

**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2011
DOUGLAS CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM
86 W. CENTER STREET, DOUGLAS, MI
7:00 PM**

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Waddell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call** – Members present: Greenwood, Harvath, Hoexter, Mayer, Smith, Wiley, Waddell
Members absent/excused: None
Also present: City Manager LeFevere, Treasurer Drexler and City Clerk Neve
3. **Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor**
4. **Consent Calendar**
 - A. Approval of Agenda for August 1, 2011
 - B. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2011
 - C. Approval of Invoices Dated 8/1/2011 in the Amount of \$94,074.73
 - D. Approval of Payroll Expense for the Month Ended July 31, 2011 in the Amount of \$77,710.12

Action to dismiss the Kalkman counter claim suit will be added as Item #6A.
Motion by Hoexter with support from Mayer to approve the Consent Calendar as amended. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. **Public Communications**
 - A. Verbal (Limit of three (3) minutes pertaining to agenda items only)
Terry Burns, Allegan County Commissioner, related RFP's have been sent out for the jail construction project. Allegan County has disbanded the Planning Commission. Kevin Ricco with the County Parks department will be working with townships on ordinances.
 - B. Written Communications
 1. Interurban Transit Authority Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2011
 2. Allegan County Health Department 2011 Recycling Report Dated July 26, 2011
 3. Notice of Refund from Consumers Energy Street Lighting Charges
 4. Letter from Allegan County Board of Commissioners dated July 29, 2011 RE: Law Enforcement Joint Meeting scheduled for September 29th.

Written Communications noted as received and filed.

6. **Unfinished Business**
 - A. Motion by Hoexter with support from Greenwood that the counter claim filed by the City of Douglas in the Chandler Kalkman lawsuit be dismissed with prejudice, and that legal counsel for the City take the necessary steps to accomplish the dismissal with the Allegan County Circuit Court. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
7. **New Business**
 - A. Motion by Harvath with support from Greenwood to approve Election Inspectors Donna St. Andre, Dorothy Demerest, Walter and Louise Pattison, Martha Hoexter, Suzanne Dixon and Alexa Urquhart for the August 2nd election. Motion carried with Hoexter abstaining.

- B. Motion by Harvath with support from Wiley to approve request from Douglas Dutchers Base Ball Club to place a banner above the entrance of City Hall announcing the Basket Factory Vintage Base Ball Festival August 20 and 21, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Reports

A. **Commission / Committee / Board Reports**

1. Planning Commission - Kilpatrick
No meeting since last council meeting.
2. Kalamazoo Lake Sewer and Water Authority – Wiley
No meeting. Attorney has filed a complaint in the Singapore Trails case.
3. Kalamazoo Harbor Master Plan Committee
No meeting.
4. Joint Planning Committee - Mayer
No meeting scheduled until August.
5. Community Recreation Advisory Board - Smith
No meeting but Smith has spoken with Scott Kierzak who reported the numbers are up for summer programs this year.

Friends of the Barrel met on July 28th. A copy of the meeting minutes was distributed. The next scheduled meeting is August 11th at 5:00 p.m. in the Old Schoolhouse.
6. Downtown Development Authority - Kilpatrick
Trees along Center Street have been strung with white LED lights at the merchants request. The new billboard has been installed along I-96. The entrance sign at the corner of Center and Blue Star is partially completed.
7. Police Commission - Harvath
No meeting.
8. Douglas Advisory Committee - Kilpatrick
Meeting again in August to discuss interviews with local business owners.

B. **Staff Reports**

1. **Community Development / Planning / Zoning** – Kilpatrick
See memo for information on cooperative project with 24 local artists which will be entered in Artprize 2011 in Grand Rapids.
The Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed and approved an application for a lot variance at the corner of First and Whittier.
2. **Finance/Budget** – Drexler
No report.

C. **Manager LeFevere's Report / Comments**

Allegan County Board of Commissioners will host a meeting on September 29th County Law Enforcement needs and funding levels.

9. Public Communications - Verbal (Limit of three (3) minutes on general business of the City
None

10. Council Comments

- A. Wiley asked how many nominating petitions have been filed for the November General election.
- B. Smith commented the new sign at Center and Blue Star looks great.
- C. Hoexter said the flowers along Center Street look wonderful and the Post Office seating area is very nice.
- D. Greenwood thanked the Barrel committee for their efforts to restore the structure. She asked about trying to get a venue in Douglas during Film Festival.

11. Mayor Waddell's Report / Comments

Waddell reported on a meeting with Swingbridge that has infrastructure moving forward. Mayor Waddell has chosen not to run for election in November.

12. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jean E. Neve, CMC
City of the Village of Douglas 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 August 1, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Jean E. Neve, City Clerk

Date