

STANDISH CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 15, 2010

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Winslow called the regular meeting of the Standish City Council at 6:10 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Winslow.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Ireland, Winslow, Reno, Sanford, Macaulay

Absent: Nelson, Tunney

MOTION by Reno and supported by Macaulay to excuse the absence of Nelson and Tunney. The motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Winslow moved Item H under New Business, to the end of the agenda for Council consideration.

MOTION by Reno and supported by Ireland to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Elaine Christie of Penny Wize informed the Council of her new business located at the corner of East Cedar Street and North Forest.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Sanford and supported by Reno to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2010 special council meeting and the March 18, 2010 regular council meeting as submitted. The motion carried.

MOTION by Sanford and supported by Reno to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2010 special council meeting as presented. The motion carried.

MOTION by Ireland and supported by Macaulay to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2010 special council meeting as presented. The motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

MOTION by Sanford and supported by Ireland to pay the invoices as submitted in the amount of \$135,142.48. The motion carried.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. *IFT Abatement Reports*

Representatives from Arenac Castings reported that they are resuming operations with 10 employees being called back from layoff by Thursday the 22nd of April.

Representatives from Competitive Machining reported that they are cautiously optimistic and have been receiving orders for work and plan on calling some employees back to work by May 1st.

Representatives from Northeastern Manufacturing reported that new machinery has been installed and quotes for work are being received regularly. Also reported was that 2 employees will be back to work on Monday, April 19th with hopefully more by the end of the week.

B. *Sidewalk Project Update*

Moran reported to Council that he and the DPW Supervisor reviewed the property and that a few curb cuts would be required. Moran stated that it is his intention to bid the project in 3 sections and to possibly place conduit underground for future decorative lighting.

Moran also reported that the Diane Court Street sidewalk removal will begin shortly. Moran stated that the City is waiting for a quote for a cement crusher to remove the existing sidewalk.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. *Public Hearing-First Reading Ordinance #245/Appropriations*

Mayor Winslow opened the Public Hearing at 6:26 p.m.

The following Ordinance #245 was read into the record by the Clerk.

CITY OF STANDISH
COUNTY OF ARENAC
STATE OF MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NUMBER #245

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #135

CITY OF STANDISH
ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

Section #1

Article 13.1 of the Standish City Charter adopted September 22, 1970, provides that the City shall have the legal power to levy and collect taxes for municipal purposes in the sum up to and including 18 mills of assessed value as equalized by the City, and

Section #2

That an election was held on August 6, 1996 providing for unlimited millage for sewer system improvements, and approved by the voters, and

Section #3

That the implementation of the State of Michigan property tax changes, i.e. Proposal A states that property taxes will be based on taxable value instead of assessed value, and

Section #4

That a general tax of 17.9742 mills on the dollar of State Taxable Valuation tax roll for the year 2010 be levied for the purpose of defraying operating expenses, liabilities and debt retirement for the City of Standish.

The Ordinance was duly enacted at the Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Standish held on May 3, 2010.

First Reading:

Second Reading:

B. *Audit Contract Discussion/Approval*

Moran presented Council with a proposed contract from Yeo & Yeo which would cover the period from 2010 to 2015 and asked that it be approved.

MOVED by Macaulay and supported by Reno to accept the audit proposal contract as submitted by Yeo & Yeo for the years 2010 through 2015. A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Sanford, Reno, Ireland, Macaulay, Winslow
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Nelson and Tunney

The motion carried.

C. *Administration Fee for 2010 Tax Collection for Both Summer and Winter Taxes*

MOVED by Reno and supported by Macaulay to collect a 1% administrative fee for the 2010 tax roll collections for both the Summer and Winter Taxes. A roll call vote was taken:

YEAS: Macaulay, Sanford, Ireland, Reno, Winslow
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: Nelson and Tunney

The motion carried.

D. Budget Adjustment 2009/2010 Budget.

MOVED by Ireland and supported by Macaulay to adopt the following budget adjustment for the 2009/2010 budget as follows:

