

DOWAGIAC CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, June 1, 2015

A special meeting of the Dowagiac City Council was called to order by Mayor Lyons at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Lyons deferred on the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald D. Lyons, Mayor Pro-Tem Leon D. Laylin; Councilmembers Charles K. Burling, James B. Dodd, Lori A. Hunt and Bob B. Schuur.

ABSENT: Councilmember Danielle E. Lucas and City Clerk Jane Wilson.

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

Councilmember Schuur moved and Councilmember Dodd seconded that the minutes of the May 21, 2015 special meeting be approved.

Approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution to approve a budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16 that will begin October 1, 2015 and end on September 30, 2016.

Councilmember Burling offered and moved to approve the following resolution; seconded by Councilmember Schuur.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Dowagiac has received a proposed budget from the City Administration for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Public Act 42 of 1995 and Section 8.4 of the City Charter, the City of Dowagiac on June 1, 2015 held a public budget hearing concerning all City funds. During said hearing the property tax millage rates and proposed uses of the same were presented; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dowagiac is required to adopt a General Appropriations Act for the following funds in conformance with the Michigan Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act (No. 621) of 1978:

- General
- Major Streets
- Local Streets
- Parks
- Sidewalk Replacement Program
- Solid Waste
- Industrial/Economic Development

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- LDFA Project
- DDA TIF Project
- Streetscape Maintenance
- Rehabilitation Loan Payments
- MSHDA Rental Rehab
- Municipal Facilities/Improvements
- City Drug Forfeiture
- Depot
- M-51 South Commercial Development
- Capital Projects Fund
- Electric Utility
- Dial-A Ride Transportation (DART)
- Sewer Utility
- Water Utility
- Motor Pool/Equipment
- Computer Replacement
- Health/Drug Self Insurance
- Self Insurance - Liability
- Cemetery Trust
- Retiree Health Insurance
- Fire Insurance Escrow

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dowagiac, by the affirmative vote of its City Council, does hereby adopt the aforementioned budgets, which are contained in the budget document submitted to the City Council and placed on file with the City Clerk, for the year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby levied an Ad Valorem Property Tax as indicated below, based upon the Taxable Valuation of the City in conformance with the General Property Tax Act:

14.1521 Mills - General Fund Operations	
.5500 Mills - Dial-A-Ride (DART) Fund Operations	
<u>2.6000</u> Mills - Solid Waste Fund Operations	
17.3021	TOTAL MILLAGE

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby given the authority to make transfers between departments or funds of amounts up to \$15,000 without prior approval of the City Council to maintain a balanced budget in conformance with the Michigan Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Treasurer's office is authorized to assess a 1% property tax administration fee to offset the costs incurred by the City for assessing property values and for the collecting and accounting of property taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a late penalty fee of 4% of the City tax levy shall be added to those delinquent City taxes, which remain unpaid as of September 16, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all delinquent property taxes collected on or after September 16, 2015 shall have an additional 1% added per each month thereafter to the outstanding balance due.

ADOPTED unanimously on a Roll Call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Councilmember Dodd and seconded by Councilmember Laylin, the Dowagiac City Council adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Donald D. Lyons, Mayor

Rozanne H. Scherr, Deputy City Clerk