

CITY OF EVART
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 4, 2013

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

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

Guests: Ryan Douglas, Tommy Hawley, Buck Vallad, Melora Theunick, Patrick Muczynski, Charmaine Lucas and Jim White, City Attorney.

Comments: Officer Gebben would like Council to attend the Neighborhood Watch Meeting, March 27, 2013 at the Moose Lodge.

Moved by Sherman, supported by Walter to approve the agenda as presented.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Sherman, supported by Walter to approve the minutes of February 18, 2013.

Passed unanimously

LDFA

Melora, Jim White and Paul Brown are working on an agreement with the Townships regarding a Master Plan for the West and East ends of the City, either thru a 425 agreement or consolidation.

The sign Committee met and is preparing a drawing for the entrance signs to the City.

The Farmers Market has requested moving from the Airport property to the North Side of the Depot.

Melora is seeking donations for the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 30, 2013.

The Citizens Committee met to review the Feasibility Study. They are working to engage Citizens from the Community in having a broader understanding of a Municipal Electric Utility Project for the City.

Melora is busy trying to get Electricity to Well #10. It will cost approximately \$1200. Duane DeWitt has requested it be an underground service.

The City Manager reported the Agri-Valley drawings have been approved.

The sewer and water rates will be removed from the agenda.

Council will review the 2012-2013 Budget after the March 18th Council Meeting. The City Manager will E-mail Council a copy of the proposed Budget to study before the Meeting.

Zack and Jim White are reviewing the contract from Tucker Communications.

Charmaine Lucas appeared before Council to report the Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal provided by Osceola-Lake Conservation District would be Saturday, October 12, 2013 at the Road Commission North Facility, 13353 Twenty Mile Road, Tustin, MI. The City will pay a service fee of \$500.

Moved by Walter, supported by Keysor to allow the Farmers Market to move from the Airport Property to the North Side of the Depot.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Sherman, supported by Keysor to adjust the sewer portion of the water bill for two residential properties at 816 N. Pine St. and 725 N. Oak St. that had split water lines, causing high water usage. The water went into the ground, not the sewer.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Walter, supported by Sherman to approve up to \$5000 towards replacing a cracked head on truck # 22. The money to be transferred from line item 100-000-000-101 in the General Fund to Repairs and Maintenance 661-599-000-930.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Walter, supported by Sherman to approve the City of Ewart Poverty Exemption Guidelines and Asset Test for Tax Year 2013 written in accordance with the General Property Tax Act 206, Section 211.7u.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Moved by Keysor, supported by Sherman to approve the vendor's list (\$34,338.68), payroll (\$25,501.25) and manual check list (\$250,859.98).

Passed unanimously

City Manager Report:

1. Mr. Szakacs will invite Vicki Cushman (City Assessor) to the Master Plan Meeting with Osceola and Evert Townships, regarding 425 agreements.
2. The 4th of July Parade will be held at 11:00 A.M. and go straight to Riverside Park West.
3. M-Dot is questioning why the City is putting so much money into the airport for the City being so small.
4. He has met with Department Heads on their Budgets.
5. Zack attended a meeting of the Osceola County Broadband Expansion Team.

Attorney Report:

Mr. White has been busy working on Police Department issues.
He is working with Sue Wyngarden on Dean's water and sewer issue.
Attorney White is reviewing the contracts with Agri-Valley and Tucker Communications.

Moved by Schmidt, supported by Carlson to adjourn at 7:45 P.M.

Passed unanimously