

DOWAGIAC CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 24, 2015

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

Mayor Lyons led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Leon D. Laylin; Councilmembers Charles K. Burling, James B. Dodd, Danielle E. Lucas, Bob B. Schuur; City Clerk Jane Phillipson Wilson.

ABSENT: Councilmember Hunt

STAFF: City Manager Kevin P. Anderson

Councilmember Dodd moved and Councilmember Schuur seconded that the minutes of the August 10, 2015 meeting be approved.

Approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATION –

1. A Ride to Remember, 9/11 Memorial Motorcycle Ride, September 13, 2015

Motion by Schuur, seconded by Laylin, to approve the event.

APPROVED unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS –

1. Resolution to authorize a Grant contract for Demolition with the Michigan Land Bank in the Amount of \$250,000 for the demolition of the building at 200 East Division Street.

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

WHEREAS, City Council made application for a 2015 Michigan Blight Elimination Program Grant in May 2015 in the amount of \$250,000 to aid in the demolition of 200 E. Division Street; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has approved the grant application and has prepared a Grant Contract for Demolition between the City of Dowagiac and the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority (MLB) in the amount of \$250,000 to aid in the demolition of 200 E. Division Street;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dowagiac, by affirmative vote of its City Council, hereby approves the Grant Contract for Demolition between the City of Dowagiac and the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority (MLB) in the

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amount of \$250,000 to aid in the demolition of 200 E. Division Street; 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.

2. Resolution to authorize an advance construction contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for grant eligible road work on East Railroad Street from Telegraph Street to Prairie Ronde Street.

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

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that there is a need to repave portions of E. Railroad Street; and,

WHEREAS, the most prudent way to secure MDOT transportation funds to assist in this work is to enter into an advance construction contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for grant eligible road work on East Railroad Street from Telegraph Street to Prairie Ronde Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dowagiac, by affirmative vote of its City Council, hereby approves the Advance Construction Contract with MDOT; 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 an Agreement for Assessment Services through 2018 with Edward VanderVries and Michael Richmond.

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

WHEREAS, the City of Dowagiac routinely reviews all of its agreements and has recently reviewed the Assessing Services Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has received a proposal that will retain the level of assessing services and reduce the cost of providing said services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dowagiac, by affirmative vote of its

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City Council, hereby approves an agreement with Edward VanderVries to provide assessing services for the City of Dowagiac through 2018; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council directs the Mayor and City Clerk to be authorized as the signatory for execution of the same.

ADOPTED unanimously.

4. 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 Burling.

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 #24 for the periods ending 8/20/15:

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>
\$638,372.26	\$180,154.68	\$818,526.94

ADOPTED on a roll call vote.

Ayes: Five (5) Burling, Dodd, Laylin, Lucas, Schuur

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Hunt

Abstain: None (0)

ADJOURNMENT -

Upon motion by Councilmember Dodd and seconded by Councilmember Laylin, the Dowagiac City Council adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Donald D. Lyons, Mayor

Jane P. Wilson, City Clerk