
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Daniel Fitzpatrick offered a moment of silence for the Connecticut elementary school victims and their families and for our community. Council Member Fitzpatrick then offered a prayer and led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Branch called the meeting to order. Council members present: Annie Boensch, Norman Braddock, Dennis Browning, Larry Coulouris, Daniel Fitzpatrick, Floyd Kloc and Mayor Gregory Branch. Council members absent: Amos O'Neal and Andrew Wendt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Janet Santos reminded everyone that the Waste Collection Convenience station is open the second Saturday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. City residents may dispose of items that would otherwise be taken to the landfill that curbside pickup does not take. Also, that the first three weeks of January 2013 Christmas trees free of decorations may be placed at curbside for pick up on regular collection days.

Council Member Wendt entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

The following persons addressed the Council: Earl Jesse, Johnny Sanders, Ronald Thoms, Gary Loster, Pastor Willie Hill, Todd-Nita Taylor, Ariz Staton, Arizsia Staton, Gary Beckert, Rahmaan Kelley, Mark Oberschmidt and Pastor Cirven Merrill.

REMARKS OF COUNCIL

Remarks were heard from the following Council Members: Wendt, Braddock, Boensch, Kloc, Fitzpatrick, Coulouris, Browning and Mayor Branch.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Management Update

City Manager Darnell Earley introduced Deputy City Manager/CFO Tim Morales. Mr. Morales explained the process of employee earnings according to the structure of the employee classifications and the earnings schedules as defined in the appropriate union agreement or non-union employee contracts.

City Manager Earley introduced Dr. George Ross, Central Michigan University President. Dr. Ross provided an update regarding the Central Michigan School of Medicine project.

Council Member Wendt left the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

City Manager Earley introduced Paul Virciglio, Friends of Hoyt Park Committee. Mr.

Virigilio provided an update regarding the successful partnership between the City and the Friends of Hoyt Park Committee. Many improvements projects at Hoyt Park have been completed. The Pride of Saginaw has joined in sponsorship of activities to be offered at the park.

Council Member Browning left the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

City Manager Earley presented a department "Reorganization – Inspections" update that will configure Public Safety to include the Inspections/Code Compliance Department effective January 1, 2013. City Manager Earley also informed Council of promotions in the Police and Fire Departments. The promotions were possible due to retirements and attrition vacancies.

Council Member Wendt entered the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

City Manager Earley stated that progress regarding Public Safety has begun by extending invitations to Union representatives to established meetings for discussion purposes. All ideas and suggestions were requested and he encouraged everyone to be an active part of the process and solution.

Council Member Browning entered the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Branch announced that Consent Agenda Item #2 was removed prior to the meeting.

1. Approve the minutes for December 10, 2012 regular council meeting.
2. REMOVED PRIOR TO MEETING: *Receive and file Petition #12-26 from Martin J. DeCorte, requesting that the property bounded by Superior St. to the City limit be vacated.*
3. Approve the easement agreement for 124 S. Baum St. with Consumers Energy.
4. Approve the FY 2013 budget adjustment for the General Fund - Facilities Division's, Operating Services Account. This increase will be offset by a decrease in the General Fund - Planning and Zoning Division's, Operating Services Account. This adjustment will cover the payment to Bierlein Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$4,200 for an emergency purchase order for the removal of damaged ceiling tiles containing asbestos glue pods in the City Manager's office.
5. Approve and issue a purchase order to Osburn Associates in the amount of \$6,393 for the purchase of 1,950 aluminum sign blanks of various sizes to be used by the Traffic Maintenance Section of the Right of Way.

6. Approve and issue a purchase order to HD Supply Works in the amount of \$7,700 for an annual supply of manhole blocks to be used by the Maintenance and Service Division.
7. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Agreement for preliminary engineering services with Spicer Group for the Hamilton Street Road Improvements from Lyon Street to Court Street.

Council Action:

Moved by Council Member Browning, seconded by Council Member Fitzpatrick to approve consent agenda items 1 and 3 through 7 as presented. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF ORDINANCES

Moved by Council Member Coulouris, seconded by Council Member Fitzpatrick to adopt the Ordinance to amend the official City map to vacate Dearborn Street between the eastern line of King Street and the western line of Queen Street and to retain therein an easement for public utilities, cable TV and telecommunications. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Council Member Coulouris, seconded by Council Member Fitzpatrick to adopt the Ordinance to amend the official City map to vacate Salt Street between the northern line of Fraser Street and the southwestern line of Queen Street and to retain therein an easement for public utilities, cable TV and telecommunications. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

City Clerk Janet Santos confirmed that City Hall would be closed December 24 and 25, 2012 and January 1, 2013 for the Holiday Season.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Braddock, seconded by Council Member Fitzpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Janet Santos, CMC/MMC
City Clerk