

DOWAGIAC CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 8, 2016

A regular meeting of the Dowagiac City Council was called to order by Mayor Lyons at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Lyons led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald D. Lyons, Mayor Pro-Tem Leon D. Laylin; Councilmembers James B. Dodd, Danielle E. Lucas, Bob B. Schuur and City Clerk Jane P. Wilson.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Charles K. Burling, Lori A. Hunt

STAFF: City Manager Kevin P. Anderson, Public Safety Director Steve Grinnewald, Airport Manager Oscar Azevedo

Councilmember Laylin moved and Councilmember Dodd seconded that the minutes of the January 25, 2016 meeting be approved.

APPROVED unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE (NON-AGENDA)

Andy Anderson, Resident, spoke to council about an open meeting regarding the Charter Amendment proposal on March 8, 2016 ballot.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Borgess Lee Memorial Hospital Nursing Shared Governance Committee flower sale to benefit nursing education and development.

Councilmember Schuur moved and Councilmember Lucas seconded that the request be approved.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution to authorize additional payments to reduce the MERS pension liability.

Councilmember Laylin offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution; seconded by Councilmember Dodd.

WHEREAS, the City administration has reviewed the attached memo regarding GASB 75 and upcoming changes to how Other Post Employment Benefits will be reported on the financial statements; and

WHEREAS, the City administration recommends an additional payment to be made towards personnel benefit liability in efforts to reduce overall debt; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation of an additional \$1,000 liability payment monthly to the MERS pension has been made.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dowagiac, by the affirmative vote of its City Council, does hereby adopt the recommended additional liability payment of \$1,000 monthly to the MERS pension liability.

ADOPTED unanimously.

2. Resolution to authorize an amendment with Prien & Newhoff to allow for the development of a design and bid specifications for a new terminal building at the airport.

Councilmember Dodd offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution; seconded by Councilmember Lucas.

WHEREAS, City Council it is cost effective to replace the existing terminal building at the airport; and

WHEREAS, federal and state funds are available to the City of Dowagiac for the purpose of Airport and Airway improvements,

WHEREAS, the City's application has been approved for a Michigan Department of Transportation contractor and Federal/State/Local Airport Project Block Grant through the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT); and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the agreement is necessary to complete the design and development of bid specification,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dowagiac, by affirmative vote of its City Council, hereby approves the amendment to the agreement under the direction of the Michigan Department of Transportation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council directs the City Manager to be authorized as the signatory for execution of the same.

ADOPTED unanimously.

3. Resolution to authorize and direct the City Treasurer to pay the following bills and payroll due:

Councilmember Schuur offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution; seconded by Councilmember Dodd.

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WHEREAS, the following information has been reviewed by the City Manager and City Treasurer and is being presented to City Council with a recommendation to approve invoices and payroll #10 for the period ending 02/04/16:

Invoices	\$273,876.07
Payroll #10	<u>\$123,050.65</u>
Total	\$396,926.72

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager and City Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed to pay the following bills and payroll due:

<u>BILLS</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
\$273,876.07	\$123,050.65	\$396,926.72

ADOPTED on a roll call vote.

Ayes: Four (4) Laylin, Dodd, Lucas, Schuur

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Two (2) Burling, Hunt

Abstain: None (0)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Councilmember Dodd and seconded by Councilmember Laylin, the Dowagiac City Council adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Donald D. Lyons, Mayor

Jane P. Wilson, City Clerk