory Board
No meeting to report.
- F. Downtown Development Authority Board
Next scheduled meeting is March 9th.

13. Council Comments

Greenwood thanked council for taking time to update her on the priority list issues. Discussions with council has given her a better understanding of the Harbor and R.J. Peterson. She indicated she would like to find a way to get input from citizens and encourage communication.

Harvath thanked all who put so much work into the priorities list. Harvath commented on the huge legal fees spent by both the city and the schools over the playground issue.

Hoexter thanked staff for the work on the priorities list.

Sapita commented he hopes for a win/win outcome in negotiations with the schools over the playground. Also he is hoping people will take more notice of the need to clean the snow away from the fire hydrants.

Sapita and Smith also offer thanks to staff for all the work.

Urquhart thanked Manager Kowal for the nice job he had done. Commented on the nice Mardi Gras parade and feels some of the issues have disappeared since we now have a new school superintendent.

14. Mayor Report/Comments

Offers thanks to John Thomas for the Mardi Gras Parade.

15. Approval of Invoices / Payroll

A. Consideration of Approval of Invoices dated 2/26/2010 in the amount of \$45,859.22.

Motion by Hoexter with support from Harvath to approve invoices dated 2/26/2010 totaling \$45,859.22. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Motion to Approve Payroll for the Month Ended February 28, 2010 amount of \$69,262.57.

Motion by Harvath with support from Urquhart to approve payroll for the month ended February 28, 2010. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

16. Acting City Manager's Report

Reminder of the Wednesday, March 3rd special meeting to discuss city manager applications with Frank Walsh and set interviews.

17. Hear from the Audience (Limit three minutes)

Dave Hills, Water Street, commented on Blue Star bridge repairs.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jean E. Neve, CMC
City Clerk

Approved by: _____
Renee Waddell, Mayor

Certification of Minutes

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of the Village of Douglas held on March 1, 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Jean E. Neve, City Clerk

Date

