

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

6:00 PM – April 4, 2016
Cadillac City Hall – 200 N. Lake St. - Cadillac, Michigan 49601

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Spoelman called the City Council meeting to order at approximately 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Wohlfeill, Meinhardt, Mayor Pro-Tem Spoelman
Council Absent: Schippers, Mayor Filkins
Staff Present: Peccia, Roberts, Wallace, DeWitt, Golnick, Keway, Payne, Wasson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2016-076 Approve agenda as presented.

Motion was made by Wohlfeill and supported by Meinhardt to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ormand Hook stated he is a candidate for State Representative 102nd District.

Tim Lederer, Heights Machinery, noted his organization submitted a bid (Dump Body and Winter Maintenance Equipment).

CONSENT AGENDA

2016-077 Approve consent agenda as presented.

Motion was made by Wohlfeill and supported by Meinhardt to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public hearing to consider a request from Wyoming Warehouse, LLC for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate in the amount of \$959,900.

Peccia noted Wyoming Warehouse, LLC expects to create four (4) new positions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Spoelman opened the public hearing.

Paul Rickard, General Manager for Wyoming Warehouse, stated they bring in dairy cattle

feed, primarily by rail, store it and then distribute it to farmers.

Wohlfeill stated he appreciates the commitment of Wyoming Warehouse, LLC.

Mayor Pro-Tem Spoelman closed the public hearing.

2016-078 Adopt resolution approving IFT Application for Wyoming Warehouse, LLC.

Motion was made by Wohlfeill and supported by Meinhardt to adopt the resolution approving the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for Wyoming Warehouse, LLC in the amount of \$959,900.

Motion unanimously approved.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City of Cadillac/Heritage Plaza Project – Pass Through Fund Agreement.

Peccia noted the project (Plaza, City Park, Rotary Performing Arts Pavilion, Market, White Pine Trailhead) is being rebranded into the “Cadillac Commons”. He stated this agreement will provide collaboration between the City and the Cadillac Area Community Foundation to allow individuals to contribute tax-free to the Cadillac Area Community Foundation and identify to which project they want their funds to be directed. He added that donations can also be made directly to the City.

2016-079 Approve City of Cadillac/Heritage Plaza Project – Pass Through Fund Agreement.

Motion was made by Wohlfeill and supported by Meinhardt to approve the Agreement with the Cadillac Area Community Foundation Regarding the Establishment of an Agency Pass-Through Fund.

Motion unanimously approved.

B. Bids and recommendation regarding Elk Avenue Utility Relocation Site Work.

Peccia noted this phase of the project involves the trenching and site work required for the overhead utility burials along Elk Avenue between Harris Street and Cass Street. He stated that three (3) bids were received and it is being recommended that the contract be awarded to CJ'S Excavating Inc. He added that at the pre-bid meeting it was identified that service conduit, meter cans, and materials related to the electrical service portion of the contract needed to be added at a cost of \$9,294.88. The total recommended award is \$44,794.88 with an additional 5% contingency for engineer-approved field changes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Spoelman inquired if the additional \$9,294.88 would have to be added to any of the bids.

Owen Roberts, Director of Finance, stated the amount would have to be added to all of the bids.

2016-080 Award contract for Elk Avenue Utility Relocation Site Work.

Motion was made by Wohlfeill and supported by Meinhardt to award the contract for Elk Avenue Utility Relocation Site Work to CJ's Excavating of Cadillac in the amount of \$44,794.88 with an additional 5% contingency for engineer-approved field changes in unit quantity or scope.

Motion unanimously approved.

C. Bids and recommendation regarding Tandem Axle Plow Truck.

Peccia noted two (2) bids were received and it is being recommended the contract be awarded to GT Diesel Service.

Ken Payne, Streets Superintendent, explained some of the areas of concern with the Freightliner bid. He noted the GT Diesel bid amount is \$2,277 above the Freightliner bid.

2016-081 Award contract for Tandem Axle Plow Truck.

Motion was made by Meinhardt and supported by Wohlfeill to award the contract for the purchase of one Tandem Axle Plow Truck to GT Diesel Service in accordance with their bid.

Motion unanimously approved.

D. Bids and recommendation regarding Dump Body and Winter Maintenance Equipment for Tandem Axle Plow Truck.

Peccia noted two (2) bids were received and it is being recommended the contract be awarded to Truck and Trailer Specialties in the amount of \$103,640.

Payne explained some of the areas of concern with the Heights Machinery bid. He noted the Truck and Trailer Specialties bid amount is \$473 above the Heights Machinery bid.

2016-082 Award contract for Dump Body and Winter Maintenance Equipment.

