

MINUTES OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M. IN CITY HALL

Present: Mayor Postma
Commissioners Klooster, Vollbach, Bennett, McNitt and Symonds

Absent: Commissioner Timmons

Mayor Postma called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

ITEM #3 Inquiry of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were voiced.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion offered by Symonds, second by Klooster, to approve the minutes of the regular Commission meeting held October 18, 2005, as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion offered by Symonds, second by Klooster, to acknowledge receipt of the Paid Bill List dated October 27, 2005, totaling \$218,317.06.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion offered by Symonds, second by Klooster, to acknowledge receipt of minutes from the following Boards and Commissions:

- A. ZBA Public Hearing, August 22, 2005
- B. ZBA, August 22, 2005
- C. Appointments Committee, October 18, 2005
- D. Election Commission, October 18, 2005

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion offered by Symonds, second by Klooster, to acknowledge receipt of the following Monthly Public Safety Report:

- A. Police Department, September 2005

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
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REGULAR AGENDA

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ITEM #8 Schedule Organizational Meeting, November 14, 2005

Motion offered by Bennett, second by Vollbach, to schedule the Annual Organizational Meeting for Monday, November 14, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

ITEM #9 DDA Update

No items to report.

ITEM #10 Administrator's Report

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
NOVEMBER 1, 2005

1. The camping and boating seasons are coming to a close and planning is already underway for next year. At the last Commission meeting, online reservations were approved for the Tourist Park. To increase service to our Harbor customers, the Harbor office will be moving from the Gas Dock to its original location in the Shower/Restroom building. The Parks Director will also be basing his summer operations out of the relocated Harbor Office. As we go through the winter I will keep the Commission updated on other charges and upgrades.
2. The new Press Box/Restroom/Concession Stand is nearing completion at Community Park. At our last walk through, the facility will be 90% completed before the snow flies. The rest will be done in the spring before the baseball season starts. Please take time to see the new facility and also the new play structure.

Administrator White presented the Commission with a request from Parks Director Cannon to enter into an agreement with Gourdie Fraser in the amount of \$4,500 for harbor and boat launch sounding studies and for the permit application.

Motion offered by McNitt, second by Bennett, to authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Gourdie Fraser in the amount of \$4,500 for harbor and boat launch sounding studies and for the permit application.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
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White also presented the Commission with a lot split request received from Mark Southern.

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Motion offered by Symonds, second by McNitt, to approve Mark Southern's lot split request described in the description and boundary survey dated November 9, 2005, parcel #15-053-014-072-20 and 15-053-014-053-20.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

ITEM #11 Mayor's Report

No items to report.

ITEM #12 Attorney's Report

No items to report.

ITEM #13 Commissioners

Commissioner Symonds inquired on the status of the adverse possession issue regarding the Elm Pointe property.

Administrator White informed the Commission that Attorney Beatty would have an update at the next Commission meeting.

Symonds also questioned whether Attorney Beatty had received the title work on the Elizabeth Street property from Richard Joseph. He also informed the Commission that the only snowmobile access in town to the trail that leads to Charlevoix is through the subject property. He stated that he would not like to see that access eliminated.

Commissioner McNitt inquired on the status of Greg Bentley's proposal for the airport.

Administrator White stated that he and Attorney Beatty were working on a proposal to present to Mr. Bentley.

McNitt also informed the Commission that Austin Womack had completed his community project as requested at the last Commission meeting.

McNitt complimented the landscaping at the Rotary Centennial Skate Park.

McNitt questioned the status of the M32 bike path.

Administrator White stated that Representative Elsenheimer and Senator Allen are now involved due to the grading issues with the MDOT.

Commissioner Bennett stated that the trimming of the trees on Nicholls Street made the street more open.

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Commissioner Vollbach felt the Trick or Treat hours should end at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM #14 Speaker Requests

Mark Lefevre addressed the Commission regarding his large water bill. He informed the Commission that he purchased the property on April 28 and they moved into the residence on the Fourth of July weekend. He received his first bill in October and the meter had recorded 35900 cubic feet of usage. Since receiving his bill he has monitored his usage and the meter has recorded an average usage.

Motion offered by McNitt, second by Symonds, to reduce the water bill for Mark Lefevre at 1871 South Peninsula Road to an average of the last 12 months.

MOTION CARRIED
BY ROLL CALL VOTE
AYES: SYMONDS, MCNITT, VOLLBACH, KLOOSTER AND POSTMA
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: BENNETT

Commissioner Bennett abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Harry Watson addressed the Board regarding a letter he received as a member of the Elm Pointe Commission from Larry MacEachern and his request to swap property with the City of East Jordan.

Mr. Watson also addressed the Commission regarding the East Jordan Fire Department.

Mayor Postma adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully,

Mark Postma
Mayor

Lori M. Campbell, CMC
City Clerk