


AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey and the Clare City Commission
FROM: Ken Hibl, City Manager 
DATE: July 12, 2010
RE: Designation of Voting Delegates – MERS Annual Conference

For the Agenda of July 19, 2010

Background. The Michigan Employees Retirement System (MERS) will hold its annual conference in Kalamazoo during the period September 15-17, 2010. The City Commission has traditionally sent two delegates to the conference, an employee representative elected by the City's employees to represent their interests at the conference, and a management delegate (traditionally, the City Treasurer) to represent management's interests at the conference.

Through individually cast ballots the City employees have elected Luke Potter as their primary delegate and Greg Rynearson as their alternate representative; Steven Kingsbury has agreed to attend on behalf of the City as its management representative. The City Commission is asked to formally designate these individuals to represent the respective elements of the City at the conference.

Issues & Questions Specified. Should the City Commission appoint voting delegates to attend the annual MERS Conference?

Alternatives.

1. Appoint the individuals elected and traditionally appointed.
2. Appoint City employees other than elected or traditionally appointed.
3. Do not appoint any City employees to attend the conference.
4. Set this matter aside for further discussion, consideration, and decision at a future, scheduled meeting. *Note: if the Commission does not send a representative(s) to the conference, there is no need to appoint a delegate(s) and no action will be required.*

Financial Impact. If the Commission decides to send a delegate(s) to the conference, the fiscal impact includes registration, travel, subsistence and potentially lodging costs (estimated to be no more than \$400 per person). Funds have been appropriated and are available in the 2010/2011 budget to defray these costs.

Recommendations. I recommend that the City Commission appoint Mr. Luke Potter and Mr. Greg Rynearson as the primary and alternate employee representatives, respectively, and Mr. Steven Kingsbury as the management representative to attend the annual MERS Conference by adoption of the proposed Resolution 2010-081 (*copy attached*).

Attachment. Resolution 2010-081

RESOLUTION 2010-081

A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARE CITY APPOINTING PRIMARY AND ALTERNATIVE VOTING DELEGATES TO ATTEND THE MICHIGAN EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (MERS) ANNUAL MEETING.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Employees Retirement System (MERS) will hold its annual meeting on September 15-17, 2010 in Kalamazoo, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clare has traditionally sent two representatives (an employee representative elected by the members of the local bargaining units and a management representative appointed by the City Commission); and

WHEREAS, the employees have elected Mr. Luke Potter as their primary representative and Mr. Greg Rynearson as their alternate representative; the City Commission has traditionally appointed its Treasurer to represent management.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Clare hereby appoints Mr. Luke Potter to serve as its primary employee designee and Mr. Greg Rynearson to serve as its alternate employee designee to vote on any and all matters brought before the voting body of MERS and to represent the City's employees at the annual MERS meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Commission appoints Mr. Steven Kingsbury to serve as the management designee of the City at said conference.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INsofar AS THEY CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY RESCINDED.

The Resolution was introduced by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____. The Resolution declared adopted by the following roll call vote:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Resolution approved for adoption on this 19th day of July 2010.

Diane Schmidt, City Clerk