

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 17, 2008

The Cadillac City Council met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 17, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex, 200 N. Lake Street, Cadillac, Michigan.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Dean, Dyer, Spoelman, Stevens, Mayor Barnett

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

Staff Present: Stalker, McCurdy, Johnson, Adams, Nelson

Mayor Barnett called the regularly scheduled Cadillac City Council meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. He noted that a "Public Comment" section had been added to the beginning of the agenda to allow public statements on agenda items, with the exception of public hearings. The mayor requested that comments be limited to three (3) minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

2008.032 Consent agenda approved

Motion was made by Dean and supported by Dyer to approve the consent agenda consisting of the City Council minutes from the regular meeting held March 3, 2008.

Motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

City Manager Stalker said the adoption of Ordinance No. 2008-02 would decrease the regulatory requirements and city council involvement in the licensing of taxi cabs, making applications an administrative matter. At 7:12 p.m., Mayor Barnett opened a public hearing to consider the adoption of said ordinance which would amend Title VII, Chapters 71 and 76, of the Cadillac City Code to modify means of regulation and licensure for taxicabs and other vehicles for hire. There was no public comment. The public hearing closed at 7:13 p.m.

2008.33 Ordinance No. 2008-02 adopted, regulation of taxis

Motion was made by Dyer and supported by Spoelman to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-02 amending the regulation of taxicabs and other vehicles for hire.

Motion unanimously approved.

Jerry Adams, Community Development Director, gave an overview of the Comprehensive Recreation Plan, 2008-2013. Mayor Barnett opened the public hearing at 7:32 p.m. to consider adoption of the plan. There was no public comment. The public hearing closed at 7:36 p.m.

2008.34 Comprehensive Recreation Plan adopted

Motion was made by Dean and supported by Stevens to adopt the Comprehensive Recreation Plan for 2008-2013.

Motion unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Keven Carroll, Cadillac Area Manufactures Association, presented seven renderings of proposed artwork for the lakefront CAMA monument project. He said the project would be recognizing and honoring manufacturing in Cadillac and would be a gift from CAMA. CAMA members also in attendance were Doug Mellema, President, and Phil Potvin along with Scott Buckmaster, artist of the renderings. Carroll showed council the three renderings voted most popular by CAMA members. Mayor Barnett said he would like public input before council makes the final decision. Council thanked CAMA and praised the project.

2008.35 CAMA project approved, in general

Motion was made by Dean and supported by Dyer to approve, in general, the Cadillac Area Manufactures Association monument project and bring it back to council, at a later date, for approval of the final project.

Motion unanimously approved.

2008.36 Memorial Day parade route approved

Motion was made by Dyer and supported by Dean to approve the request from American Legion Post 94 to approve the route, as presented, for the Memorial Day parade to be held May 26, 2008.

Motion unanimously approved.

2008.37 Requests for 2008 Farmers Market approved

Motion was made by Stevens and supported by Dyer to approve the following requests from the Cadillac Area Farmers Market LLC for the 2008 season: To be issued a use permit for the parking lot on S. Lake Street directly west of the DEQ building, to open the market on June 24 and run every Tuesday and Friday through October 31, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and to place two 2 x 4 foot market signs on Mitchell Street and two at the market site.

Motion unanimously approved.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

2008.38 Bid awarded for 2008 sidewalk project

Motion was made by Dean and supported by Spoelman to award the bid for the 2008 Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project to D & R Concrete of Mecosta, Michigan in the amount of \$77,162 using special assessment monies for non-city properties and monies available in 101-444-801.010 for city-owned properties.

Motion unanimously approved.

MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The minutes of the Wexford County Airport Authority from the meeting held February 19, 2008, the Courthouse Hill Historic District Commission from the meeting held January 28, 2008, and the Wexford County Board of Commissioners from the meetings held January 16 and February 6, 2008 were presented for information only.

APPOINTMENTS

2008.39 Donohue appointed to DDA

Motion was made by Dyer and supported by Dean to appoint Gary Donohue to the Downtown Development Authority for a four-year term to expire March 17, 2012.

Motion unanimously approved.

City Manager Stalker said Mike Johnson had resigned from the Board of Review because he now lives outside of the city. Stalker recognized and thanked Johnson for his many years of service and recommended that Barbara Johns, Board of Review alternate, be appointed to fill Johnson's unexpired term.

2008.40 Johns appointed to Board of Review as fourth ward representative

Motion was made by Stevens and supported by Spoelman to appoint Barbara Johns to the Board of Review as fourth ward representative to fill an unexpired term ending March 1, 2009.

Motion unanimously approved

2008.41 Champlin reappointed to Planning Board

Motion was made by Dean and supported by Dyer to reappoint Randy Champlin to the Planning Board for a three year term to expire April 4, 2011.

Motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Mayor Barnett recognized Cub Scout Pack 150.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

2008.42 Work session and budget/utilities public hearings set

Motion was made by Dean and supported by Dyer to set a second budget work session for April 7 at 5:00 p.m. and to set public hearings for April 21, 2008 to consider adoption of the 2008-2009 budget and water/sewer rates.

Motion unanimously approved.

Mayor Barnett said he hopes to share some of his mayoral duties with the Mayor Pro Tem and other council members. He also said that council may deviate from the committee structure, as followed in the past, and may try televised round table discussions following the last city council meeting of the month.

City Manager Stalker reminded council that the budget would be adopted at the May 19, 2008 regular city council meeting.

City Manager Stalker requested a closed session meeting.

2008.43 Council moves to closed session

Motion was made by Stevens and supported by Spoelman to move to closed session for the purpose of discussing union negotiations.

At 8:26 p.m., council members moved to the conference room for a closed session

meeting.

At 9:27 p.m., council members returned to the council chambers to resume the regularly scheduled meeting.

2008.44 Resumption of regular council meeting approved

Motion was made by Stevens and supported by Dyer to resume the regularly scheduled city council meeting.

Motion unanimously approved.

City Manager Stalker said he updated the council regarding negotiations with the Police Officers Association of Michigan during the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William S. Barnett, Mayor

Janice E. Nelson, City Clerk