

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROGERS CITY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009

Mayor Hall presided and called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with Council Member Nowak leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT – Council Members Darrin Darga, Debra Greene, Gary Nowak, Thomas Sobeck, and Mayor Beach Hall.

OTHER CITY PERSONNEL PRESENT – City Mgr. Mark Slown, City Atty. Michael Vogler, and Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Heinzl.

Addition to Agenda: At the request of City Mgr. Slown, Council was agreeable to add “Approval of Payment Request No. 4 – Meridian Construction”. Council Member Nowak suggested adding “Authorization to Pay Contractor for Erie Street Work”. It was also suggested that a meeting change for August 4, 2009 regular Council Meeting be added as well. All three additions were approved by consensus of the Council.

It was moved by Council Member Greene, seconded by Council Member Sobeck, that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 7, 2009 be approved as written.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

COASTAL COALITION/TRAVEL MICHIGAN CAMPAIGN

Anne Belanger, Brian Wagner, and Mayor Hall have been attending the meetings of the Coastal Coalition. The purpose of these meetings is to market the US23 corridor from Standish north to Mackinaw City. Belanger prepared a ten-minute power point presentation that will be used by the members of the coalition to garner financial support for the endeavors of the group. The advertising campaign will require \$60,000: \$30,000 to come from the six counties with a matching grant of \$30,000 from the State of Michigan. The estimated contribution from Presque Isle County is \$5,100 towards the marketing campaign. Belanger added that there are several copies of the power point presentation available to anyone interested in getting the word out. Council was supportive of the work already completed and agreed that promotion of Presque Isle County is valuable.

Curtis Goldsborough, a resident of Rogers City and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, recently was named as production director at Sunrise Productions in Onaway. He explained his role as production manager and what he has achieved over the past twelve months including developing programming for the local service channel in the Onaway area. He would like to offer Rogers City some of his programming for Channel 99 asking no compensation, but to provide an opportunity for more people to view his county-wide work. Council Member Nowak suggested that Goldsborough work with the City Manager. This generated a brief discussion on the involvement of the Technology Advisory Board (TAB), which prompted Council Member Sobeck to clarify the direction of meeting with the City Manager, reporting to Council at the next meeting, and then proceeding to TAB with the information obtained upon meeting with Mr. Goldsborough.

Ken Bradstreet of Wolverine Power addressed Council and provided an update on the Wolverine Power Project. He asked Council to visit their website at www.wolverinecleanenergy.com to check out the information, especially the executive summary. He concluded with a brief explanation of the work that was recently completed on the wind tower.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

CHECK AND INVOICE APPROVAL:

It was moved by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Greene, that the following total fund expenditures be recognized as payments made and payments to be made, approved as such, and the Mayor authorized to sign the check register.

General Fund	244,283.74
Major Street Fund	100,901.41
Local Street Fund	530.72
Community Development Authority	20,807.38
VSCI Capital Projects Fund	66,334.41
Wastewater Treatment Operation Fund	14,875.61
Water Utility Fund	64,028.98
Marina Operations Fund	19,077.30
Garbage Collection Fund	644.29
Equipment Fund	8,486.95
Trust and Agency Fund	114,015.57

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

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CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Atty. Vogler had no report for this meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Mgr. Slown reported on the following:

- **VSCI:** The Watermain Project is completed with the financial reporting to be completed soon. He explained the one issue that was encountered with the project. The Façade Projects (A-P Super Service and Rogers City Theatre) are nearing completion as well. New information was received on the street lights and will be sent to Council via e-mail.
- **Business Incubator:** Scott Campbell prepared a one-page report on the Incubator Project, which was provided to Council.
- **Walkability Audit:** Several persons participated in the Walkability Audit led by Dan Burden on Friday, July 10th. Burden stressed that pedestrians should be the central focus in the City's planning efforts.
- **Charter Update:** Efforts have been made from both Charter and Rocky DeRoque to have the public channel working as it should be.
- **Hawks Service Center:** At Council's request, Ed Sorget is agreeable to meet with Council, but is not financially ready to make a move ahead on this project at this time. A brief discussion was had on a set up a meeting after Slown meets with the Atty. Vogler.
- **Parks Day:** This event is scheduled for Saturday, August 22nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The featured parks will be the Trout River Park and Seagull Point Park.
- **Marina Refinancing:** Staff is working with the Treasury Department, Bond Counsel and the local banks to improve the Marina's financial situation.
- **Miscellaneous Issues:** DPW is painting the City Hall building; Main Street training will soon be available; improvements are being made to the Fossil Park; thanked the Nautical Festival Committee for placing the festival activities advertisement on the property, formerly the Brooks Hotel, now owned by Ted Urban, Jr.; congratulated Jackie Noffze on the grand opening of her flower shop, LeFleur Boutique; Planning Commission will be addressing two issues at their next meeting; complimented the City residents on the impressive gardens and lawns; Darrin Darga and Anne Belanger will attend the grant workshop.
- **Manager's Schedule:** Slown will be attending the City Managers' Workshop in Sault Ste. Marie scheduled for July 29th - 31st.

Council Member Nowak remarked that there are nine contestants entered for the 2009 Nautical Queen's Pageant. He also mentioned that he along with the City Manager attended the meeting to discuss the issue of the courthouse building. There were some individuals that suggested moving the courthouse to the highway area. He suggested that a resolution be prepared for Council to send to the County opposing a move of the County building to the highway. He also asked the City Manager to talk with the CDA to do the same. City Mgr. Slown agreed to prepare a resolution for the next Council meeting.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

Minutes were provided to Council in their meeting packets from the **July 8th CDA Meeting**, the **July 14th Harbor Advisory Committee Meeting**, and the **July 15th Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting**.

LIAISONS: None.

MAYOR:

Mayor Hall reminded everyone about the Hammond Bay Anglers Fishing Tournament scheduled for the July 25th weekend. Due to the number of contestants in the Queen's Pageant, the event is moving back to the high school gym. Hall thanked the 4-H members for providing the flower boxes placed in various areas of the downtown. The Cocktail Cruise, which consists of boaters who are associated with the Port Huron to Mackinac Race, but not actually in the race, will be at the Rogers City Marina on Tuesday, July 28th. It is expected that approximately sixty people will be part of this cruise.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT – HERMAN VOGLER CONSERVATION AREA

Council was provided a copy of the letter from Ralph Stedman, administrator of the Presque Isle Conservation District requesting a \$2,000 annual contribution from the City. The State funding for the Conservation District has been drastically cut and will affect the maintenance and improvements for the Herman Vogler Conservation Area. Council Member Greene expressed her thanks to Stedman for the work he has been able to accomplish, but agreed that the City did not have funds available to honor his request. Council Member Nowak suggested that he approach the area service clubs for contributions. It was agreed that the City's budget could not support the request from Mr. Stedman.

REQUEST FOR USE OF CITY FACILITIES – FAMILY FUN CIRCUS

Mayor Hall moved on to the request from "Family Fun Circus" to visit Rogers City for a one-day event. The booking agent is asking for a 100 ft x 130 ft area for the tent, 150 ft x 200 ft for the entire set up, and access to water. The area being considered is the Public Works Park next to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The lack

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of adequate parking was brought up by Council Member Nowak; however City Mgr. Slown replied that the promoters did evaluate the area for their needs. Slown suggested that Attorney Vogler and he could draft an agreement specifying the details and bring the agreement back to Council for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-89

A motion was made by Council Member Sobeck, seconded by Council Member Nowak, to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to enter into discussions with Family Fun Circus on an agreement for use of City facilities to hold a one-day circus event. Said agreement will be provided to the City Council for approval.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

MICHIGAN GREEN COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Council was provided a draft resolution pertaining to the “Michigan Green Communities Challenge”. Mayor Hall deferred to City Mgr. Slown who attended a meeting earlier today in Gaylord on this same topic. Slown explained what the Michigan Municipal League is trying to encourage energy conservation within the communities and the resolution is the first step. The second step is to consider a “team” to work on this challenge. The discussion continued among Council addressing funding requirements for this cause as well as to what level of commitment is likely needed from the City. The mention of involving TAB in this challenge prompted the request from Council Member Nowak for a recommendation on the future of TAB for the next Council meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-90