FUND	LINE ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	INC. REV.	INC. EXP.	DEC. REV.	DEC. EXP.
101	000-000-412	DELINQUENT TAX	275.00			
101	000-000-452	PERMIT & LIC. FEES	733.00			
101	000-000-453	LIQUOR LICENSE	75.00			
101	000-000-646	CEMETARY	3250.00			
101	000-000-648	EQUIP. SALES	4960.00			
101	000-000-656	TRAFFIC VIOLATION	1700.00			
101	000-000-665	NOW INTEREST	250.00			
101	000-000-675	DONATIONS	54,000.00			
101	000-000-677	INS. REIMB.	2439.00			
101	000-000-687	REFUNDS & REBATE	1445.00			
101	000-000-692	MISC	32,850.00			
101	000-000-404	ABATED TAXES			14,270.00	
101	000-000-665-001	INVEST. INT.			3,000.00	
101	000-000-683	EQUIP. RENTAL			4000.00	
101	101-000-802	LEGAL		4700.00		
101	101-000-813	DONATIONS		210.00		
101	101-000-860	SCHOOL & TRAVEL		660.00		
101	101-000-813-001	REVENUE SHARING				10,000.00
101	101-000-880-00	COMM. PROM.		1200.00		
101	101-000-914	LIABILITY INS.		9235.00		
101	101-000-975	CAP. EXP.-CITY HALL		250.00		
101	172-000-702	WAGES		30000.00		
101	172-000-704	SALARIES				41,820.00
101	172-000-834	HOSPITALIZATION		9525.00		
101	172-000-836	LIFE & DISABILITY		300.00		
101	172-000-860	SCHOOL & TRAVEL		210.00		

101	172-000-875	SOCIAL SECURITY		1700.00		
101	172-000-931	CONTRACTED		3500.00		
101	172-000-955	MISC		1000.00		
101	191-000-901	PRINTING		175.00		
101	191-000-903	PUBLISHING				100.00
101	191-000-931	CONTRACTED				500.00
101	191-000-955	MISC				100.00
101	209-000-860	SCHOOL & TRAVEL		500.00		
101	209-000-931	CONTRACTED		500.00		
101	215-000-704-00	SALARIES				14,000.00
101	215-000-713-00	HOLIDAY DAY				1,800.00
101	215-000-717-00	VACATION		5600.00		
101	215-000-803-00	AUDIT		160.00		
101	215-000-834-00	HOSPITALIZATION				6000.00
101	215-000-836-00	LIFE & DISABILITY				133.00
101	215-000-860-00	SCHOOL & TRAVEL		280.00		
101	215-000-874-00	RETIREMENT				1200.00
101	215-000-875-00	SOCIAL SECURITY				600.00
101	215-000-901-00	PRINTING		400.00		
101	215-000-931-00	CONTRACTED		2500.00		
101	215-000-955-00	MISC.				100.00
101	253-000-727-00	OFFICE SUPPLIES		100.00		
101	253-000-803-00	AUDIT		250.00		
101	253-000-834-00	HOSPITALIZATION				2000.00
101	253-000-860-00	SCHOOL & TRAVEL		175.00		
101	253-000-931-00	CONTRACTED		2500.00		
101	265-000-920-00	UTILITIES		1135.00		
101	265-000-931-00	CONTRACTED				1500.00
101	267-000-775-00	MATERIALS		160.00		
101	295-000-920-00	UTILITIES		300.00		
101	301-000-777-00	GASOLINE				1000.00
101	301-000-834-00	HOSPITALIZATION		2000.00		
101	301-000-860-00	SCHOOL & TRAVEL				500.00
101	301-000-874-00	RETIREMENT		210.00		
101	301-000-914-00	LIABILITY INS.				6500.00
101	401-000-704-00	SALARIES				2000.00
101	401-000-801-00	PROF. SERVICES				200.00
101	401-000-875-00	SOCIAL SECURITY				100.00

101	441-000-702-00	WAGES				20,000.00
101	441-000-713-00	HOLIDAY		600.00		
101	441-000-715-00	FUNERAL		500.00		
101	441-000-717-00	VACATION		14,000.00		
101	441-000-727-00	OFFICE SUPPLIES				100.00
101	441-000-834-00	HOSPITALIZATION				10,000.00
101	441-000-851-00	TELEPHONE		250.00		
101	441-000-860-00	SCHOOL & TRAVEL		125.00		
101	441-000-878-00	CLOTHING ALLOW.		1400.00		
101	441-000-920-00	UTILITIES		6000.00		
101	441-000-931-00	CONTRACTED				1000.00
101	441-000-940-00	RENTALS		1215.00		
101	441-000-982-00	MISC. EQUIP		280.00		
101	444-000-717-00	DPW VACATION		5500.00		
101	900-000-981-001	CAP. EX.-VEH. DEBT		2800.00		
101	990-000-995-998	INTEREST EXP.		2275.00		
101	900-000-981-00	CAP EXP.-VEHICLES		54000.00		
101	900-000-997-00	CONTINGENCIES		35,080.00		
		TOTALS	107977.00	203,460.00	21,270.00	116,753.00

A roll call vote was taken:

YEAS: Macaulay, Sanford, Ireland, Reno, Winslow

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Nelson and Tunney

The motion carried.

