

**MINUTES OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING HELD
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M. IN CITY HALL**

Present: Mayor Postma
Commissioner Symonds, McNitt, Bennett, Timmons and Vollbach

Absent: Commissioner Klooster

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 Bennett, to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission meeting dated August 1, 2006, as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion offered by Symonds, second by Bennett, to acknowledge receipt of the Paid Bill List dated August 10, 2006, totaling \$489,318.02.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

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

- A. Jordan Valley District Library, June 28, 2006
- B. DDA, June 5, 2006
- C. DDA, July 10, 2006
- D. Appointments Committee, August 1, 2006
- E. Housing Commission, July 11, 2006

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion offered by Symonds, second by Bennett, to acknowledge receipt of the Funds on Hand Report, July 2006.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
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Motion offered by Symonds, second by Bennett, to acknowledge receipt of the Monthly Zoning Activity Report, July 2006.

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MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion offered by Symonds, second by Bennett, to approve the Tourist Park rental request from Ethel Wilson for use on July 28, 2007.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM #10 Resolution #110.2006, Resolution to Authorize a Representative for All Activities Associated with the State and Division Street Project

The following resolution was offered for adoption by Symonds, second by McNitt:

RESOLUTION # 110/2006

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A REPRESENTATIVE FOR ALL ACTIVITIES
ASSOCIATED WITH THE STATE STREET AND DIVISION STREET PROJECT
MDOT CONTRACT NO. 06-5367, JOB NO. 78484; 78485, CONTROL SECTION EDDF
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WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation is planning reconstruction work on Division Street from Main Street easterly to Buzzell Street and on State Street from Highway 32 easterly to Griffin Road within the corporation limits of the City of East Jordan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Administrator, a position currently held by David M. White, is designated as the authorized representative for all activities associated with the project referenced above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of East Jordan approves the proposed contract and authorizes the signing by the duly authorized official for the City of East Jordan.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Symonds, McNitt, Bennett, Timmons and Postma

Nays: None

Absent: Vollbach and Klooster

Resolution declared adopted August 15, 2006.

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ITEM #11 Robert Draves, FOIA Appeal

Speaker Request #1-Robert Draves appealed his FOIA denial to the City Commission. (copy attached and made a part of these original minutes) Draves also stated that he witnessed cash taken over the front counter with no receipt given for the transaction. He expressed concern as the Transfer Station punch cards are not numbered and can not be tracked.

Mr. Draves was informed that the request was denied due to the fact that the information requested did not exist. He was presented with a copy of the receipt and list of water deliveries that was received at City Hall the morning of August 15, 2006.

Consensus of the Commission was to review the pool filling policy at a future meeting.

Treasurer Moreau stated that a receipt is printed for every transaction. She noted that there are times when the front counter is busy and the person working will accept the cash, issue the card and enter the transaction after taking care of other customers. She also noted that the punch cards are tracked and the number issued to the front counter and sold each day are carefully recorded.

Enter Vollbach.

ITEM #12 DDA Update

Mayor Postma informed the Commission that the DDA is concentrating on the Mill Street project. He noted that the DDA is planning a meeting with community groups to discuss the possibility of creating a Historic District downtown.

Commissioner Bennett asked that the Commission be updated on the Thursday morning construction meetings.

ITEM #13 Administrator's Report

Administrator White introduced Linda Stone who was present to discuss options for changes to the stretch of M66 between the City and Elm Pointe.

Speaker Request #2-Linda Stone stated that she has proposed to MDOT a lower speed limit, placement of a caution light at M66 and Lord Road, creation of a no passing zone, additional signage and installation of walking/biking lanes.

Motion offered by Symonds, second by Timmons, to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support to MDOT regarding the proposed changes to M66.

MOTION CARRIED
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AYES: SYMONDS, BENNETT, TIMMONS AND POSTMA

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NAYS: MCNITT AND VOLLBACH

Parks Director Cannon was in attendance to discuss the cancellation policy.

Commissioner Bennett questioned the reservation policy and if specific sites could be requested.

Cannon stated that campers can request specific sites.

Bennett also stated that he was very pleased with the employment of Mr. Schwartz.

Cannon informed the Commission that he will be working with Mr. Schwartz on a grant proposal for a new building at the Tourist Park.

Discussion was held regarding upgrades to Murphy Field and the Softball field.

Administrator White presented the Commission with a proposal from Capital Consultants for the project engineering of Division and State Street.

Motion offered by McNitt, second by Vollbach, to approve the engineering proposal for the Division and State Street project from Capital Consultants in the amount of \$42,840.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

ITEM #14 Mayor's Report

Mayor Postma informed the Commission that he will be out of town for a few days but will be available by cellular phone.

ITEM #15 Attorney's Report

Attorney Beatty informed the Commission that the township EMS contracts are complete with the changes to the indemnification language and ready for approval.

Motion offered by Symonds, second by Bennett, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the township EMS contracts.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

ITEM #16 Commissioners

Commissioner McNitt asked if the weeds growing between the bricks in the sidewalks could be removed. He verified that document requests do not require a formal FOIA submission. He also questioned the status of the kiosk in the Tourist Park.

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Mayor Postma stated that during discussions with others there was not much interest in installing a kiosk.

Commissioner Bennett stated that he received many positive comments regarding East Jordan from out of town visitors.

Commissioner Vollbach questioned while MDOT is working in East Jordan whether the corner on M32 west of the boat launch could be widened.

Administrator White stated that at the present time this would not be possible.

ITEM #17 Speaker Requests

Robert Draves again addressed the Commission stating that it is cheaper for an out of town resident to pay the Fire Department to deliver water to fill a pool than they could purchase the water from their spigot. He stated that out of town residents could place a tank and have their water delivered by the Fire Department and save half the price by not hooking up to the City water system. He felt the rates should be adjusted because of this fact. He also reviewed the policies he received authorizing the Fire Department to fill pools.

Commissioner Bennett asked that the policy and the rates be reviewed.

No additional speaker requests were received.

Mayor Postma adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully,

Mark Postma
Mayor

Lori M. Campbell, CMC
City Clerk