The following resolution was offered by Council Member Sobeck, seconded by Council Member Nowak:

WHEREAS, the City of Rogers City wants to emphasize the benefits of energy efficiency and conservation, and

WHEREAS, the City of Rogers City wants to demonstrate that energy efficiency and conservation practices can be applied to the daily governmental operations and to infrastructure projects, and

WHEREAS, the City of Rogers City seeks to find methods of service delivery and operations that conserve energy and resources, savings taxpayer dollars and protecting and preserving the environment, and

WHEREAS, the City of Rogers City recognizes that sound energy efficiency and conservation practices can reduce government costs over the long-term, and

WHEREAS, the City of Rogers City will lead by example to show the practicality and effectiveness of these practices, and

WHEREAS, the City of Rogers City seeks to encourage its citizens and businesses to initiate stewardship activities that benefit the environment and their community.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE City of Rogers City accepts the Michigan Green Communities Challenge and pledges to work toward achieving the goals of the **Basic Challenge** over the next three years.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

PEG CHANNEL PRODUCTION CONTRACT DISCUSSION

Council was provided a copy of the quotation from PI Security & Surveillance for a stationery video recorder for recording the various meetings, which take place in the Council Chambers. The meetings would then be broadcast over the Channel 99 public service station. City Mgr. Slown explained that at this time, he is seeking Council approval to extend the contract of Rene DeRoque while other avenues are reviewed. The review would also include the presentation made earlier in the meeting by Curtis Goldsborough. Slown has spoken with DeRoque about his continued involvement in providing services to the City. Council Member Nowak stated that he is not in favor of a stationery camera; he feels that speakers should be highlighted. He also was concerned about the staff time involved to deal with this. This generated a brief discussion on the topic.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-91

A motion was made by Council Member Sobeck, seconded by Council Member Nowak, to approve the extension of the contract between the City of Rogers City and Rene DeRoque per the terms negotiated in the original agreement.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

Based upon the discussion about the dissatisfaction with the programming presentation on Channel 99, Council asked that a Charter representative be asked to attend the next Council meeting to provide input and answer questions about the recurring problem with the broadcast.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT REQUEST NO. 4 – MERIDIAN CONSTRUCTION

City Mgr. Slown explained that MSHDA reported that there will be a three-week delay in processing requests for funding if there are any outstanding bills. A certified copy of the payment request to Meridian Construction for \$56,915.45 to Meridian Construction (Payment Request No. 4) was provided earlier in the day by Larry Fox of C2AE. A-P Super Service and Rogers City Theatre are the two façade projects included in the payment request.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-92

A motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Greene, to authorize payment of \$56,915.45 to Meridian Construction as detailed in Payment Request No. 4 and certified by Larry Fox of C2AE.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

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AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CONTRACTOR FOR ERIE STREET WATER MAIN PROJECT

Council Member Nowak asked that this agenda item be added for Council to allow payment to the contractor for the Erie Street Water Main Project. Nowak added that payment is to be subject to the City Attorney's and Mayor's review and approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-92

A motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Greene, that payment be authorized to the contractor, Cordes Excavating, for the work done on the Erie Street Water Main Project subject to review and approval by the City Attorney and Mayor.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE

Mayor Hall asked that there be a change in the first regular Council meeting in August due to the opening day of the Nautical Festival scheduled for Tuesday, August 4th.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-93

A motion was made by Council Member Sobeck, seconded by Council Member Nowak, to change the date of the first regular Council meeting in August. Said meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at 7 p.m. rather than Tuesday, August 4, 2009 due to the opening day of the 2009 Nautical Festival.

ROLL CALL: Ayes --- All, the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council Member Nowak stated that the CDA discussed overgrown properties belonging to a local business and asked that the City Attorney to look into having this property cleaned up. Nowak would like to have a report by the next Council meeting.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further to come before Council, Mayor Hall declared the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

BEACH HALL, MAYOR

THERESA A. HEINZEL, CITY CLERK/
TREASURER