

**JANUARY 14, 2014
REGULAR MEETING**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING DULY CALLED AND HELD AT BOYNE CITY HALL, 319 NORTH LAKE STREET, ON TUESDAY JANUARY 14, 2014 AT 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Grunch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Ron Grunch, Mayor Pro Tem Gene Towne, Commissioners Laura Sansom, Tom Neidhamer and Derek Gaylord

Staff: Cindy Grice, Michael Cain, Scott McPherson, Barb Brooks, Hugh Conklin, Jeff Gaither, Dan Meads, John Lamont and Andy Kovolski

Others: There were 2 citizens in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION

2014-01-001
Moved by Sansom
Second by Towne

2014-01-001A
Approval of the December 10, 2013 City Regular City Commission meeting minutes as presented

2014-01-001B
Approval of Traffic Control Order #131 rescinding the 15 minute parking space located on the west side of East Street between Water Street and Ray Street, returning it to a two hour parking space in accordance with the remainder of the block

2014-01-001C
Approval to appoint Jason Biskner to the Planning Commission for the remainder of the May 31, 2014 term vacated by Gretchen Crum

2014-01-001D
Approval to appoint Michelle Cortright to the Main Street Board for a four year term expiring on January 18, 2018

2014-01-001E
Approval to appoint Ben VanDam to the Main Street Board for a four year term expiring on January 18, 2018

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Motion carried

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Joe Hauger and AJ Spaay from All Aspects Forestry inquired about the tree trimming contract the City entered into last fall. The 90 day window to do the job has passed and the work hasn't been started. They feel there should be a re-bid of the project and they would love to have the work. This matter was referred to staff.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you note from retiree Yvonne Seamon for the Christmas stipend was received and filed.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Cain reported:

- No changes will be made to our Employee policy regarding changing the hours of eligibility from our existing 40 hours or more per week to 30 hours or more to bring our practices into better compliance with the Federal Affordable Care Act. This

- portion of the act has been pushed back to January of 2015.
- Kudos to our DPW and W/WW employees for keeping our roads and many sidewalks passable during our recent heavy snows and the many long hours they are working.
- The planning the pavilion public input process that took place before the holidays seems to have been well received. The report that Environmental Architects has prepared is available here for review and is also on our website.
- It looks like there may be significant funds available from the State to facilitate non-motorized transportation to the schools, developing safe crossings and undertaking a variety of programs associated with them, encouraging their safe use. This may help us improve and expand the public sidewalk system in the City.
- Andy and I have been to several meetings over the past few months regarding future federal and state road funds. At last week's Rural Road Task Force 10A which allocated federal and state dollars for transportation projects. \$703,000 in Federal Funds are possibly being set aside for a possible 2015 Court Street construction project. These funds are in no way assured. Initial discussions with the Evangeline Township supervisor have been discussed.
- The Goal Setting session appears to have gone well. The comments submitted have all been recorded. We are looking to open it up to the public and collect their input for another week or so.
- The Boyne City Winter Fest will be held on Saturday January 25th.
- Bids for the Marina renovation project are due January 16. Bids for the City Facilities Architectural services are due this January 17.

Draft Minutes of the December 5, 2013 Main Street Board Meeting; the December 5, 2013 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting; the December 16, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting and the Draft Minutes of the December 16, 2013 Historical Commission Meeting were received and filed.

Barb Brooks provided a project summary of the DIG grant application the City is working on. Plans are to make improvements on two blocks of Ray Street, one block of South East Street and the alley between Ray and Water streets. These improvements include new water and sewer lines, burying overhead lines, new streets and sidewalks and provide better lighting and access. The MEDC will allow the City to apply for \$583,519 in CDBG funds and the City plans to match grant funds with \$250,081 for a total project cost of \$833,600.

Mayor Grunch opened the Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Staff comments included this project and its needs have been discussed several times. City Manager Cain added the new owner of the Dilworth is also aware of this grant. All commissioners agree with moving forward with this.

