

REGULAR MINUTES  
PERE MARQUETTE DEPOT  
Tuesday, March 17, 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, March 17, 2009.

The Acting City Clerk took the roll call:

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

Members Absent: Council Member Stout.

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

Mayor Husted 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.

Council Member Bunce asked if we were still going to take care of the mold problem at city hall?

City Manager DeBruine stated yes.

City Manager DeBruine stated that if there are block grants we could apply for them. We stand a reasonable chance of getting some.

City Manager DeBruine stated that he could apply for a Category F grant for South Bridge between M-44 and the city limits. That would be a 2011 grant. The Category F grant would be better off being used for Bridge St. or Merrick St.

Ernie Thomas stated that one thing about Crawford is we lost a big industry. Crawford Street is holding up, M-91 is blowing up. You have to evaluate what type of traffic is on it. We look at what kind of traffic is on them and when the roads were serviced last. Things could change if someone comes into the Spectrum building. On South Bridge they should be able to do a mill and fill. It isn't the fault of the concrete; it's just lived its life.

City Manager DeBruine stated that other street in bad condition is Wilson Street between Main to Center. That would cost \$58,000. We would love to do Hall Street all the way to Wilson Street. He stated that he wants to get Washington Street and Hall Street added to the Federal Aid list. It will be a number of years before this can be done because we did not get the Category F grant. He asked council to email comments or give him a call.

Mayor Husted stated that we are running out of time on the budget. He stated that some of the council members were going to be gone for the meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> because of spring break. He asked if we could move the meeting back to April 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Mayor called for Guest – Diane Smith, ICEA

Ms. Smith stated that this was a refresher course that she was here to serve all areas of Ionia County. She stated that she had come to help council be aware. The 2008 Annual Report was given to council. She reviewed the report with council.

The Mayor called for the Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of Minutes 3/3/09

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:

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

The Mayor called for Business Agenda Item A – REZONING OF 121 W. STATE – FIRST READING

#### ORDINANCE NO. 452-A14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BELDING MICHIGAN, INCORPORATED IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELDING (BELDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 452) BY SECTION 3.2, OF THE BELDING CITY CODE.

#### THE CITY OF BELDING ORDAINS

SECTION 1 The Zoning Map incorporated in the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Belding by Section 3.2, of the Belding City Code is amended as follows:

The property rezoned from R-2 (Single Family Residential) to B-2 (General Business) is legally described as:

CITY OF BELDING FAIRHOME ADDN LOT 5

Location: 121 W. State, Belding, Michigan.

SECTION 2 All other parts of the zoning map and zoning ordinance are affirmed and shall remain unchanged.

SECTION 3 A copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Ionia County Register of Deeds.

SECTION 4 This Ordinance shall be published as provided in the City Charter and shall become effective ten (10) days after publication.

The Mayor called for Business Agenda Item B – HOUSING PROGRAM – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

The Acting City Clerk read the preamble to the resolution.

Council Member Satterlee moved the passage of the resolution and the motion was supported by Council Member Bunce.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-03-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELDING, MICHIGAN APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR MSHDA HOUSING RESOURCE FUNDS FOR HOMEBUYER PURCHASE AND REHABILITATION PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Belding is interested in providing affordable housing opportunities for its low-to-moderate income residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recommends that the City of Belding make an application for Housing Resource Funds for homebuyer purchase and rehabilitation projects (HPR); and

WHEREAS, the City of Belding is requesting the application for \$150,000 to be used in the target areas of the City of Belding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belding, Michigan authorizes Marilyn Smith to prepare the application for funding through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's Housing Resource Fund.

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

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

The Mayor called for Citizen Comments.

There were no citizen comments.

The Mayor called for Council Comments.

Mayor Husted stated that he was shocked that more people weren't here. Next is the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, do we want to change that?

Council Member Bunce made a motion to move the April 7, 2009 meeting to April 15, 2009 supported by Council Member Satterlee.

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

Mayor Husted stated that for the eighth year City Manager DeBruine has been recognized with the Financial Excellence Award.

City Manager DeBruine stated that the recognition should go to Sam.

Mayor Husted congratulated both of them.

The Mayor called for Closed Session – Collective Bargaining Negotiations

Council Member Wills made a motion to go into closed session at Bunce 7:50 p.m., supported by Council Member Bunce.

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

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

Council Member Wills made a motion to return to open session at 8:18 p.m., supported by Council Member Satterlee.

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

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Mayor Husted adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

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Shane T. Husted, Mayor

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Elizabeth A. Wilson, Acting City Clerk