

REGULAR MINUTES
PERE MARQUETTE DEPOT
Tuesday, September 1, 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, September 1, 2009.

The City Clerk took the roll call:

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

Members Absent: None.

Council Member Belding delivered the invocation.

The Mayor led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brian Calley, candidate for the 33rd District State Senate seat, stated he was trying to organize a group of legislatures to stand up against the Speaker of House, Senate Majority Leader and Governor on the way the budget is headed. They are behind closed doors for negotiations, and he is disgraced with the process. He will be calling on the leaders to present a few options. He stated they should vote and get it over with, as the situation will not get better. They should try to find compromises for both sides to come together. That will let people plan accordingly. He chooses to run for an office, rather than running against another person. He runs an issue based campaign, giving an opponent respect, even when the courtesy is not extended to him.

Michael Trebesh, candidate for the 33rd District State Senate seat, stated he had been asked to run, as he is not a career politician. He is a Certified Public Accountant. He is an advocate of farming and small business. They need someone to stand and fight on day one. He was named Small Business Advocate of the Year and Small Business of the Year. He will tell the truth. He would support zero based budgeting. He would firmly fight for revenue sharing. His core values are integrity, transparency and accountability. He would never support unfunded mandates. He believes in local government. He would work hard for them in Lansing. He asked that they check out his website. He has fresh ideas and the energy to carry them out.

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

Gene Hopkins will be present at the next meeting to give his insights on the Gibson building. Anyone wanting to make comments should be present. Council will vote the first meeting of October, if they believe money should be spent to stabilize the building.

Council Member Belding stated she spoke with Jon McGowan, and he talked about having pictures from the Gibson building on a website. He stated he would help.

Council Member Stout stated the landscaping could be expanded to add some color to the Main/Bridge Streets improvements.

Election of Mayor ProTem

Council Member Satterlee made a motion to elect Rick Stout as Mayor ProTem, supported by Council Member Belding.

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

The Mayor called for the Consent Agenda.

- A. Approval of Minutes 8-18-09
- B. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment – Shelley Gladding

Council Member Satterlee made a motion to approve 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, Belding, Satterlee and Wills.
Nays: None.

Following are the resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda.

B. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENT – SHELLEY GLADDING

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-09-63

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELDING, MICHIGAN APPOINTING SHELLEY GLADDING TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Shelley Gladding has indicated an interest in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Belding, Michigan that Shelley Gladding be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire on 09/01/12.

The Mayor called for Business Agenda Item **A – WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT ENGINEERING PROPOSALS – RESIDUALS REMOVAL**

The City Clerk read the preamble to the resolution.

Council Member Stout moved the passage of the resolution and the motion was supported by

Council Member Satterlee.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-09-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELDING, MICHIGAN AUTHORIZING WILLIAMS & WORKS TO PERFORM DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,128 FOR THE REMOVAL OF RESIDUALS FROM PONDS ONE AND TWO AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Belding has received a CDBG grant in the amount of \$596,800 from the MEDC for wastewater improvements; and

WHEREAS, design and construction engineering proposals have been obtained from qualified firms to undertake this project, and

WHEREAS, city staff has recommended that Williams & Works be retained to perform these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belding, Michigan, authorize Williams & Works to perform design and construction engineering services for removal of residuals from ponds one and two in the amount of \$12,128.

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

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

The Mayor called for Business Agenda Item **B – WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS ENGINEERING PROPOSAL – LIFT STATIONS**

The 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 Belding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-09-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELDING, MICHIGAN AUTHORIZING FLEIS & VANDENBRINK TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$30,500 FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING FOR THE WEST ELLIS (CANDLESTONE) AND STOCKING STREET LIFT STATIONS.

WHEREAS, the City of Belding has received a CDBG grant in the amount of \$596,800 from the MEDC for wastewater improvements; and

WHEREAS, design and construction engineering proposals have been obtained from qualified firms to undertake this project, and

WHEREAS, city staff has recommended that Fleis & VandenBrink be retained to perform these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belding, Michigan, authorize Fleis & VandenBrink to perform construction engineering services for the West Ellis and Stocking Street Lift Stations in an amount not to exceed \$30,500.

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

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

The Mayor called for Citizen Comments.

Mike Tefft, Belding Homecoming Committee chairman, asked if there would be tables out at the Belding Café? Would the area be open to the public for the parade route?

City Manager DeBruine stated it could not be blocked off, as it is city right of way. He will talk with Mr. McGowan tomorrow.

The Mayor called for Council Comments.

Council Member Satterlee asked everyone to please come out and enjoy Labor Day. She thanked Mike for doing a great job.

Council Member Belding had no comments.

Council Member Stout wished to send condolences to Sam on the loss of his son. He stated that his heart was sad for him today.

Council Member Bunce had no comments.

The Mayor called for Work Session A – **SCOTT MCNEAL – GUS MACKER TOURNAMENT**

Scott McNeal stated the tournament had 250 teams this year. The proceeds benefitted 12-13 community organizations. The event raised \$5,500. Some local groups also raised funds. It was the 23rd event in Belding. His company puts the tournament on here, and it is a challenge to set it up. Their event could do more than put on a tournament. They wanted to find something that goes beyond basketball. This year they had a food drive and donated it to the local food pantry

at the church. He brought gifts for the city council as a thank you. The event next year is August 7-8. The surface on Depot St. is a little rough. They would like to consider moving the event to Main Street, from the Belding Bros. Café down by the river. They would like that location to be considered for the future. He thanked Ernie and the DPW for helping his staff. All the department heads have been just great over the years. Chief Nelson has been really helpful. Maybe they would use the mall parking lot for the bigger court or registration. They do about 45 tournaments. They would like to move the offices back to Belding.

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Wills adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Roger Wills, Mayor

Kareen J. Thomas, City Clerk