

CITY OF EVART
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 21, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Carlson, Keysor, Schmidt, Sherman and Walter.

Guests: Rebecca Tea, Melora Theunick, Buck Vallad, Patrick Muczynski, Angela Rollofs, Connie Underhill, Arnold Dodde and Jim White, City Attorney.

Comments: A Citizen appeared before Council to protest City Hall being closed Fridays.

Mayor Schmidt thanked Chemical Bank for painting City Hall.

Moved by Sherman, supported by Carlson to amend the agenda as follows:

1. 2014 Fire Truck.
2. Street Closure for Christmas in a Small Town.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Walter, supported by Keysor to approve the minutes of October 7, 2013.

Passed unanimously

DDA

The DDA Committee discussed the following:

1. Christmas in a Small Town.
2. The Cruikshank Building.
3. Dig Grant.
4. Speed's Building to be demolished.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Walter reported the Osceola County EMS two year contract, was approved for January 14, 2014 thru December 16, 2016.
2. The department will have a Halloween Party, October 31, 2013.
3. They held a house burn.
4. Purchased a washer and dryer.

The Auditors from Baird, Cotter and Bishop P.C. presented their report of the completed Budget.

Moved by Walter, supported by Keysor to give the City Manager, Zackary Szakacs authorization to sign the MDOT Contract No. 2013-0509 for Federal Project No. D-26-0141-1012 between the City of Evart and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Passed unanimously by Councilpersons, Carlson, Keysor, Schmidt, Sherman and Walter.

Moved by Walter, supported by Keysor for approval of the plans and specs and to authorize the next Phase of the project which will include, but not be limited to final design, bid spec, and bid letting for a new water and sewer line, sidewalk and curb south of US 10 on Pine Street, thence south to Railroad Ave. at an approximate cost of \$174,301.65.

Passed unanimously

Walter informed Council that the Fire Department is purchasing a new Fire Truck at a cost of \$150,000 with yearly payments of \$17,000.

Moved by Schmidt, supported by Carlson to approve closure of Railroad Ave. from Main Street west to Pine Street thence north to the Iron Skillet for Christmas in a Small Town to be held December 7, 2013.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Keysor, supported by Sherman to approve the vendor's list (\$52,350.39), payroll (\$26,146.22) and manual checks (\$4,430.47).

Passed unanimously

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

City Hall is changing to winter hours effective November 1, 2013. Winter hours will be 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Business hours will be 7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. beginning Monday, March 11, 2014.

Kelly Marsh has updated the City's Website. The address is evart.org.

Mark Wilson is certified as an instructor to conduct a Hunter's Safety Course.

The Police Department will have double coverage for Halloween.

Moved by Keysor, supported by Sherman to adjourn at 7:40 P.M.

Passed unanimously