

CITY OF CORUNNA COUNCIL  
MEETING OF  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011

Present: Horton, Jessen, Sarrazin, Johnson, Haskins, Reichert.

Absent: None.

Guests: Merilee Lawson, City Assessor; Randy Woodworth; Donna Kerridge; Shelly Sliwa; Shane Purdue and Family; Jeffrey Hetfield; Brent Jones; Helen Granger, Independent.

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 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: Johnson moved, Jessen seconded, to approve the previous special council meeting minutes, dated October 10, 2011, as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Sarrazin moved, Johnson seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of the following: Item #6-Consider Clark Hill Attorneys in Pamar Contractors Case.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

RESOLUTION APPROVING VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Johnson moved, Horton seconded, to approve the vendor disbursements for 09-30-11 through 10-13-11.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE: Randy Woodworth of 648 First St., Owosso, thanked council for the reconsideration of his IFT request. Jeff Hetfield, of 319 E. McArthur St., stated that he was given the council charter, from 2001, and asked if this was the most recent one. Merilee Lawson said that she thought it was the most recent. There have not been any additions to the charter in the last ten years.

MANAGER'S REPORT: There will be a wrestling competition at the Community Center this Saturday, October 22, starting at 6 p.m. There is also Odyssey of the Mind's McCurdy's Revenge going on in the Commercial Building through the end of the month as well as the S.P.I.R.I.T. haunted house tour in the Historical Village through the end of the month.

The mayor made a special presentation to former councilperson Shane Perdue, presenting him with a plaque and thanking him for his service to the city.

The time was 7:10 p.m., too early for the 7:15 p.m. public hearing, so council moved to Item #5.

5. CONSIDER DIRK WELTE'S RESIGNATION FROM THE YOUTH SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMISSION. Johnson moved, Jessen seconded, to accept the resignation of Dirk Welte from the Youth Sports and Recreation Commission with regret.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

4. CONSIDER JUDY HORTON'S RESIGNATION FROM THE CORUNNA HISTORICAL COMMISSION, THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, THE COMMUNITY CENTER RESTORATION COMMITTEE AND THE CEMETERY BOARD: Sawyer explained that Horton must, as it currently stands, resign from any boards and commissions since commissions cannot have a councilperson as a voting member. However, since the Restoration Committee was formed by ordinance, she did not have to resign from that committee unless she wanted to do so. Horton stated she would like to stay on the Community Center Restoration Committee. Johnson moved, Reichert seconded, to accept Judy Horton's resignation from the Historical Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Cemetery Board.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

3. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2011 AT 7:15 P.M., TO CONSIDER IFT APPLICATION FOR AMERICAN PELLET: Johnson moved, Reichert seconded to set the public hearing for November 7, 2011, at 7:15 p.m., to consider the IFT application for American Pellet.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

1. PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:15 P.M. TO AMEND ORDINANCE 11-04, FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS. Johnson moved, Sarrazin seconded, to leave regular council session and enter into the public hearing.

Roll Call Vote

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED. Time 7:15 p.m.

Sawyer stated that the original ordinance has already been adopted, however, Section 2 was omitted. This hearing was to correct the original ordinance. The ordinance regards changes to the floodplain language and provisions. Having no public comments, Sarrazin moved, Reichert seconded to leave the public hearing and enter regular council session.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

Sarrazin moved, Reichert seconded, to adopt amended Ordinance 11-04, Floodplain Management Provision, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

It was too early to enter into the second public hearing, so the agenda was jumped to item #6.

6. CONSIDER CLARK HILL ATTORNEYS IN PAMAR CONTRACT CASE. Sawyer explained that this involves the construction on N. Shiawassee St. being done by Pamar. Pamar has asked for litigation on some claims, specifically regarding the sewer line that it 18' deep. The city is requesting to retain Clark Hill PLC, construction division, who are experts in this type of litigation. The mediation will not be binding. Johnson moved, Jessen seconded, to enter into agreement with Clark Hill PLC.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

2. PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:20 P.M. TO CONSIDER EDF LOAN APPLICATION FOR THE CORUNNA HOMETOWN GRILLE: Johnson moved, Sarrazin seconded, to leave regular council meeting and enter into the public hearing to consider the EDF loan application for the Corunna Hometown Grille.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED. Time was 7:25 p.m.

Sawyer explained the original plans of the Corunna Hometown Grille to make an addition to their building for an ice cream shop. Owner, Steve Miller, was asking for a loan from the EDF, but now may be scaling back from his original plan because of state and federal requirements which would make his project too expensive. He is now thinking about asking only for start-up and equipment money and just put a service window and awing on the side. Sawyer stated that his request would need to be sent back to the EDF Board to look over any changes in the request. Sarrazin moved, Reichert seconded to come out of the public hearing and enter back into regular council meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

It was decided that no action will be taken until the EDF Board reviews changes to the original request with the applicant.

CALL TO AUDIENCE: None.

ROUNDTABLE:

Councilperson Haskins: He reported that the Civil Air Patrol had a communications meeting last Saturday for eight hours with approximately 30 people from all over the state in attendance.

Councilperson Sarrazin: Stated that the warming hut is almost finished and he is working on an anonymous donor to get it heated.

Councilperson Jessen: Stated that he had a tour of the Community Center and thinks Joe and Chuck are doing a great job.

Councilperson Johnson: Advised she had nothing to discuss.

Councilperson Horton: The blacksmith shop in the Historical Village is enclosed and the windows and doors are in.

Councilperson Reichert: Advised he had nothing to discuss.

Mayor Kerridge: He has been asked to request help for the Halloween party in the Community Center this year.

ADJOURN: Jessen moved, Horton seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED. Time was 8:15 p.m.

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Charles Kerridge, Mayor

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Nichole L. Cowdrey, City Clerk/Treasurer