

**MINUTES OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING HELD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M. IN CITY HALL**

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

Absent: None

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

Commissioner Timmons stated she had a conflict of interest with Item #5 and a possible conflict with Item #9.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Timmons asked that Item #5 be removed from the Consent Agenda.
The remainder of the Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Motion offered by McNitt, second by Vollbach, to approve the minutes of the regular City Commission meeting dated December 6, 2005, as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion offered by McNitt, second by Vollbach, to acknowledge receipt of the Monthly Police Department Report, November 2005.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

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

- A. DDA, November 7, 2005
- B. Planning, November 10, 2005
- C. Appointments Committee, December 6, 2005

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion offered by McNitt, second by Vollbach, to acknowledge receipt of the Funds on Hand Report, November 2005.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
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REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM #5 Acknowledge Receipt of the Paid Bill List dated December 14, 2005, totaling \$204,151.39

Motion offered by Symonds, second by McNitt, to acknowledge receipt of the Paid Bill List dated December 14, 2005, totaling \$204,151.39.

MOTION CARRIED
BY ROLL CALL
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: TIMMONS

AYES: SYMONDS, MCNITT, BENNETT, VOLLBACH, KLOOSTER AND POSTMA

ITEM #9 Bethel Baptist Church request

James Beswetherick, Director of Bethel Baptist Church Food Pantry, presented the Commission with a request to refund the \$300 Zoning Variance Application fee recently paid by the Church.

Commission held a lengthy discussion regarding amending the ordinance to allow non-profit organizations to request a fee waiver for zoning applications.

Consensus of the Commission was to not amend the ordinance regarding zoning application fees as they were concerned this would set precedence.

ITEM #10 DDA Update

Mayor Postma informed the Commission that the DDA discussed the M32 project, the motel project and the Christmas lights downtown for next winter.

ITEM #11 Administrator's Report

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
DECEMBER 20, 2005

1. Many projects in the works for next year are slowing down for the holidays. MDOT will be announcing an Open House to go over final plans for M32 in January. On December 12th the Charlevoix County Task Force reauthorized State and Federal funding for both State Street and Division Street. After the new year Capital Consultants will be presenting an engineering proposal for those two streets.
2. On the Harbor front the soundings have been completed by the engineer. We are waiting to hear if our grant request from the State for dredging has been approved. I do not expect an answer from the State until late January or

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February. The dredging is a critical issue and none of the other projects at the Harbor or boat launch can proceed forward without the dredging.

3. Finally, I would like to wish the City Commission and all the citizens of East Jordan a very Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

Administrator White presented the Commission with a proposed reconfiguration of Third and Mill Streets at M32 and removal of the flasher.

Motion offered by Symonds, second by Klooster, to authorize the City Administrator to sign the proposed reconfiguration and flasher removal proposal indicating the City's acceptance.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

White stated that City employees would be leaving two hours early on December 22, 2005 as in past years.

White informed the Commission that he has proceeded with the property exchange regarding the Jordan River Arts Council and will be presenting a proposal to the Commission at the next meeting.

Administrator White wished the Mayor and Commissioners a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ITEM #12 Mayor's Report

Mayor Postma thanked the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for the grant received supporting Community Park.

Postma stated that he would be canceling the meeting of January 3, 2006 due to the holidays.

Postma wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

He also noted that Attorney Beatty wished everyone a Merry Christmas as he is unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a previous meeting.

ITEM #13 Attorney's Report

No items to report.

ITEM #14 Commissioners

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Commissioner Symonds reviewed the attorney's opinion regarding the appointment of a City employee to the Charter Review Committee. He noted that the attorney felt this would not be advisable.

Commissioner McNitt questioned the cost for dredging at the Tourist Park. He also questioned whether the City would be placing more lights in the trees downtown. And he questioned whether the bump on the east side of the bridge would be repaired during the M32 reconstruction project.

Administrator White stated that he would find out the cost for the dredging. He noted that there would be more lights for the trees next year and he stated that the bump on the bridge would be repaired.

Commissioner Bennett wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Vollbach stated that the curfew siren is still three minutes off. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Klooster inquired about the excavating at 121 Main Street. He also noted the roof over the train is in need of repair and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

White stated that the property owners are constructing a garage at 121 Main Street. He also noted that there has been discussion regarding the replacement of the roof over the train.

ITEM #15 Speaker Requests

No speaker request slips were received.

Mayor Postma adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully,

Mark Postma
Mayor

Lori M. Campbell, CMC
City Clerk