

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Present: Kerridge, Mehigh, Jessen, Sarrazin, Haskins, Reichert.

Absent: Johnson (excused).

Guests: Judy Horton; Tim Crawford, Superintendent of Public Works; and Chief Kim Williams, Police Department.

The meeting was called to order in the council chambers of Corunna City Hall by Mayor Kerridge at
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Jessen moved, Reichert seconded to approve the previous regular meeting minutes dated February 7, 2011 as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Sarrazin, Reichert, Mehigh.

No: None.

Abstain: Haskins.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Sarrazin moved, Jessen seconded to approve the agenda by moving Item No. 1 to 1A and adding Item No. 1) Consider Excusal of Councilperson Johnson From the February 22, 2011 Council Meeting and Item No. 4) Executive Session.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sarrazin, Haskins, Reichert, Mehigh, Jessen.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Mr. Sawyer explained the invoice for Shiawassee

County Instructor's Association should have been \$1,800 not \$15,300. They have been notified to send the check back so a new check can be issued. He is recommending approving the disbursements with the deletion of this item. Sarrazin moved, Reichert seconded to approve the vendor disbursements dated February 18, 2011 with the deletion of Item No. 24 Shiawassee County Instructor's Association in the amount of \$15,300.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Haskins, Reichert, Mehigh, Jessen, Sarrazin.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER EXCUSAL OF COUNCILPERSON DAWN JOHNSON FROM THE FEBRUARY 22, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING: Jessen moved, Reichert seconded to excuse Councilperson Dawn Johnson from the February 22, 2011 council meeting due to work conflict.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Haskins, Reichert, Mehig, Jessen, Sarrazin.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 022211-01 CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY/RESOLUTION: Sarrazin moved, Jessen seconded to approve the following Resolution No. 022211-01 Civil Rights Policy/Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 022211-01

CITY OF CORUNNA
(Shiawassee County, Michigan)

CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY/RESOLUTION

General Public Policy

It is hereby declared to be contrary to the public policy of the City of Corunna for any persons to be discriminated against in employment, housing, or participation in publicly funded programs because of race, religion, national origin, color, sex, marital status, age or handicap.

Employment

The opportunity to obtain employment without discrimination because of race, religion, national origin, color, sex, marital status, age, or handicap is hereby recognized and declared to be a civil right. Further, it shall be contrary to the public police of the City of Corunna for any employer to discriminate in hire, promotion, tenure, terms or conditions of employment because of race, religion, national origin, color, sex, marital status, age, or handicap.

Housing

The opportunity to purchase, lease, sell, hold, use, and convey housing without discrimination because of race, religion, national origin, color, sex, marital status, age, or handicap is hereby recognized and declared to be a civil right.

Publicly Funded Programs

The opportunity to participate in federal, state, and locally funded programs without discrimination because of race, religion, national origin, color, sex, marital status, age, or handicap is hereby recognized and declared to be a civil right.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City Council of the City of Corunna has duly adopted this resolution and caused it to be executed by the officers below in duplicate on this 22nd day of February, 2011.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reichert, Mehig, Jessen, Sarrazin, Haskins.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 022211-02 ADDENDUM TO SEWER SERVICE

AGREEMENT: Sarrazin moved, Reichert seconded to approve the following Resolution No. 022211-02 as presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 022211-02

CITY OF CORUNNA
(Shiawassee County, Michigan)

ADDENDUM TO SEWER SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
OWOSSO, THE CITY OF CORUNNA, AND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIPS OF
OWOSSO AND CALEDONIA

This Agreement, entered into this _____ day of _____, 2011 by and between the City of Owosso, a municipal corporation, the City of Corunna, a municipal corporation, and the Charter Townships of Caledonia and Owosso of Shiawassee County.

WITNESSETH as follows:

WHEREAS, the parties entered into an AGREEMENT dated August 17, 1977 for sewer service to be provided by the City of Owosso for the City of Corunna and the Charter Townships of Caledonia and Owosso; and which Contract was amended on December 20th, 2004;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Corunna to amend the terms of the contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED, by and between the parties hereto as follows, to-wit:

1. The following language shall be added to Section 15 (page 31) of the agreement: The agreement shall remain in full force and effect for a minimum of forty-two (42) years from and after the date of execution of this agreement.
2. The following language shall be added to Section 7 (page 24): This Agreement is fully assignable by either parties to this agreement, whether such assignment occurs by reason of legal process, written assignment or otherwise.
3. The following language shall be added to the agreement: "In the event that there is a reduction in the City of Owosso's ability to provide sewer service, all the users of the City of Owosso's sewer treatment operation shall share proportionately in the reduction of the city's sewer treatment ability.

It is further agreed that all other provisions of the contract dated August 17th, 1977, and the Amendment to the Sewer Service Agreement dated December 20th, 2004, shall remain in full force and effect.

