

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

The City Clerk took the roll call:

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

Members Absent: None.

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

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Bunce 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 Belding inquired about the railing at the Belding Bros. building.

City Manager DeBruine stated that he would give the contractor another call. It should be here this week or next.

Council Member Bunce asked when the lights on M-44 could be expected?

City Manager DeBruine stated the lights have been ordered.

The Mayor called for the Consent Agenda.

- A. Approval of Minutes 10-6-09
- B. Temporary Street Closure – Congress St. for Fire Department Open House

Council Member Belding made a motion to approve the consent agenda, supported by Council Member Satterlee.

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

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

Nays: None.

Following are the resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda.

B. TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE – CONGRESS ST. FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-10-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELDING, MICHIGAN SUPPORTING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT’S REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE A PORTION OF CONGRESS STREET FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT’S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY AND OPEN HOUSE.

WHEREAS, the Belding Fire Department would like to temporarily close Congress Street from Bridge Street to Pleasant Street on Saturday October 31, 2009 from 5:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. for the purpose of hosting their annual Halloween Party and Open House.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belding, Michigan supports the temporary closure of Congress Street.

The Mayor called for Business Agenda Item **A – CITY HALL ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT**

The City Clerk read the preamble to the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-10-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELDING, MICHIGAN AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC GROWTH A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,000 FOR CITY HALL ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Belding has been implementing the Michigan Green Communities Challenge in order to become significantly more energy efficient; and

WHEREAS, the historic 1912 City Hall has significant energy inefficiencies that need to be desperately addressed; and

WHEREAS, replacing and repairing the original windows will achieve the largest energy efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Belding is committed to increasing energy

efficiencies and also to improving the historic City Hall.; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost will be approximately \$63,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belding, Michigan authorize the City Manager to submit the grant application to DELEG, and

FURTHERMORE, that the City Manager is authorized to sign the application forms.

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.

The Mayor called for Citizen Comments.

There were no citizen comments.

The Mayor called for Council Comments.

Council Members Satterlee, Bunce and Wills had no comments.

Council Member Belding stated she attended the Museum Dinner Theatre. She felt they did a great job and hopes they do it next year.

The Mayor called for Work Session Agenda Item **A – AUDIT PRESENTATION**

Doug Vredeveld, Vredeveld Haefner LLC, stated the firm gave a good, clean audit opinion of the City of Belding. He reviewed the audit findings and statistics.

The Mayor called for Closed Session Agenda Item **A – CITY MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Council Member Bunce made a motion to enter closed session for the City Manager's performance evaluation at 7:50 p.m., supported by Council Member Belding.

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

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

Council Member Bunce made a motion to return to open session at 8:33 p.m., supported by Council Member Satterlee.

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

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

Mayor Wills stated council only dealt with performance. All economic items in the contract through 2012 will remain the same. The city manager will continue to work on problem solving, leadership and communication skills. Council is very pleased with his performance. They are happy with the audit report and award. They are happy with him, and want him around to do the very good job he is doing.

Council Member Satterlee stated it is truly amazing how many great things the city gets through obtaining the grants.

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Mayor Wills adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Roger Wills, Mayor

Kareen J. Thomas, City Clerk