Mayor Grunch closed the Public Hearing at 7:23 p.m.

2014-01-002
 Moved by Neidhamer
 Second by Towne

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS,
 BOARDS AND STANDING
 COMMITTEES**

**CDBG Ray Street / South
 East Street / Alley
 Infrastructure DIG Grant**

MOTION

To adopt the proposed resolution authorizing City Manager Michael Cain to submit the grant application and sign all the necessary documents on behalf of the City of Boyne City for the CDBG Ray Street / South East Street / Alley Infrastructure DIG Grant

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Motion carried

**Consumers Energy
Contract**

Consideration to approve the proposed Authorization for Change in the Standard Lighting Contract and resolution as presented and authorize the City Manager and / or City Clerk / Treasurer to complete and return all related documents as necessary

City Manager Cain stated we have been working with Consumers Energy to correct errors we believed have existed in their street lighting billings. A proposed contract was provided to allow us to close out an account for 32 lights which have not existed for several years. Not only will we no longer be billed for these non existent lights, we will also be receiving a refund check for three years back, amounting to about \$5,300. To date, we have received credits and refunds from Consumers Energy on street lighting accounts that will benefit the General Fund this fiscal year to the amount of \$45,463.22.

Citizens Comments: None

Staff Comments: None

Board Deliberation: All are in agreement with signing the contract and thanked the City Manager for staying on top of this.

MOTION

2014-01-003
Moved by Towne
Second by Gaylord

To approve the proposed Authorization for Change in the Standard Lighting Contract and resolution as presented and authorize the City Manager and / or City Clerk / Treasurer to complete and return all related documents as necessary

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Motion carried

Review Budget Schedule

Review of proposed FYE 2015 Budget Adoption Schedule and consideration of budget meetings dates (note that the March 18, 2014 All Day Budget Review Session abuts the Capital Conference on March 19 in Lansing)

MOTION

2014-01-004
Moved by Sansom
Second by Gaylord

To approve the proposed FYE 2015 Budget Adoption Schedule and consideration of budget meetings dates documents as necessary

Ayes: 5
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Motion carried

Commissioner Sansom inquired about an intersection on South Park Street. Vehicles parked there are blocking traffic views. Commissioner Gaylord said our roads are done early and said to keep up the fantastic job. Mayor Pro-Tem Towne discussed the large snow pile on the corner of Pine and East Street. Commissioner Neidhamer said he is looking forward to 2014. A lot of irons are in the fire, including the discussion of Court Street.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

2014-01-005
 Moved by Grunch
 Second by Gaylord

CLOSED SESSION
MOTION

To approve the request of the City Manager to go into closed session to consider strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement as provided in MCL 15.268 (c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976) at 7:55 p.m.

Ayes: 5
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Motion carried

2014-01-006
 Moved by Grunch
 Second by Towne

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION
MOTION

To return to open session at 8:14 p.m.

Ayes: 5
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Motion carried

City Manager Cain summarized the Police Union Contract proposal for a one year contract, 3% pay increase, health insurance remains the same, Health Savings Account deposits remain the same, accept the holiday pay and paperless pay language.

RATIFY POLICE UNION CONTRACT
MOTION

Commissioner Gaylord said the one year contract is a deviation of past history but is very comfortable with the proposal. All other Commissioners agree.

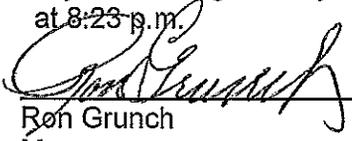
2014-01-007
 Moved by Towne
 Second by Sansom

Approve to ratify the Police Union Contract as proposed, authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to sign all documents subject to City Attorney review and approval.

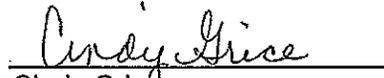
Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Motion carried

Moved by Mayor Grunch, seconded by Commissioner Gaylord to adjourn the regular City Commission meeting of January 14, 2014 at 8:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Ron Grunch
Mayor



Cindy Grice
Clerk / Treasurer