

The regular meeting of the Clare City Commission was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Jean McConnell in the Commission Chambers, at 6:00 p.m., who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Commissioners, John Koch, Tom Koch and Jean McConnell. Absent: Commissioners Bill Horwood, who subsequently arrived at 6:10 p.m., and Pat Humphrey. Also present were Ken Hibl, City Manager; Lori Schuh, Main Street Manager; Steven Kingsbury, Finance Director/Treasurer; Dwayne Miedzianowski, Police Chief; Bob Bonham, Director of Public Works; Amanda Green, Recreation Director.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner John Koch second by Commissioner Tom Koch to approve the items listed with an asterisk (\*) that are considered to be routine by the City Commission (Minutes, Agenda, Department Reports, Communications and Approval of Bills, Proposed Ordinance Amendment, First Reading). Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners John Koch, Tom Koch, and Jean McConnell. Nays: none. Absent: Commissioners Bill Horwood and Pat Humphrey. Motion approved.

3. \*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consent Agenda Approval.

4. \*APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Consent Agenda Approval.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: - None

6. OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Presentation of Tree City Award.

The City of Clare is the recipient of the designation of Tree City USA. Amanda Green presented the city memorabilia in the form of a plaque and flag that accompany the designation. Also received by the City was a road sign to mark this distinction. Ms. Green also informed the commission of the planned planting of 50 trees on April 22, 2009 during Clare Pride Day in celebration of Earth Day and the Tree City USA designation.

B. Taxi Cab Permit – 4Cs Taxi.

Motion by Commissioner John Koch second by Commissioner Tom Koch to approve the issuance of a taxi license to 4Cs Taxi by adoption of Resolution 2009-035. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners John Koch, Tom Koch, and Jean McConnell. Nays: none. Absent: Bill Horwood and Pat Humphrey. Motion approved.

C. Municipal Software Upgrade.

Steven Kingsbury provided the commissioner information about the proposed software upgrade with BS&A Software to complete the upgrade of all of the computer programs provided by BS&A Software. Motion by Commissioner Tom Koch second by Commissioner Bill Horwood to enter into an agreement with BS&A Software to upgrade all of the computer software programs licensed from BS&A

Software in the amount of \$10,025 with an additional cost of up to \$3,250 for installation and on-site training by adoption of Resolution 2009-036. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Tom Koch, Bill Horwood, John Koch and Jean McConnell. Nays: none. Absent: Commissioner Pat Humphrey. Motion approved.

D. MDOT Contract – Pere Marquette Rail-Trail Project.

Motion by Commissioner Bill Horwood second by Commissioner John Koch approve the MDOT Contract No. 08-5393, which refers to MDOT Job Number 102059A by adoption of Resolution 2009-037. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bill Horwood, John Koch, Tom Koch and Jean McConnell. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Pat Humphrey. Motion approved.

E. Lease Proposal.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Koch second by Commissioner Bill Horwood to approve a lease agreement with Lamar OCI Corporation to lease City-owned property with an annual lease payment of \$1,600 or 20% of sign revenue generated by Lamar for the purposes of billboard advertisements by adoption of Resolution 2009-038. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Tom Koch, Bill Horwood, John Koch and Jean McConnell Pat Humphrey. Nays: none. Absent: Commissioner Pat Humphrey. Motion approved.

F. Proposed Ordinance amendment – Chapter 52, Zoning.

(1) Motion by Commissioner Bill Horwood second by Commissioner Tom Koch to open a public hearing for comment regarding proposed amendments to Chapter 52, Zoning Code of Ordinances, Section 52-279, 1,2. With no public comment received, Motion by Commissioner Bill Horwood second by Commissioner John Koch to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners John Koch, Bill Horwood, Tom Koch and Jean McConnell. Nays: none. Absent: Commissioner Pat Humphrey. Motion approved.

(2) \*First Reading

G. Curb Bids.

Motion by Commissioner Bill Horwood second by Commissioner John Koch to approve the curb bids and award the contract of said work to Gallihugh & Sons contingent upon the approval of the appropriation which will allow funding of said work by adoption of Resolution 2009-040. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners John Koch, Bill Horwood, Tom Koch and Jean McConnell. Nays: none. Absent: Commissioner Pat Humphrey. Motion approved.

8. TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer’s report received.

9. \*DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Consent Agenda Approval.

10. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager’s report received.

11. \*COMMUNICATIONS:

CPD Kudos. The City received the enclosed email from a participant of the department's CCS training last weekend.

Congratulatory Letter. The City received the attached letter from Representative Tim Moore.

Letter of Thanks- US Census Bureau. The City received the enclosed letter of appreciation for the use of City facilities.

Notice of Clare County Planning Commission Meeting. The City received the enclosed invitation to attend the referenced meeting.

Notice of CPS Strategic Planning Meeting. The City received the enclosed letter regarding continuation of the Clare Public Schools Long Range Plan process.

Letter of Thanks. The City received the enclosed letter of thanks from Chemical Bank.

Claims Letter. Our insurance carrier issued the attached letter regarding a sidewalk trip and fall claim.

MMDC Bullets. The most recent editions were attached for the Commission's information.

Attachments. As noted above.

12. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

13. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TOPICS: None

14. \*APPROVAL OF BILLS:  
Consent Agenda Approval.

15. BUDGET WORKSHOPS  
Budget Workshops were conducted in the following areas: Police & Drug Enforcement Fund; Parks and Recreation Fund.

16. ADJOURNMENT:  
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Pat Humphrey, Mayor

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Diane Schmidt, City Clerk