

THE CORUNNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Horton, Sarrazin, Sliwa, Bennett, Reichert.

ABSENT: Jessen.

GUESTS: Steve Kirnovic, Abraham & Gaffney; Bob Morehouse; Helen Granger; Donna Kerridge; Gary Holzhauzen, County Commissioner; Scott Johnson, Corunna-Caledonia Fire Chief.

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: Bennett moved, Horton seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2011, regular council meeting.

Roll Call:

Yes: Sarrazin, Sliwa, Bennett, Reichert, Horton.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Sarrazin moved, Reichert seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of the following: Change Item #1 to Consider Excusing Arnie Jessen from the 11-21-11, Regular Council Meeting for Work Related Reasons, and move Item #1 Consider Council Appointments to Item #1A.

Roll Call:

Yes: Sliwa, Bennett, Reichert, Horton, Sarrazin.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Sarrazin moved, Bennett seconded, to approve the vendor disbursements for 10-28-11 through 11-9-11 as presented.

Roll Call:

Yes: Bennett, Reichert, Horton, Sarrazin, Sliwa.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

2010-2011 AUDIT PRESENTATION: Steve Kirnovic, Abraham and Gaffney, advised the 2010-2011 audit went well and the city is in good shape. The city has done a great job of maintaining the Fund Balance by cutting expenses and estimating revenue. He felt that, compared to other municipalities they audit, proportionately, the city is very good. Bennett moved, Reichert seconded, to accept the 2010-2011 audit as presented.

Roll Call:

Yes: Sliwa, Reichert, Horton, Bennett, Sarrazin.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

1. CONSIDER EXCUSING ARNIE JESSEN FROM THE 11-21-11 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Sarrazin moved, Reichert seconded, to excuse Arnie Jessen from the 11-21-11 council meeting due to work.

Roll Call:

Yes: Bennett, Horton, Sarrazin, Sliwa, Reichert.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

1A. CONSIDER COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:

Bennett moved, Reichert seconded, to appoint of Councilperson Sarrazin to the Fire Board.

Roll Call:

Yes: Sarrazin, Horton, Sliwa, Reichert, Bennett.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

Bennett moved, Reichert seconded, to appoint Councilperson Horton to the Corunna Area Ambulance Board.

Roll Call:

Yes: Reichert, Horton, Sarrazin, Bennett, Sliwa.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

Sarrazin moved, Reichert seconded to appoint Councilperson Bennett to the Economic Development Board.

Roll Call:

Yes: Sliwa, Bennett, Sarrazin, Reichert, Horton.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

Bennett moved, Reichert seconded, to appoint Councilperson Sliwa to the SATA Board, replacing the at-large seat.

Roll Call:

Yes: Bennett, Sarrazin, Horton, Sliwa, Reichert.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

Sarrazin moved, Bennett seconded, to appoint Councilperson Reichert to the Labor Committee.

Roll Call:

Yes: Sarrazin, Reichert, Horton, Bennett, Sliwa.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

Sarrazin moved, Reichert seconded, to appoint Councilpersons Horton and Sliwa to the Monument Committee.

Roll Call:

Yes: Horton, Sarrazin, Sliwa, Reichert, Bennett.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

Reichert moved, Horton seconded, to appoint Councilperson Sarrazin as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Roll Call:

Yes: Sliwa, Reichert, Sarrazin, Bennett, Horton.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

2. CONSIDER COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE: Sarrazin moved, Reichert seconded, to approve the changes to the Council Rules of Procedure as presented by the city manager.

Roll Call:

Yes: Sarrazin, Sliwa, Reichert, Horton, Bennett.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

3. CONSIDER SETTING FEE FOR WEDDINGS PERFORMED BY THE MAYOR.

Sarrazin moved, Reichert seconded, to set the fee for weddings performed by the mayor at \$50, which will go into the General Fund for appropriation at a later date.

Roll Call:

Yes: Sliwa, Reichert, Sarrazin, Bennett, Horton.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

4. CONSIDER CIVIL AIR PATROL USE OF COMMUNITY CENTER. Reichert moved, Sarrazin seconded, to approve the Civil Air Patrol use of city facilities in exchange for in-kind services.

Roll Call:

Yes: Reichert, Horton, Bennett, Sliwa, Sarazin.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

5. DISCUSSION ON CONDUCTING COMMUNITY SURVEY: Sawyer stated that Bill Lulham had suggested doing another community survey. Sawyer wondered if there was a desire by council to do a new survey, did we have the budget to do a new one, and who would be in charge. He showed council a survey that the Owosso Planning Commission did recently that was in a paper and on-line format. He is checking into on-line survey companies that might be able to do this for the city, but he is not sure if it is free or not.

He wondered what we would want to ask in the way of questions on a new survey. It was suggested that each councilperson turn in ten questions that they would like answered by the residents. Horton suggested getting people to deliver the survey door-to-door and then go back and pick them up. Sawyer said that he felt that the city got a lot of good information from the last city survey. It was suggested that we pull the surveys from past years for ideas. Sawyer mentioned that the city is now a part of Owosso/Corunna Common Place. He explained that this was a new area website, like Facebook, where people can go to get information. The people behind it are Yale and Harvard graduates. They are offering the prototype with free subscriptions to city residents.

ADJOURN: Sarrazin moved, Bennett seconded, to adjourn.

Roll Call:

Yes: Bennett, Reichert, Horton, Sarrazin, Sliwa.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED. Time was 9:00 p.m.

Charles Kerridge, Mayor

Nichole Cowdrey, City Clerk

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