E. *Authorization for Police Vehicle Use*

MOVED by Reno to authorize the Standish City Police Chief the use of the City Police Car to drive back and forth from his residence. The motion was supported by Sanford. A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Sanford, Macaulay, Ireland, Reno, Winslow

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Nelson and Tunney

The motion carried.

F. *March 2010 Board of Review Summary*

Council accepted and reviewed the 2010 March Board of Review activity.

G. *Set Special Meeting Date & Time*

MOVED by Reno and supported by Sanford to set the date of April 29, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. for a special meeting of the Standish City Council for the purpose of a second reading and adoption of Ordinance #245 Appropriations along with the approval of the 2010/2011 Fiscal Year budget for the City of Standish and to hear, discuss and decide on all issues relating to a purchase agreement with the Standish Area Fire Authority. A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Macaulay, Ireland, Sanford, Reno, Winslow
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: Nelson and Tunney

The motion carried.

H. *Land Division Discussion/Approval*

MOVED by Reno and supported by Sanford to approve the Land Division at a fee of \$100.00 to be paid by the Standish Area Fire Authority. Said Land Division is from a 38.58 acre parent parcel #040-1-000-000-005-01 which will become after the division, a three (3) acre parcel numbered 040-1-000-000-005-21 and a 35.38 acre parcel numbered 040-1-000-000-005-11. A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Macaulay, Ireland, Sanford, Reno, Winslow
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: Nelson and Tunney

The motion carried.

J. *P.E.G. Channel Board Appointments*

MOVED by Ireland and supported by Reno to appoint Peggy Burtch and Janice Cuttitta as the City's Representatives for the P.E.G. Public Access Channel. A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Ireland, Sanford, Reno, Macaulay, Winslow
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: Nelson and Tunney

The motion carried.

K. *Foreclosed Properties in the City of Standish*

MOVED by Reno and supported by Macaulay to exercise the City's First Right of Refusal to acquire tax-foreclosed parcels and authorize the City Manager to sign and forward said document to the Arenac County Treasurer. A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Sanford, Reno, Ireland, Macaulay, Winslow
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: Nelson and Tunney

The motion carried.

- A. Mayor Winslow closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance #245 and the 2010/2011 Fiscal Year Budget at 7:15 p.m. with no comments received.

L. *Possible Litigation Discussion*

MOVED by Reno and supported by Ireland to enter into closed session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss possible litigation for the City of Standish. A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Reno, Ireland, Macaulay, Winslow
 NAYS: Sanford
 ABSENT: Nelson and Tunney

The motion carried and the City Council entered into closed session at 7:15 p.m.

MOVED by Macaulay and supported Ireland to reconvene into open session at 7:24 p.m. A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Ireland, Macaulay, Reno, Winslow
 NAYS: Sanford
 ABSENT: Nelson and Tunney

The motion carried.

MOVED by Ireland and supported by Macaulay to direct the City Manager to advise the City Attorney of the City's wishes not to pursue litigation with the State of Michigan Department of Corrections as it relates to the closing of Standish Maximum Security Prison. A roll call vote was taken. Citing a conflict of interest due to the fact that he is employed by the Department of Corrections, Reno abstains from voting.

YEAS: Ireland, Macaulay, Sanford, Winslow
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: Reno
 ABSENT: Nelson and Tunney

The motion carried.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

A. *Loyalty Day Parade*

Mayor Winslow advised the Council that they all have been invited to participate in the May 1, 2010 Loyalty Day Parade.

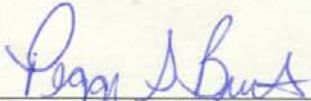
B. *City of Standish Chief of Police – Salary Discussion*

Council discussed the salary of the City of Standish Chief of Police at length as it relates to the 2010/2011 budget. Issues discussed were the amount of salary to be paid, administrative staff current hours, police car and the Union concessions.

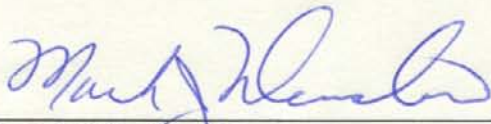
11. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to come before Council, Mayor Winslow adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Peggy S. Burtch
Clerk/Treasurer



Attest: _____
Mark J. Winslow, Mayor