

## Regular Council Meeting

September 8, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Present:** Foster, Carlson, Elliott, Sherman, Keysor

Zackary Szakacs, City Manager. Sarah Dvoracek, City Treasurer. Heather Pattee, City Clerk.

**Guest:** Mark Wilson, Department of Public Works Supervisor. Helen Young, Andy Duffy, Rick Machleit, Jim White, City Attorney. James Holihan, Lane Johnston, Don Tatara II Al Weinberg, DDA Director.

**Citizens Comments:** Rick Machleit Thanked Council for the new flags at the Police station. Al Weinberg invited anyone from the City of Ewart to join the Osceola Leadership Summit.

**Amendments to the agenda:** Motion moved by Foster supported by Sherman to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Keysor pointed out that in the August 17, 2015 meeting that the Council had deleted the Airport Commission, Building Authority, and Finance Committees. This was missing from the draft minutes.

Motion moved by Keysor supported by Carlson to approve the August 17, 2015 minutes with the corrections. Motion passed.

Council reviewed cemetery commission meeting minutes from the August 26, 2015 meeting.

**LDFA:** Melora Thuenick absent. No report.

**DDA:** Al Weinberg, DDA Director commented that the concert series showed bigger numbers than last year. Last year they made \$ 22,632.00, this year they made \$ 27,497.00 plus a \$ 6,000.00 grant. Al wanted to thank Kristen and Gregg Sherman for volunteering to pull weeds from the new bump outs. This fall/winter the DDA will be starting a naming campaign for the pocket park. The DDA will be relisting the Corner Cupboard for purchase or demo. This week Ewart had its first electric car charge at the charging station.

**Unfinished Business:** 1.) Motion moved by Keysor supported by Foster to appoint Carlson to the Police Committee, Planning Commission, and the Labor Relations board. 2.) Keep T-Mobile/Ag Valley on the agenda till the next Council meeting September 21, 2015, Jim White will do more research regarding the contract. 3.) Motion moved by Foster supported by Elliott to move forward on the design work for S. Hemlock from OHM. Approving \$ 26,400.00. Authorizing the City Manager to sign the contract.

**New Business:** Motion moved by Foster supported by Keysor to charge \$1.00 an hour for the use of the car charging station. Motion passed.

**City Treasurer:** Council set the time for Halloween as 5-8 p.m. on Saturday October 31, 2015 as the official time. Motion moved by Foster supported by Carlson to accept the vendors list. Motion passed.

**City Manager:** Meets with MEDC, MI Works this week regarding the rising tide project. The River clean up this weekend, September 12, 2015 if anyone wants to volunteer.

**Police Department: No report.** Patrick McClure passed his shadow phase and working on his own now.

**Department of Public Works:** 1.) Motion moved by Foster supported by Keysor to purchase a 2015 Toolcat Model 5610 G Series with an 86 inch snowblade. Motion passed. The 2009 Toolcats attachments (6) will be compatible with the new one. The Department of Public works will keep the 2009 Toolcat also. 2.) Motion moved by Foster supported by Sherman to raise the cemetery rates by \$ 50.00 for any funerals after 3:00 p.m. to offset the overtime paid to employees. Motion passed.

**Water and Sewer Department:** No report.

**City Attorney:** Continuing work on ordinances and Police business. Will pass on information regarding the planning and zoning committees.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.