

REGULAR MINUTES
PERE MARQUETTE DEPOT
Tuesday, May 5, 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, May 5, 2009.

The Acting City Clerk took the roll call:

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

Council Member Wills made a motion to excuse Council Member Satterlee from the meeting, per Section 4.5(f) of the City Charter, 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 and Husted.
Nays: None.

The Mayor 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 stated that the city received the Home Purchase Grant for \$115,000. We should be able to do about four projects with this money. If we successfully complete these four projects they will give us the remainder of the grant.

City Manager DeBruine recognized the fire department for the fire on Front Street. They had to go in to rescue an individual. He thanked the entire department.

Today the appropriations committee approved the cut of \$35,000 of our funds that were scheduled to come to us by September 30th. He feels that this was unethical. With only two months to go this was not a good sign. It remains to be seen what will happen in the next fiscal year.

The Mayor called for Guest – Mark Novak – Ionia County Health Department

Mr. Novak commented on the new sanitary code that he delivered to the council members at this meeting. The old code was from 1982. There is body art and tattooing as well as open burning and mass assemblies. It is available on line. Mr. Novak mentioned that May 16th was the Household Hazardous Waste Collections, which will be west of McDonalds where the old hospital site is. They will be there from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. He stated that their average collection was approximately 30,000 pounds a year. A lot of the chemicals that they get can be

recycled. They take about everything but ammunition and smoke detectors. They like to have people call for appointments, but if someone shows up they will take them. He has been working on combined sewer overflows and his boss is working on the swine flu.

The Mayor called for Public Hearing – FY 2009/10 Budget

Mayor Husted declared the public hearing open at 7:30 p.m.

City Manager DeBruine gave a review of the budget. The details were given a couple of weeks ago. It was advertised in the paper.

Mayor Husted declared the public hearing closed at 7:31 p.m.

The Mayor called for the Consent Agenda.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 4/21/09

Council Member Stout 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, Stout, Wills and Husted.
Nays: None.

The Mayor called for Citizen Comments.

Mark Novak thanked the fire department for their help on collections each year.

The Mayor called for Council Comments.

Council Member Bunce thanked the fire department for being there on Sunday for the patriot tree.

The Mayor called for Closed Session A – Collective Bargaining Negotiations

Council Member Wills made a motion to enter closed session at 7:33 p.m., supported by Council Member Stout.

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

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

Council Member Stout made a motion to return to regular session at 7:48 p.m., supported by Council Member Bunce.

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

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Bunce made a motion to approve the Police Officers Contract, supported by Council Member Wills.

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

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

Nays: None.

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Husted adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Shane T. Husted, Mayor

Elizabeth A. Wilson, Acting City Clerk