



## **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DOWAGIAC CITY COUNCIL**

Municipal Building, 241 S. Front Street, Dowagiac, Michigan

Monday, June 16, 2014, 12:00 p.m.

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### **AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER

-Mayor Donald D. Lyons

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

-Mayor Donald D. Lyons

ROLL CALL

-Mayor Donald D. Lyons  
-Mayor Pro-Tem Leon Laylin  
-Councilmember Charles Burling  
-Councilmember James Dodd  
-Councilmember Randall Gross, Sr.  
-Councilmember Lori Hunt  
-Councilmember Bob Schuur

RESOLUTIONS –

1. Resolution authorizing the purchase of the storage facility property on Middle Crossing Road.

ADJOURNMENT –

Kevin P. Anderson  
City Manager

Attachments

## *CITY OF DOWAGIAC*

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**MEMO TO:** Mayor Lyons and City Council Members

**FROM:** Kevin P. Anderson, City Manager

**DATE:** June 13, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Storage Facility – Russom Park

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There is a storage facility on Middle Crossing Road adjacent to the entrance of Russom Park that is available through Chemical Bank. The Russom Park Committee has considered the purchase of this property for several years because it could provide storage for baseball and soccer organizations, avoid the cost of building storage facilities on site, provide a source of income to both pay for the cost of purchase & park maintenance and resolve potential boundary line issues in the future.

On May 9, 2014 City Council took an action to jointly purchase the facility with Silver Creek Township. The township has diligently looked at participating in this project, but needs more time to complete their due diligence. Chemical Bank has worked closely with the communities, but is in need of a firm commitment by June 18, 2014 or they will need to begin marketing the property to other parties who have expressed an interest in this property.

The reasons for purchasing are still valid whether the city completes the purchase on its own or with the township. I have talked with the Township Supervisor and indicated that the city may be willing to purchase the property and give the township more time to complete their process. The terms for purchasing remain the same:

- The purchase price will be \$109,000.
- Revenues from rentals will first be used to reimburse the cost of the building, then be used for maintenance of the building and then be used for Russom Park maintenance.
- Initial funding for the project will come from reserves in the Municipal Building Fund and the Cemetery Fund. All reserves will be restored from rental income from the facility over the next 10 years.

### RECOMMENDATION

Authorize a resolution to purchase the storage facility property on Middle Crossing Road.

Support Documents:

Cover Memo-City Mgr.  
Resolution

Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution; seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHEREAS**, the City and Silver Creek Township have actively pursued the ongoing development of Russom Field; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the long-term best interest of the City to acquire properties for future development as they become available and as the City has resources available; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager has negotiated a purchase agreement, subject to City Council, with Chemical Bank for purchase of the property at 28733 Middle Crossing Street that would accommodate said development; and

**WHEREAS**, the attached “Real Property Purchase Agreement” has been prepared and reviewed by representatives of the City and Chemical Bank; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Dowagiac, by the affirmative vote of its City Council, does hereby authorize the City Manager to revise the agreement to purchase that was authorized on May 9, 2014 execute the attached “Real Property Purchase Agreement” for the purchase of property from Chemical Bank; and

**BE IT FURTHERE RESOLVED** that the City of Dowagiac, by the affirmative vote of its City Council, does hereby authorize the City Manager to continue discussions and negotiations with Silver Creek Township to share in ownership of the this property.

ADOPTED/REJECTED