

REGULAR MINUTES
PERE MARQUETTE DEPOT
Tuesday, December 15, 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, December 15, 2009.

The City Clerk took the roll call:

Members Present: Council Members Bunce, Scheid, Belding, Thompson and Wills.

Members Absent: None.

Council Member Belding 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.

The Mayor called for the Consent Agenda.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 12-1-09**
- B. BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENT – DOUGLAS LAMBORNE**
- C. LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT – MICHAEL VERDUN**
- D. DISTRICT COURT LEASE**
- E. BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENT – MARJORIE HANSEN**
- F. BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENT – DAVID MIERENDORF**

Council Member Bunce made a request to act on Item A separately.

Council Member Thompson made a request to act on Item F separately.

Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve Item A of the consent agenda, supported by Council Member Belding.

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

Ayes: Council Members Scheid, Belding and Wills.
Nays: None.
Abstain: Council Members Bunce and Thompson.

Council Member Belding made a motion to approve Items B-E of the consent agenda, supported by Council Member Thompson.

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

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

Council Member Bunce made a motion to approve Item F of the consent agenda, supported by Council Member Scheid.

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

Ayes: Council Members Bunce, Scheid, Belding and Wills.
Nays: Council Member Thompson.

Following are the resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda.

B. BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENT – DOUGLAS LAMBORNE

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-12-95

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELDING, MICHIGAN APPOINTING DOUGLAS LAMBORNE TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

WHEREAS, the present term of office of Douglas Lamborne on the Board of Review will expire on 01/01/10; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lamborne has indicated his willingness to serve another term on the Board of Review.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Belding, Michigan that Douglas Lamborne be appointed to the Board of Review with a term of office to expire on 01/01/11.

C. LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT – MICHAEL VERDUN

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-12-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELDING, MICHIGAN APPOINTING MICHAEL J. VERDUN TO THE BELDING LIBRARY BOARD.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Belding, Michigan, desires to fill the expired term of Rita M. Huffman; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to appoint Michael J. Verdun as a member of the Library Board; and,

WHEREAS, the Alvah N. Belding Library Board members have recommended the appointment of Michael J. Verdun to this board; and,

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that Michael J. Verdun meets the eligibility requirements for appointment to the Library Board as set forth in the City Charter, Section 4.4(f).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Belding, Michigan that Michael J. Verdun be, and the same hereby is, appointed as member of the Library Board with a term commencing immediately and to expire on December 31, 2014.

D. DISTRICT COURT LEASE

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-12-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELDING, MICHIGAN APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BELDING AND THE COUNTY OF IONIA FOR THE USE OF THE DEPOT AS A COURTROOM FOR THE 64-A DISTRICT COURT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the use of the Depot as a courtroom for the 64-A District Court is a great convenience to the citizens of Belding; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the use of the Depot as a courtroom for the 64-A District Court is an expense saving measure for the City because it prevents the necessity of City employees expending time traveling to Ionia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Belding, Michigan that the lease agreement for the use of the Depot as a courtroom for the 64-A District Court is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Belding, Michigan, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the agreement.

E. BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENT – MARJORIE HANSEN

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-12-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELDING, MICHIGAN APPOINTING MARJORIE HANSEN TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

WHEREAS, the present term of office of Marjorie Hansen on the Board of Review will expire on 01/01/10; and

WHEREAS, Marjorie Hansen has indicated her willingness to serve another term on the Board of Review.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Belding, Michigan

that Marjorie Hansen be appointed to the Board of Review with a term of office to expire on 01/01/11.

F. BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENT – DAVID MIERENDORF

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-12-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELDING, MICHIGAN APPOINTING DAVID MIERENDORF TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

WHEREAS, the present term of office of David Mierendorf on the Board of Review will expire on 01/01/10; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mierendorf has indicated his willingness to serve another term on the Board of Review.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Belding, Michigan that David Mierendorf be appointed to the Board of Review with a term of office to expire on 01/01/11.

The Mayor called for Citizen Comments.

The Belding VFW raised \$12,000 within 24 hours to bring members of the 1073rd home before they go to Iraq. Mr. Bringham donated \$6,000 to the cause.

The Mayor called for Council Comments.

Council Members Thompson, Scheid, Bunce and Wills had no comments.

Council Member Belding stated the Home for the Holidays event was fantastic. She wished to thank the residents who put it on. It was really enjoyable.

The Mayor called for Work Session Agenda Item A – **CIP PLAN**

City Manager DeBruine reviewed the CIP schedule covering 2010/11 to 2015/16. The CIP covers CIP Fund 402, Sewer Fund 590 and Water Fund 591. The water towers need to be painted and pump rehabilitations performed. Root cutting is needed for the sewer mains, to maintain the proactive approach. Also funds are listed for sewer maintenance and repair. The lagoon residuals removal and improvements to the W. Ellis and Stocking Lift Stations will be accomplished through grant funding from MEDC. ICE grant funds may be available in the future. There will be stimulus funds for milling of Hall and Alderman Streets. Funds for local and major street improvements were included. The city did not receive the Small Urban grant this year for Merrick St. The city can apply in May for FY 2012/13 for another project. \$25,000 per year will be allocated for city hall improvements. This year there will be roof work and repair of the downspouts. Concentration will be on exterior improvements first.

Council Member Scheid asked if the paperwork had been turned in to designate City hall as a historic building?

City Manager DeBruine stated Julianne Burns is working on it. It could be submitted to the state registry, possibly the national. He will talk to council about that issue in January.

There will be no funds for the Belrockton, parks or walkways. \$56,000 is included for bond payments for prior projects. The CIP Fund receives \$200,000 a year, leaving \$145,000 to work with for city buildings, roads, parks and walkways. The fire truck acquisition and fire station was added to the CIP for the first time. Those expenditures are normally paid out of General Fund, but due to the General Fund issues, that will not be possible. If a fire truck is purchased, it would have to come out of CIP.

He will bring the CIP back to council for a vote in January.

The Mayor called for Work Session Agenda Item **B – TASERS**

Police Chief Nelson stated that the option of using a taser will protect the officers, as well as the subject. It is a less lethal munition used to gain compliance, limiting injury of the subject. A police policy has been adopted for the use of the taser. The tasers were purchased from grant funds from the Department of Justice. There was no local match. The equipment and training came from the funding. The department has three taser devices.

Mayor Will stated for the last couple of months, council has been going over budget issues. He encouraged everyone to come to the December 22, 2009 meeting for discussion and community input. There are tough decisions to make, and council will work through those.

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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

Roger Wills, Mayor

Kareen J. Thomas, City Clerk