Motion was made by Wohlfeill and supported by Meinhardt to award the contract for the purchase of Dump Body and Winter Maintenance Equipment for the Tandem Axle Plow Truck to Truck and Trailer Specialties in accordance with their bid.

Motion unanimously approved.

E. Schedule a public hearing for April 18, 2016 to discuss the 2016/2017 Annual Operating Budget.

2016-083 Set public hearing for 2016/2017 Annual Operating Budget.

Motion was made by Meinhardt and supported by Wohlfeill to schedule a public hearing for April 18, 2016 to discuss the 2016/2017 Annual Operating Budget.

Motion unanimously approved.

- F. Schedule a public hearing for April 18, 2016 to discuss the 2016/2021 Capital Improvement Program.

2016-084 Set public hearing for 2016/2021 Capital Improvement Program.

Motion was made by Wohlfeill and supported by Meinhardt to schedule a public hearing for April 18, 2016 to discuss the 2016/2021 Capital Improvement Program.

Roberts noted the documents will be available on the City website and at the City offices. He added that a copy of both documents will also be available at the Cadillac-Wexford Public Library.

Motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kelly McCann discussed tax abatement disclosure.

Kelly Seitter discussed on-line availability of documents.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Wohlfeill thanked Wyoming Warehouse for their investment in Cadillac. He noted the website www.savemycity.org contains a large amount of information. He added the website states that during the period from 2002-2012, Michigan is one of only four states in which revenue sharing to the municipalities was reduced.

Meinhardt reiterated the website is very educational.

Peccia stated the Cadillac Reports are archived on the website. He added the requested edition would be made available to Mrs. Seitter. He noted there is a link on the City's website www.cadillac-mi.net to the Patronicity program for the crowdfunding campaign for the Rotary Performing Arts Pavilion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Spoelman noted the City has the month of April to raise \$50,000 for the Rotary Performing Arts Pavilion renovation project. She added if this amount is raised the City will receive a matching grant of \$50,000.

Peccia noted if the \$50,000 goal is not achieved the City will not receive any matching funds.

Mayor Pro-Tem Spoelman discussed the various events held at the Rotary Performing Arts Pavilion and encouraged people to donate to the renovation project.

Peccia stated donations for this project can also be made at the City offices.

Wohlfeill also encouraged support for this project.

CLOSED SESSION

Adjourn to closed session per 15.268 (c) of the Open Meetings Act regarding the International Association of Fire Fighters Local Union No. 704 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

2016-085 Adjourn to closed session.

Motion was made by Wohlfeill and supported by Meinhardt to adjourn to closed session per 15.268 (c) of the Open Meetings Act regarding the International Association of Fire Fighters Local Union No. 704 Collective Bargaining Agreement; invite Owen Roberts, Director of Finance, and Todd Keway, Human Resources Generalist.

Motion unanimously approved.

2016-086 Return to open session.

Motion was made by Wohlfeill and supported by Meinhardt to return to open session.

Motion unanimously approved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Spoelman noted a discussion was held in closed session regarding the International Association of Fire Fighters Local Union No. 704 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Peccia thanked everyone involved the negotiation process. He read the four (4) key elements of the tentative agreement.

1. The “Captain in Charge” bonus pay was reduced from an additional 25% to 19%. The initial intent of this bonus was as a short-term token of appreciation. Both parties agreed the cost was burdensome to the operational budget and agreed to a reduced figure.
2. Wage increase for the 3 year contract period for Officers and the Marshal are 3%, 1.5% and 2%, whereas the Firefighters will receive 1.5%, 1.5% and 2%, respectively. The wage increases are now inclusive of a bonus that was paid separately in the past. The Officers first year wage increase was a request by the Union to widen the gap between the Officer and Firefighter ranks.
3. The BCBS PPO Plan is being closed. In an effort to contain costs, the City requested and received approval by the Union to immediately close the costly PPO Plan and to transition any current employee participants over to the BCN HMO. As such, the City offered the Union an increased contribution rate to their Health Care Savings Plan and the match to their 457 plan.
4. In the event the position of Marshal were to be eliminated, the Union sought to clarify the options the employee would be offered and how that employee would fit in the department’s seniority structure moving forward.

Wohlfeill stated it appears to be a fair contract. He thanked both the City and the IAFF for the spirit of cooperation during the negotiation process.

Meinhardt also thanked both parties for the spirit of cooperation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Spoelman thanked everyone for working together on the agreement.

2016-087 Approve IAFF Local #704 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Motion was made by Meinhardt and supported by Wohlfeill to approve the Tentative Settlement Agreement for the IAFF Local #704 Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2015-2018 contract years.

Motion unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Carla J. Filkins, Mayor

Sandra L. Wasson, City Clerk