

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Novitke.

Roll Call: Mayor Novitke
Council members: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Sucher, Waldmeir
Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Wollenweber
City Attorney Don Berschback
City Clerk Hathaway
Director of Public Safety Makowski
Director of Public Works Ahee
Building Inspector Tutag

The following Commission members were in attendance:

Thomas Fahrner, Mayor's Mack Avenue Business Study Committee
Gabriella Boddy, Beautification Commission
Lee Allcut, Board of Canvassars

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Bryant, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir
No: None
Absent: None

The next item was approval of the City Council minutes dated October 5, 2009.

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Bryant, that the City Council Minutes dated October 5, 2009, be approved as amended:

- City Administrator's Contract, Page 3, insert, "Change 400 gallons of gasoline to 800 gallons of gasoline to reflect a 12 month (annual) contract."

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding **Milk River Drain Millage**, that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the Committee-of-the-Whole at their meeting on October 5, 2009, and keep the millage rate at 3.082 mills and offset expenditures by approximately \$400,000 from the Grosse Gratiot Drain Fund Balance, subject to verification by Administration as to the need and itemization of the \$411,000.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding Milk River Drain Millage, to amend the previous motion by deleting, "and offset expenditures by approximately \$400,000 from the Grosse Gratiot Drain Fund Balance, subject to verification by Administration as to the need and itemization of the \$411,000."

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir
No: None
Absent: None

Administration was directed to provide a detailed line item as to why there is an additional \$115,000 with respect to Milk River Drain.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Dickinson, regarding **Certification of Election Inspectors/Receiving Board**, that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the Election Commission at their meeting on October 13, 2009, and approve the Certification of Board of Election Inspectors and Receiving Board as presented.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Dickinson, regarding Certification of Election Inspectors/Receiving Board, that the City Council approve compensation as contained on the Certification of Election Inspectors to provide for flat rate compensation for all regular precincts and absent voter counting board \$155 - Chair, 140 – Co-Chair, and \$125 Inspectors.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Granger, regarding Certification of Election Inspectors/Receiving Board, that City Council provide for additional election expenses that includes \$45.00 for each Receiving Board member, \$10.00 per Chair for cell phone use, and an amount not to exceed \$262.00 for training.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Howle, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding the Historical Commission, that Council voice no objection to the following mayoral appointment:

Name	Address	Term Expiration
Joseph A. Mason	1651 Hollywood	12/31/09

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, regarding **2010 Family Bike Tour**, that the City Council concur with the Recreation Commission at their meeting on October 13,

2009, and approve the 2010 Family Bike Tour event to be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir
No: None
Absent: None

Hearing no objections, regarding **resignation – Tree Commission**, the Mayor accepted the resignation of Tom Solomon from the Tree Commission with regret, and directed the City Clerk to forward an appropriate Certificate of Appreciation.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding **stop sign removal program**, that the City Council conclude this portion (Hunt Club/Helen and Fleetwood/Helen) of the stop sign removal program and move on with the next five locations.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Howle, seconded by Granger, regarding **Legal Proceedings: CMC Telecom Inc vs. City of Grosse Pointe Woods**, that the City Council to refer this to City Attorney Berschback, City Treasurer/Comptroller Irby, and the City's Insurance Carrier.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Howle, regarding the **Financial Report** of the City Administrator for the month of September 2009, be referred to the Finance Committee for review.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Bryant, regarding **Tree Commission purchases**, that the City Council approve an amount not to exceed \$300 to purchase two specimen trees to be planted at Lake Front Park, and an amount not to exceed \$600 to purchase 500 saplings to be given to all 3rd graders during Arbor Week presentations next year, to be taken from the Tree Commission Account No. 101-105-880.700.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, regarding **DPW Security System**, that the City Council approve a contract with:

Abel Electronics
27201 Harper Ave.
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

For a security system upgrade (Pelco DX8100 (CD/DVD)) at a cost not to exceed \$10,540.31; \$9,956.31 to be charged to 401-901-970.103 and \$584.00 to Account 101-441-818.000.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Howle, seconded by Bryant, regarding **DPW Trucking Services**, that the City Council approve a contract with:

Hernden Trucking Company
24293 24 Mile Road
Macomb, MI 48042

To provide trucking services for the period November 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011, in an amount not to exceed \$84,000 per fiscal year.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Howle, seconded by Bryant, regarding **proclamation – National Family Caregiver's Month**, that the City Council voice no objection to the issuance of this Mayoral proclamation.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir
No: None
Absent: None

Under New Business and hearing no objections, the following items were discussed:

The following individual wished to be heard regarding the **Grosse Pointe North Dance Team pumpkin sale Fundraiser**:

Renee Sherry
GPN Dance Team Fundraiser Chair

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding pumpkin sale fundraiser, that the City Council grant the request of the Grosse Pointe North Dance Team to sell pumpkins in front of City Hall on October 24 through October 25, 2009, from 11 am to 2 pm.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, to amend the previous motion by adding, “. . . and that this group abide by all reasonable requests and regulations imposed by Administration.”

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir
No: None
Absent: None

The City Clerk was heard regarding adopting a **proposed resolution regarding HB 5279 – Overseas Absentee Ballot.**

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Dickinson, that the City Council concur with the City Clerk's recommendation to support passage of HB 5279 and direct the City Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, Senator Martha G. Scott, State Representative Timothy Bledsoe, County Clerks Garrett, Johnson, and Sabaugh, and the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Howle, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:27 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk