

REGULAR MINUTES
PERE MARQUETTE DEPOT
Tuesday, January 20, 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 20, 2009.

The City Clerk took the roll call:

Members Present: Council Members Bunce, Wills and Husted.

Members Absent: Council Member Satterlee and Stout.

Council Member Bunce made a motion to excuse Council Members Satterlee and Stout from the meeting, per Section 4.5(f) of the City Charter, supported by Council Member Wills.

Ayes: Council Members Bunce, Wills and Husted.

Nays: None.

Council Member Wills 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.

City Manager DeBruine will email the trailway spreadsheet to city council members.

The Mayor called for the Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of Minutes 1-6-09

Council Member Wills made a motion to approve the consent agenda, supported by Council Member Bunce.

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

Ayes: Council Members Bunce, Wills and Husted.

Nays: None.

The Mayor called for Citizen Comments.

There were no citizen comments.

The Mayor called for Council Comments.

Council Member Bunce stated that the Master Plan meeting went well and it was interesting to

hear input from the citizens regarding what they want downtown. He thanked Randy for staying on top of the Tol building. The lower windows have been closed up now.

Council Member Wills asked if the Pitsch report had been sent to the lawyer?

City Manager DeBruine stated that he would send it to the lawyer.

Mayor Husted asked if the city should have a monitoring well on the west side of the river?

City Manager DeBruine stated that the DNR was asked to do that, but it was not put in the plan. If the city wants that, they could keep pursuing it.

Mayor Husted asked if the city should put it in? He asked how much a new municipal supply well would cost?

DPW Director Thomas stated that it would be approximately \$1.4 M.

Council Member Wills stated the city should get something in place to assure what is going on.

Mayor Husted stated that the levels being monitored were increasing.

City Manager DeBruine stated the city could pressure DEQ to become more aggressive with Pitsch. In the past DEQ has paid for new wells, but there is no guarantee. The city could be more proactive.

Mayor Husted stated it was a bigger concern to the city, as there would not be as much of an impact to the county.

City Manager DeBruine stated that he would do more work on the issue.

Mayor Husted stated that they should hold only one meeting a month for the next few months.

City Manager DeBruine stated that there could be concern for public comment.

Mayor Husted stated the public is usually not in attendance. Two meetings a month creates a lot of staff time issues to get the reports out and have staff members at the meetings.

Council Member Wills made a motion to hold a city council meeting only on the 1st Tuesday of the month for the next two months (February and March, 2009), supported by Council Member Bunce.

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

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

If necessary, a second city council meeting could be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Council Members Bunce, Wills and Husted.

Nays: None.

Mayor Husted adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Shane T. Husted, Mayor

Kareen J. Thomas, City Clerk