

City of Corunna
Special Council Meeting
Monday, October 10, 2011

Present: Sarrazin, Johnson, Haskins, Reichert.

Absent: Jessen (excused).

Guests: Merilee Lawson, City Assessor; Tim Crawford, DPW Supervisor; Diane Johnson; Randy Woodworth; Carol Spaniola; Donna Kerridge; Shelly Sliwa; Jim Minister; Judy Horton; Helen Granger, Independent; Jessie Robinson, Argus Press.

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: Johnson moved, Reichert seconded, to approve the previous regular meeting minutes, dated September 19, 2011, as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sarrazin, Johnson, Haskins, Reichert

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Sarrazin moved, Johnson seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of the following: Item #1A: Consider Excusal of Councilperson Jessen from the October 10, 2011 Council Meeting Due to Work Conflict; Move Item #12, Accept the Resignation of Shane Perdue From Council, to Item #1B; Item #1C: Consider the Appointment of Judy Horton to Fill Councilperson Perdue's Council Seat; and move Item #13 to Item #12.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Haskins, Reichert, Sarrazin,

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

RESOLUTION APPROVING VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Johnson moved, Reichert seconded, to approve the vendor disbursements for 09-16-11 through 09-29-11.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Haskins, Reichert, Sarrazin, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

1A. CONSIDER EXCUSAL OF COUNCILPERSON JESSEN FROM THE OCTOBER 10, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING DUE TO WORK CONFLICT: Johnson moved, Reichert seconded, to excuse Arnie Jessen from the October 10, 2011 council meeting due to work conflict.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Reichert, Haskings, Sarrazin.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

- 1B. ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF SHANE PERDUE FROM COUNCIL: Johnson moved, Reichert seconded, to accept the resignation of Shane Perdue from city council and to thank him for his service.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Haskins, Sarrazin, Johnson, Reichert.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

- 1C. APPOINTMENT OF JUDY HORTON TO FILL SHANE PERDUE'S COUNCIL SEAT: Johnson moved, Haskins seconded, to appoint Judy Horton to fill the seat vacated by Shane Perdue until the November election.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sarrazin, Johnson, Reichert, Haskins.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

Judy Horton was sworn in by the city clerk and took her seat at the council table.

1. PRESENTATION-PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD AND CITIZEN'S GUIDE: Sawyer presented the Performance Dashboard and Citizen's Guide that is now required by the state. This program is replacing the statutory revenue sharing the city received in past years. This year, the city lost \$90,000 in statutory revenue sharing, but with this program, it is possible to get back \$60,000 of it. There are no mandatory requirements for this report, but Sawyer is using the Michigan Municipal League's model. The city's Dashboard looks at four categories: Fiscal Stability, Economic Strength, Public Safety and Quality of Life and shows trends in these areas by marking them as positive, neutral, or negative. Sarrazin questioned the trending of "Investment in Roads and Public Works Per Capita", under Economic Strength, which shows a 27% decline, but is still considered "Neutral" in performance. Sawyer stated that it was up to the city to decide if it is a positive, negative, or a neutral trend. In that category, the city's major road projects were tracked. The city had a major road project in 2009, but not in 2010, which caused the decline. Sawyer stated that the Dashboard will become more useful as more performance years are added to the comparison. Sawyer then went over the Citizen's Guide to Local Finances, which shows how the city's revenue and expenses compare to previous years. The next state requirement is due on January 1, which will show how the city has dealt with retiree health costs and pensions. The final requirement is due in March, when the state requires a consolidation plan to create cost savings in the city.
2. CONSIDER USDA-RD WATER/SEWER CONTRACTOR PAY REQUESTS: Sarrazin moved, Johnson seconded, to approve Payment #5 to Pamar in the amount of \$150,963.13 for sewer, and \$79,347.40 for water.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reichert, Horton, Sarrazin, Haskins, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

3. CONSIDER USDA-RD WATER/SEWER ENGINEER PAY REQUESTS: Sarrazin moved, Johnson seconded, to approve Payment #5 to C2AE in the amount of \$21, 206.83, Invoice #53448 for sewer, and \$1,837.75, Invoice #53449 for water.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Haskins, Sarrazin, Reichert, Horton.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

4. CONSIDER NORTH SHIAWASSEE ST. CROWN LOCATION: No action was taken since there was no change to previous council approval on this issue.

5. CONSIDER FEES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE PROPERTIES UNDER SECTION 78-129 AND 78-131: Johnson moved, Horton seconded, to approve the fee of \$50 per month for non-compliant properties under Section 78-129 and 78-131.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sarrazin, Reichert, Horton, Haskins, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

6. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 17 AT 7:15 P.M., TO AMEND ORDINANCE 11-04, FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS: Sawyer explained that Section Two was mistakenly left out of the first passage of this ordinance. Johnson moved, Reichert seconded, to set a public hearing for October 17, at 7:15 p.m., to amend Ordinance #11-04, Floodplain Management Provisions.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Horton, Sarrazin, Johnson, Reichert, Haskins.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

7. CONSIDER RESOLUTION #100311-01 AMENDING RESOLUTION #011811-02: Sawyer explained that the state is requesting a change of wording from Industrial Development District to Plant Rehabilitation Development District. Johnson moved, Sarrazin seconded, to approve Resolution #100311-01 amending Resolution #011811-02.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Reichert, Sarrazin, Haskins, Horton.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LAND PURCHASED UNDER STATE LAND SALE FOR UTILITIES, RECREATION AND OTHER PURPOSES: Sawyer stated that this land has a lot of potential for business and recreational interests with it being adjacent to the rail line and Parmenter Rd. Sarrazin moved, Johnson seconded, to approve the land purchased under the state land sale for utilities, recreation and other purposes.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sarrazin, Johnson, Reichert, Horton, Haskins.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

9. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY CENTER RESTORATION BUDGET: Sawyer went over the Community Center budget report requested by Councilperson Jessen. He stated that funding for this project is almost exhausted. The drywall is finished and painting is currently being done by community service workers. Carpet has been ordered for the balcony, entry, and ramps. The bathrooms in the upper level are almost finished and the upper level west wall is finished. The kitchen is currently torn out, but will be partly remodeled in this budget.

10. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD SLIWA TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION: Johnson moved, Reichert seconded, to approve Richard Sliwa to the Parks and Recreation Commission for an indefinite appointment term and at the pleasure of council.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Reichert, Sarrazin, Haskins.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

11. CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF ELMER WALWORTH FROM THE FOURTH OF JULY COMMISSION: Johnson moved, Reichert seconded, to accept the resignation of Elmer Walworth from the Fourth of July Commission and to thank him for his service.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reichert, Horton, Haskins, Johnson, Sarrazin.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

12. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 17 AT 7:20 P.M. TO CONSIDER EDF LOAN: Johnson moved, Sarrazin seconded, to set the public hearing for October 17 at 7:20 p.m. to consider the EDF Loan for the Corunna Hometown Grille.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Horton, Sarrazin, Haskins, Johnson, Reichert.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

ADJOURN: Sarrazin moved, Johnson seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Haskins, Reichert, Horton, Sarrazin, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED. Time was 8:26 p.m.

Charles Kerridge, Mayor

Nichole L. Cowdrey, City Clerk/Treasurer