

DOWAGIAC CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, May 21, 2015

A special meeting of the Dowagiac City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Laylin at 12:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Laylin deferred on 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 and City Clerk Jane Wilson.

ABSENT: Mayor Donald D. Lyons and Councilmember Lori A. Hunt

STAFF: City Manager Kevin P. Anderson, City Manager; Rozanne H. Scherr, Assistant City Manager.

Councilmember Dodd moved and Councilmember Burling seconded that the minutes of the May 11, 2015 regular meeting be approved.

Approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution authorizing a Blight Elimination Grant application with the State of Michigan for the demolition of the building at 200 East Division Street.

Councilmember Laylin offered and moved to table the following resolution; seconded by Councilmember Dodd.

WHEREAS, the City of Dowagiac desires to improve its employment, tax base and the overall quality of lives of its residents; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Dowagiac recognizes that blighted, abandoned buildings negatively impacts the tax base and quality of life for its residents; and,

WHEREAS, competitive grant funding is available through the 2015 Michigan Blight Elimination Program; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Dowagiac is committed to eliminating blight and needs additional resources to deal with a large, abandoned warehouse on a commercial corridor at the gateway to Downtown Dowagiac; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Dowagiac has determined that the removal of the structure at 200 E. Division is necessary and will commit financial resources to cover all costs associated with the demolition that are ineligible for the grant or are in excess of the grant; and,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dowagiac, by the affirmative vote of its City Council, does hereby designate Kevin P. Anderson, City Manager, to make a grant application on behalf of the City of Dowagiac to the 2015 Michigan Blight Elimination Program up to \$250,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City of Dowagiac does hereby commit to reserving capital improvement funds to pay all costs associated with the demolition that are ineligible for the grant or are in excess of the grant.

ADOPTED unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Councilmember Burling and seconded by Councilmember Dodd, the Dowagiac City Council adjourned at 12:13 PM.

Leon Laylin, Mayor Pro Tempore

Jane P. Wilson, City Clerk