

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF EAST TAWAS CITY COUNCIL MAY 18, 2009

Meeting called to order by Mayor Bruce Bolen at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the East Tawas City Hall.

Present: B. Bolen, L.Bolen, Cano, Klenow, Look and McMurray.
Absent: Freel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered.

McMurray moved, Look seconded, CARRIED, to approve the agenda as presented.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

Klenow moved, Cano seconded, CARRIED, to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2009 budget work session and May 4, 2009 regular meeting as presented.

The following correspondence was noted: a letter for the State of Michigan Department of Treasury notifying Assessor Rhonda Sells that she successfully completed the Property Tax Law home study course and passed the examination on the course and an invitation to attend a meeting on the Sunrise Coastal Coalition Pure Michigan Campaign.

Council Committee Reports: Councilwoman Bolen reported that the Compensation Committee is looking at the Rehmann Robson compensation study and other information and is not yet ready to make a full report.

Staff Report: City Manager Leslie reported that William Look and Sons has been notified that they will be losing their GM franchise in September 2010. The dealership has fifteen days to respond to the notification and Howard Look has asked for a letter of support from the City to include with the response. City Manager Leslie will prepare a letter for Mayor Bolen to sign on behalf of the City. City Manager Leslie reported that there has been a problem with the computer for the heating system in the Community Center and Colvin Plumbing and Heating is working to correct the problem. He also reported that Dwayne Colvin informed him that he is working with a company from Manistee, Mariah Power, for wind turbines and would be willing to give the City half off on the purchase of a wind turbine. City Manager Leslie will get more information. City Manager Leslie reported that he will be attending a workshop on Capital Improvement Plans this week. He also reported that Maple Tree Apartments is looking at additional landscaping and is interested in getting permission to install landscaping on the city-owned property located between Maple Tree I and Maple Tree II. He also reported that he had spoken with Craig Scott from Waste Management and was assured if the City participated in a recycling program, the materials would be taken to a recycling facility. Mr. Scott offered to schedule a tour of the facility if anyone is interested.

TIFA Director Pasakarnis reported that the Authority would be holding a special meeting on Tuesday, May 26th to discuss the two parking lots that were originally eliminated from the Streetscape project. The Authority will be considering how to spend the money that was saved by eliminating the brick crosswalks and compass rose. R. C. Hendrick and Son feels that there should

be about \$200,000 in give backs from the contractors for the elimination of this work. There is also money in the contingency fund that could be used for the parking lots. TIFA will be looking at how much of the parking lot work can be completed within the financial constraints. Bids will be sought once TIFA decides the scope of the project. Director Pasakarnis also reported that today's Detroit Free Press has an article on cruise ships that mentions our efforts to get cruise ships to our harbor. She also noted that Attorney Bill Reising has been given all of the information about the downtown ADA ramps and he is preparing a response to M.C. Smith Associates' termination of contract notice. Mayor Bolen urged the Authority to give a hard look at what needs to be done to the parking lots to make them functional without the expense of doing everything in the project as originally designed. Council members also suggested that TIFA wait to resurface Newman Street until Fall 2009 or Spring 2010.

Klenow moved, Cano seconded, CARRIED, to receive the minutes of the April 7, 2009 regular meeting of the Huron Shore Regional Utility Authority, the minutes of the April 30, 2009 special meeting of the Huron Shore Regional Utility Authority, the April report from the Fire Department, and the May minutes of the Tax Increment Finance Authority and Park Board.

L. Bolen moved, McMurray seconded, CARRIED, to adopt the Maple Tree Apartments PILOT Ordinance to be known as Ordinance No. 320 with an effective date of June 9, 2009. Yes: B. Bolen, L. Bolen, Cano, Klenow, Look, and McMurray.

Look moved, McMurray seconded, CARRIED, to follow the recommendation of City Manager Leslie and DPW Superintendent Tom Lixey and purchase the International truck from Wieland Sales Inc. of Bay City at a cost of \$63,848 and the equipment package as detailed in Division B from Truck and Trailer Specialties of Boyne Falls for \$41,735.61. Yes: B. Bolen, L. Bolen, Cano, Klenow, Look, and McMurray.

Bills and transfers having been properly presented, Look moved, McMurray seconded, CARRIED, that these transactions be approved. Yes: B. Bolen, L. Bolen, Cano, Look, and McMurray. Abstain: Klenow.

Mayor Bolen asked Council members to review the draft budgets and contact Clerk/Treasurer Baker if there were any questions. If Council members determine that another budget work session is needed, one will be scheduled for next week to give Clerk/Treasurer Baker time to make the adjustments before the budget hearing on Monday, June 1st.

Mayor Bolen commented that the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance being researched by the Planning Commission to allow electronic message signs appear to be the natural progression to the use of new technologies. City Manager Leslie and Councilman McMurray mentioned that the Planning Commission seems to view electronic message signs favorably but has concerns with the use of animation, the frequency of change allowed and the zoning districts in which the signs would be allowed. The Planning Commission will be holding another public hearing on the proposed amendments at its June meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Blinda A. Baker
Clerk/Treasurer