

REGULAR MINUTES
PERE MARQUETTE DEPOT
Tuesday, January 6, 2009

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Belding, Michigan was convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2009.

The City Clerk took the roll call:

Members Present: Council Members Bunce, Stout, Wills, Satterlee and Husted.

Members Absent: None.

Council Member Stout delivered the invocation.

The Mayor led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor called for the City Manager's Report – noted and filed.

The Mayor called for the Consent Agenda.

- A. Approval of Minutes 12-16-08
- B. District Court Lease
- C. DART – Annual Grant Application

Council Member Husted made a motion to approve Item A – Approval of Minutes of 12-16-08, supported by Council Member Wills.

Ayes: Council Members Bunce, Stout, Wills and Satterlee.
Nays: None.
Abstain: Council Member Husted.

Council Member Bunce made a motion to approve Items B and C of the Consent Agenda, supported by Council Member Stout.

The question on the motion was called and the result of the voting is as follows:

Ayes: Council Members Bunce, Stout, Wills, Satterlee and Husted.
Nays: None.

Following are the resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda.

B. DISTRICT COURT LEASE

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-01-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELDING, MICHIGAN APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BELDING AND THE COUNTY OF IONIA FOR THE USE OF THE DEPOT AS A COURTROOM FOR THE 64-A DISTRICT COURT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the use of the Depot as a courtroom for the 64-A District Court is a convenience to the citizens of Belding; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the use of the Depot as a courtroom for the 64-A District Court is an expense saving measure for the City because it prevents the necessity of City employees expending time traveling to Ionia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Belding, Michigan that the lease agreement for the use of the Depot as a courtroom for the 64-A District Court for 2009 is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Belding, Michigan, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the agreement.

C. DART – ANNUAL GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-01-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELDING, MICHIGAN INDICATING THE INTENT TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 UNDER ACT NO. 51 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1951, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended (Act 51), it is necessary for the City of Belding, established under Act 51, to provide a local transportation program for the state fiscal year of 2010, and therefore apply for state financial assistance under the provision of Act 51; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City of Belding, to name a official representative for all public transportation matters, who is authorized to provide such information as deemed necessary by the state transportation commission or department for the administration of Act 51; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to certify that no changes in eligibility documentation have occurred during the past states fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the performance indicators for this agency have been reviewed, and approved by the City of Belding; and,

WHEREAS, the certifications and assurances for state assistance have been reviewed

and approved by the City of Belding; and,

WHEREAS, the accessibility plan amendment for FY 2010 has been reviewed, and approved by the City of Belding; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Belding, has reviewed and approved the proposed balanced (surplus) budget, and funding sources, estimated federal funds \$39,459.00 estimated state funds \$87,846.00, estimated local funds \$105,000.00, estimated fare box \$31,500.00, estimated other funds \$4,000.00 with total estimated expenses of \$250,667.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Belding, hereby makes it's intentions known to provide public transportation services, and to apply for state financial assistance with this annual plan, in accordance with Act 51; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Suzanne Christensen is appointed transportation coordinator, for all public transportation matters, and is authorized to provide such information as deemed necessary by the State Transportation Commission or Department for its administration of Act 51 for 2010.

The Mayor called for Citizen Comments.

There were no citizen comments.

The Mayor called for Council Comments.

Council Member Bunce stated that he would like to thank Mike and the Labor Day Committee for the fireworks show, and he hopes it continues. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council Member Stout had no comments.

Council Member Wills inquired about the status on the bids for the Gibson building for security.

City Manager DeBruine stated that the lower level windows have been done. By next summer, all the windows will be boarded up. They will address the issue next spring. The brick work was supposed to be done. The contractor did not have a generator and there was no electricity. Randy will email council on a date that it will be done.

Council Member Wills referred to a letter from Ionia County Resource Recovery regarding the Pitsch contamination. He stated that council could talk about it at the next meeting.

Council Member Satterlee had no comments.

Mayor Husted stated that the ordinance amendment for sidewalk clearing was approved at the last meeting. The Village of Caledonia enacted a snow clearing policy for six hours after the

snow stops. Homeowners there must also clear sidewalks of vacant lots that touch their property. Our ordinance was generous. He thanked everyone for excusing his absence at the last meeting. He stated that he was looking forward to 2009.

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Bunce moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Council Member Satterlee.

Ayes: Council Members Bunce, Stout, Wills, Satterlee and Husted.

Nays: None.

Mayor Husted adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Shane T. Husted, Mayor

Kareen J. Thomas, City Clerk