Witnesses: CITY OF OWOSSO
By: _____

Witnesses: CITY OF CORUNNA
By: _____

Witnesses: CALEDONIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
By: _____

Witness: OWOSSO CHARTER TOWNSHIP
By: _____

Approved by Owosso City Council on _____, 2011

Approved by Corunna City Council on _____, 2011

Approved by Owosso Charter Township on _____, 2011

Approved by Caledonia Charter Township on _____, 2011

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Reichert, Mehig, Sarrazin, Haskins.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 022211-03 ADDENDUM TO WATER AGREEMENT: Sarrazin moved, Jessen seconded to approve the following Resolution No. 022211-03 as presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 022211-03

CITY OF CORUNNA
(Shiawassee County, Michigan)

ADDENDUM TO WATER AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF OWOSSO AND THE CITY OF CORUNNA

This Agreement, entered into this _____ day of _____, 2011 by and between the CITY OF OWOSSO, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "Seller", and the CITY OF CORUNNA, a municipal corporation, hereafter referred to as the "Buyer",

WITNESSETH as follows:

WHEREAS, the parties entered into an agreement for the sale and purchase of water by means of a Contract dated June 17th, 1991;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Corunna to extend the terms of the contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED, by and between the parties hereto as follows, to-wit:

1. That Section 17 (page 13) shall be amended to read: ‘The term of this agreement shall be 42 years from the date of execution of this amendment’.
2. The following language shall be added to Section 18 (page 14) “This agreement is fully assignable, whether such assignment occurs by reason of legal process, written assignment or otherwise.”
3. That Section 19 (page 14) shall be amended to read: “This agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective parties hereto and both the successors and assigns of the respective parties”.
4. The following provision is added to the contract, “In the event that there is a reduction in the City of Owosso’s ability to provide water, all the users of the City of Owosso’s water supply operation shall share proportionately in the reduction of the city’s water ability.

It is further agreed that all other provisions of the contract dated June 17th, 1991 shall remain in full force and effect.

Witnesses:

CITY OF OWOSSO
By: _____

Witnesses:

CITY OF CORUNNA
By: _____

Approved by Owosso City Council on _____, 2011

Approved by Corunna City Council on _____, 2011

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reichert, Jessen, Sarrazin, Haskins, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Judy Horton advised there will be two weddings at the church on Thursday and Saturday.

Mr. Sawyer stated terms of the union contracts will be discussed during the executive session. The department of public works contract expired almost two years ago this coming July so it is time to re-open that contract. There has been discussion about re-opening the POLC contract in the near future. The labor committee will be working out those details. The purpose of the executive session is to allow the council to have a chance to talk about what direction they would like himself and the labor committee to go. He further stated since there will be no action taken after the executive session, the city clerk can be dismissed. It would be proper to include the police chief and superintendent of public works

in the executive session since they will be a part of the contract negotiating team. He also stated the economic issues to be discussed will be vacation time, which is pretty similar across the board. The POLC maximum is 25 days, the department of public works maximum is 200 hours, and the non-reps maximum is 25 days. He does not believe this has been altered in the last 10 years except the scale on when you earn this time may have been. Holidays are identical across the board with 12 ½ days, which used to be 14 days. Personal leave days are 3 days across the board. There are 12 sick days and bereavement leave is three days. Overall, the city provides a substantial amount of paid time off and the city is competitive with other government agencies but is lucrative compared to the private sector. Holidays in the private sector average 10 days and vacations are all over the board based on the profession. This is one area that has not been tiered and he has no desire to. Some places have pooled all of the days together and call it PTO (Paid Time Off). He reviewed the premium pay category for union and non-represented employees. He also reviewed the medical insurance benefits that employees receive. The employees also receive short-term/long-term disability. Retiree pensions are tiered with employees hired before July 1, 2001 receiving the B-2 plan and employees hired after that date receive the B-3 plan. The employees can also contribute to a 401k plan which does not cost the city anything. He explained there is extensive language in the union contracts about retiree health insurance. They have to pay the same co-pay as active employees and the prescription co-pay reimbursement is the same. It does not specify what the health plan is as long as it is comparable to active employees. The city pays the two person rate and if they have a family, they have to pay the rate difference. AFSCME employees get a 30 minute unpaid lunch and two 15 minute breaks while non-reps get a 30 minute unpaid lunch and no paid breaks. He went over the wage adjustments for AFSCME which show they have been frozen for two years. The POLC contract was settled three years ago and the officer has received a six percent increase and the sergeant has received an eight percent increase over the last two years. The non-represented employees received a three-percent reduction three years ago and are under a pay freeze except for part-time employees who were frozen but did not receive a pay reduction.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Jessen moved, Sarrazin seconded to leave regular session and go into executive session to discuss provisions of the POLC and AFSCME union contracts.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reichert, Mehig, Jessen, Haskins, Sarrazin.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:00 p.m.

No action took place during the executive session. Jessen moved, Mehig seconded to leave executive session and return to regular session.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Haskins, Jessen, Mehig, Sarrazin, Reichert.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 10:20 p.m.

ADJOURN: Jessen moved, Mehig seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Haskins, Jessen, Mehig, Sarrazin, Reichert.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 10:20 p.m.

Charles Kerridge, Mayor

Nichole L. Cowdrey, Clerk/Treasurer