

**MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MACKINAW CITY**

7:00 P.M.

January 3, 2008

President Wallin called the meeting to order and the following Trustees answered roll call – Lana Jaggi, Matt Yoder, Belinda Mollen, James Alford, Janelle Bancroft and Jeff Hingston. Also present Manager J. Lawson, Chief P. Wyman and Clerk E. Clemens.

Visitors list attached.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Alford and supported by Yoder to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Alford and supported by Mollen to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2007 Regular meeting as presented. Voice vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Alford and supported by Hingston to pay the bills. Discussion. Trustee Alford inquired:

- 1) What does the Michigan Rural Water Association do for the Village? Manager Lawson stated that it is a State membership that all municipalities are to participate in, and have inspections approximately every other year.
- 2) Why is the Village paying for the CG Cutter Mackinaw marker? Manager Lawson stated that this expense had been approved a year or two ago. Originally was approved for the Chief Wawatam dock, then the cutter was added to the reverse side of the marker; basically two markers for one price.
- 3) Is the laptop being purchased by the water/sewer department for the automatic meter read system? Manager Lawson stated yes it was, but the purchase amount also includes the software necessary to run the program.

Roll call on the motion: Ayes - Jaggi, Yoder, Mollen, Wallin, Alford, Bancroft and Hingston. Motion carried.

Manager's Report presented. Trustee Alford asked for clarification on the Central Avenue streetlights. Manager Lawson stated that if the electrical system for the tree lighting is to take place, it should be done prior to the resurfacing of Central Avenue which is planned for 2011. Staff reported that he received a cost estimate from C2aE of approximately \$350,000 to replace the electrical system, and that the objective is to replace the system over the next several years prior to the resurfacing. The resurfacing project is estimated to cost \$350,000, and that 80% of the resurfacing cost is available through grant funding; however, grant funding does not apply to the engineering portion.

Kay Stemkoski inquired what it would take to resurface N. Huron Avenue. Manager Lawson stated it would have to come out of the Capital Improvement Schedule, as it does not meet grant funding qualifications as it is classified as residential. The funding would have to be made a priority by Council.

Joann Leal inquired again on the number of trash barrels left on the streets during the winter. Felt that the 81 barrels along S. Huron and E. Central Avenues were too many and too costly to be out this time of year. Manager Lawson stated that the trash barrels were designed to be outside, and that if they were removed would still be stored outside. They have been moved out of the salt path. Currently some benches have been removed from the sidewalks and are being stored behind the salt building.

Trustee Alford inquired how long the fire contracts would be postponed. Manager Lawson stated that he felt that Wawatam Township may be ready to sign soon, but according to a hand-delivered correspondence from Mackinaw Township, they would not be meeting until late January 2008 as their January 15, 2008 meeting is being pre-empted by the primary election. Therefore, their response won't be received until after that. Will notify Council when received, and will then go back to subcommittee.

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Police Report presented. Chief Wyman stated that he hoped to have his year-end report completed by the next meeting.

**Public/Council comments:**

- 1) President Wallin stated that he felt the Q/A session with Attorney Evashevski was informative and helpful. He also commended St. Ignace News reporter for his detailed reporting of the session in the January 3, 2008 edition.
- 2) Ward Dexel expressed that he felt the benches were in bad shape. Manager Lawson stated the benches are washed and painted in the springtime at the DPW building, and that last year approximately 50 of them had been done.

**New Business:**

Motion Hingston and supported by Bancroft to approve the Special Event Application to utilize the pavilion for the Dalmac Bicycle Tour for August 31, 2008. Voice vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Bancroft and supported by Mollen to approve the two (2) Trolley Applications from the Mackinaw Trolley Company from May 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008. Discussion. President Wallin asked for clarification of the major thoroughfares. Manager Lawson stated these would be the primary commercial corridors, Nicolet, Central and Huron Avenues. Voice vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

Christine Michalak inquired of Staff that if there were any deviations from the approved application as far as routes or dates/times for the trolley operations, what the procedure would be for approval. Manager Lawson replied that major deviations really should not occur, but if there are any changes then Staff should be notified as soon as possible.

President Wallin read a prepared closing comment concerning his thoughts on the purpose of the Tracy/Dean reconsideration vote.

**Committee Meetings:**

1. Ordinance - Tuesday, January 8, 2008 - 9:00 A.M. - Discuss Business License Ordinance.
2. Utilities - Tuesday, January 8, 2008 - 4:00 P.M. - Discuss Water/Sewer Rate Structure.

Trustee Hingston requested members of Council review the communication from Attorney Evashevski concerning the Business License Ordinance draft prior to the Ordinance Subcommittee meeting, and if there are any questions that they be directed to him or Staff.

Motion Alford and supported by Jaggi to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Voice vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted;

Ronald E. Wallin; President

Elizabeth J. Clemens; Clerk