

CITY OF CORUNNA COUNCIL  
MEETING OF  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011

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

Absent: Jessen.

Guests: Merilee Lawson, City Assessor; Scott Johnson, Fire Chief; Donna Kerridge; Shelly Sliwa; Keith and Diane Johnson; Jeffrey Hetfield; Homer Bennett; Bob Morehouse; Bill Lulham: Brent Jones; John Lawson; Randy Woodworth.

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 COUNCIL MEETING: Reichert moved, Horton seconded, to approve the previous council meeting minutes, dated October 17, 2011, as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Sarrazin moved, Reichert seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of the following: Item #1A: Consider excusing Arnie Jessen from the November 7, 2011 council meeting due to work conflict; Item #8: Consider the resignation of Doug Haskins from the Fire Board; and Item #9: Interim council appointment to the Fire Board.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

RESOLUTION APPROVING VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Sarrazin moved, Reichert seconded, to approve the vendor disbursements for 10-14-11 through 10-27-11.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE: Keith Johnson, 211 Hastings, stated that he cleaned off the graphic graffiti on the downtown window that had been on it for weeks. He stated that the DDA should be ashamed for not cleaning that off themselves and felt that the head of the DDA should resign. Kids and adults passed that window every day and saw the graphic language written on the windows. The other window has been broken for weeks and is still not fixed. The owner of the building should have been contacted about that. The DDA is not paying attention to downtown. Also, he hoped that the city would make the construction crew that was working on N. Shiawassee fix the holes they made in Heritage Park's parking area. There is also a water valve sticking up in the gravel road in the park that will be hit if not fixed.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Friday is Veterans Day and the parade is in Durand this year, starting at 7 p.m. Sawyer also noted that Don Mehig is not doing well and the last he heard he was in Henry Ford Hospital.

- 1A. CONSIDER EXCUSING COUNCILPERSON ARNIE JESSEN FROM THE NOVEMBER 7, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING DUE TO WORK CONFLICT: Johnson moved, Horton seconded, to excuse Arnie Jessen from the November 7, 2011 council meeting due to work conflict.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion CARRIED.

Sarrazin moved, Reichert seconded to leave regular meeting and enter into the public hearing to consider the closing of the Wastewater Collection System Improvements Grant.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED. Time was 7:10 p.m.

1. PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:10 P.M. TO CLOSE THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS GRANT : Sawyer explained that this was the grant to made storm sewer improvements, the interceptor sewer in third ward, and storm leads for property owners who had illegal connections into the sanitary sewer. This is the final hearing for comments. Hearing no comments, Sarrazin moved, Reichert seconded, to return to regular council session.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED. Time was 7:12 p.m.

It was too early for the 7:15 p.m. public hearing, so the agenda was jumped to Item #3.

3. CONSIDER CONTRACTOR PAY APPLICATION #6 FOR THE USDA-RD WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENTS: Sawyer said he had no objections to the payment, except they did not break down what work was done on the sewer. He and Tim Crawford have no idea what was accomplished during this time period. They also did not provide a breakdown of the accomplishments with the water work. Sawyer objected to the engineer's "pen & ink" changes made to the contractor's pay application. He asked that if council approves this pay request, they do so contingent on the city being given the unit pricing for the sewer phase and to reject the water part of the invoice. Sarrazin moved, Reichert seconded, to accept application for payment #6 through October 26, 2011 to Pamar Enterprises for work performed on the N. Shiawassee St. reconstruction in the amount of \$533, 343.80, related to the sewer contract, and the water payment contingent on review by the city manager and DPW Superintendent.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

Johnson moved, Reichert seconded to leave the regular council session and enter into the Public Hearing to consider the IFT Application for American Pellet.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED. Time was 7:22 p.m.

2. PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:15 P.M. TO CONSIDER IFT APPLICATION FOR AMERICAN PELLET: Randy Woodworth thanked the council for getting the application back on track and respectfully requested that the application move forward. He stated that they are starting a second crew next week and hope to get their orders caught up. Plans are to grow into a full time, three shift, operation that will employ 15-20 people. He grew up in Corunna and that was a strong point in starting the business here. Brent Jones, from the Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership stated that he had been working with Randy for some time and they are supportive of this business. Johnson moved, Reichert seconded, to leave the public hearing and go back into regular council session.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

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

Johnson moved, Sarrazin seconded, to approve Resolution #110711-01 approving the American Pellet Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate application for a period of eight years.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

4. CONSIDER PROJECT ENGINEER INVOICE FOR THE USDA-RD WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENTS: Sarrazin moved, Johnson seconded, to approve the invoices from C2AE, #53598, in the amount of \$34,656.31, and #53599 in the amount of \$6,260.17 for the RD water/sewer project.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

5. CONSIDER EXEMPTING THE CITY OF CORUNNA FROM PUBLIC ACT 152 FOR 2012: Sawyer stated that the city is far ahead of what the state is requiring for employee medical benefit plans. Our non-union employees are already at a 15% co-pay as of Jan 1, 2011. We have a program in place, it is just a different timeline from the state's, so we are allowed to opt out of the state's requirement for this next year. But, it needs a 2/3 vote and it will have to be revisited in a year. Johnson moved, Reichert seconded, to exempt the city from Public Act 152 for 2012.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

6. REVIEW THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR CORUNNA CITY COUNCIL : Sawyer stated that these were put in packets so councilmembers could start making any changes that council feels are necessary. A complete review and changes will be made at a later date.
7. REVIEW COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS: Again, this was for information only. A list of boards and commissions was included in the packet so councilmembers could start thinking about where they would like to serve. Appointments to these boards and commissions will take place at the next meeting. Current appointments can also be changed at the next council meeting.
8. CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF DOUG HASKINS FROM THE FIRE BOARD: Haskins moved, Reichert seconded, to accept the resignation of Doug Haskins from the Fire Board.  
Roll Call Vote:  
Yes: Sarrazin, Johnson, Reichert, Horton, Haskins.  
No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

9. CONSIDER INTERIM APPOINTMENT OF MIKE SARRAZIN TO THE FIRE BOARD: Haskins moved, Horton seconded, to appointment Mike Sarrazin as the interim councilperson to the Fire Board.  
Roll Call Vote:  
Yes: Johnson, Reichert, Horton, Haskins, Sarrazin.  
No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Bill Lulham, 305 S. Norton St., stated that Keith Johnson had a good concern and wondered where it goes from here. Would council send a letter to the DDA about this? Kerridge said that he would take it to the DDA. Merilee Lawson stated that she would like to thank Doug Haskins and Dawn Johnson for their service and hoped that they would continue to be a part of community activities. She thanked them both for being involved in a lot of the projects in the city. Halloween was great.

#### COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:

Councilperson Reichert: Advised he had nothing to discuss.

Councilperson Horton: The village is starting to get decorated. She caught the picnic table “artists” who stacked the tables up in the park. She said she will help patrol the city for graffiti.

Councilperson Johnson: Thanked everyone and said that she learned a lot in 10 years. She stated that she met a lot of great people. The city has a great office staff and department heads are wonderful. She is walking out of here with her head held high.

Councilperson Sarrazin: Stated that it has been a pleasure to work with Dawn and Doug. He stated that he learned from both of them.

Councilperson Haskins: Said thank you to everyone. It was a learning experience and a pleasure. He thanked Dawn, who was very helpful to him when he started on council. He said that he did and said what he felt was right and that it was a good experience. He felt he served the first ward well. He thanked the volunteers, especially Keith and Diane Johnson, Judy Horton, Chuck Kerridge and Joe Sawyer.

Mayor Kerridge: He will miss working with Dawn and Doug, but he is looking forward to the new people coming onto council. He wished Judy Horton and Jeff Hetfield good luck in the election tomorrow and good luck to Homer Bennett and Shelly Sliwa. He stated that he was at the 4H rally that day and would hate to lose 4H for the kids. We've had to make a lot of cuts in the city and county, but we can't leave our kids out. There was a pancake breakfast for the animal shelter last Saturday in the Community Center.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED. Time was 7:54 p.m.

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Charles Kerridge, Mayor

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Nichole L. Cowdrey, City Clerk/Treasurer

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