

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF EAST TAWAS CITY COUNCIL JULY 19, 2010

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, Freel, Klenow, Look and McMurray.

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered.

Klenow moved, Cano seconded, CARRIED, to approve the agenda as presented.

Public comments on agenda items: Kevin Jungquist was present to comment on the proposed amendment to the UDAG Reuse Policy.

Public comments on non-agenda items: Kevin Jungquist, Chair of the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA), issued an invitation to the Council to meet with the TIFA Board concerning the responsibility for maintenance items within the district. A meeting will be scheduled and a list of items for discussion will be prepared.

McMurray moved, Freel seconded, CARRIED, to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2010 regular meeting as presented.

The following correspondence was noted: a thank you note from Falker Veterinary Care Center, a thank you from Sue Duncan representing the Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce, and a letter from ITC Holding Corp. regarding energy transmission.

There were no Council Committee Reports.

Staff Report: City Manager Leslie indicated that he had received a couple calls concerning mosquitos and he is getting cost estimates in case the Council is interested in spraying for mosquitos. Park Manager Frank reported that five vehicles in the City campground were vandalized this past weekend as well as one vehicle in the Day Use Area. He also reported that he would be meeting with Doug Morse from MDNRE concerning the possibility of filling a small area at Durant Park in order to construct a new youth softball field. Fire Chief Deckett reported that Bob Hester had a heart attack over the weekend and had a stent inserted but is doing well.

Klenow moved, Freel seconded, CARRIED, to receive the June report of the Fire Department, the June Tawas Police Authority Activity Report, the corrected minutes of the June Park Board meeting, the minutes of the June 24, 2010 Special Tawas Police Authority meeting, the July minutes of the Tawas Police Authority, Tawas Utilities Authority, Planning Commission, Tax Increment Finance Authority, and Park Board and the minutes of the July 16<sup>th</sup> UDAG meeting.

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

Discussion was held on the proposed amendment to the Division of Platted Land Ordinance that was included in the Council packet. Councilman Freel noted that he had discussed a proposed amendment with Zoning Administrator Torrey and Don Wortman from Carlisle/Wortman Associates which differed from the one presented to Council. It was the consensus of the Council to have the new wording incorporated in the proposed amendment for presentation at the next Council meeting.

It was the consensus of the members to advertise for proposals for use of the City's waterfront building because there has been interest expressed by other individuals and the current lease with Klenow's Dockside expires on September 30, 2010.

Klenow moved, Freel seconded, CARRIED, to approve the amendments to the 2009-2010 General Fund and Local Street Fund budgets as recommended by Clerk/Treasurer Baker. Yes: B. Bolen, L. Bolen, Cano, Freel, Klenow, Look, and McMurray.

Kevin Jungquist, a member of the Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) Reuse Board, was in attendance to present an amendment to the UDAG Reuse Policy that is being recommended by the UDAG Reuse Board. The proposed amendment would allow the Reuse Board to award matching funds façade grants to eligible business owners and operators upon submission of an application and in accordance with specific guidelines and requirements. Discussion was held concerning the pros and cons of the establishment of a grant program. Following a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to ask the UDAG Reuse Board to provide more information, including the proposed criteria for the grant program, before a decision is made on amending the Reuse Policy.

Councilman Freel noted that downtown East Tawas is looking great and the outdoor seating areas are a great addition to the downtown. He also mentioned a potential safety issue with the railroad tracks near the US-23/Newman Street intersection. City Manager Leslie will ask a representative from Lake State Railway to come to a Council meeting to discuss safety issues.

City Manager Leslie reported that a meeting is being scheduled with representatives from Norman Corporation for an update on the store completion project prior to the next Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Blinda A. Baker  
Clerk/Treasurer