

The regular meeting of the Clare City Commission was called to order by Mayor Pat Humphrey in the Commission Chambers, at 6:00 p.m., who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Commissioners Bill Horwood, John Koch, Tom Koch, Jean McConnell. Absent: None. Also present were Ken Hibl, City Manager; Steven Kingsbury, Treasurer/Finance Director; and Diane Schmidt, City Clerk.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Tom Koch second by Commissioner Bill Horwood to approve the items listed with an asterisk (*) that are considered to be routine by the City Commission (Minutes, Agenda, Communications, Bills, and Department Reports). Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners John Koch, Jean McConnell, Tom Koch, Bill Horwood and Pat Humphrey. Nays: None. Absent: None. *MOTION CARRIED.*

3. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consent Agenda Approval.

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Consent Agenda Approval.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: - None

6. OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Appointment of MERS Delegates.

Motion by Commissioner Jean McConnell second by Commissioner John Koch to appoint 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 and appoint Mr. Steven Kingsbury to serve as the management designee of the City at said conference by adoption of Resolution 2009-078. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners John Koch, Tom Koch, Bill Horwood, Jean McConnell and Pat Humphrey. Nays: None. Absent: None. *MOTION CARRIED.*

B. Approval of Bids-Well #5.

Motion by Commissioner Jean McConnell, second by Commissioner John Koch, to approve the bid and award the work to drill a replacement public water well to Raymer Well Drilling and concurrently award the work to rehabilitate the electric motor and pump of Well #5 for reuse on the replacement well for total project costs not to exceed \$60,600 by adoption of Resolution 2009-079. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bill Horwood, John Koch, Tom Koch, Jean McConnell and Pat Humphrey. Nays: none. Absent: none. *MOTION CARRIED.*

C. Employee Cell Phone Reimbursements.

Motion by Commissioner Bill Horwood, second by Commissioner Tom Koch, to approve a tiered employee phone reimbursement program of \$15, \$50, and \$75 per month with the caveat that if any employee entitled to the cell phone reimbursement on any given month exceeds the reimbursement amount they are paid, the City will pay them the excess amount if provided detailed documentation by adoption of Resolution 2009-080. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bill Horwood, John Koch, Tom Koch, Jean McConnell and Pat Humphrey. Nays: none. Absent: none. *MOTION CARRIED.*

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Manager's report received.

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

10. Consent Agenda Approval.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager's report received.

12. *COMMUNICATIONS:

Consent Agenda Approval.

* Donation to Rail-Trail. The City received correspondence with a check in the amount of \$1,125 for the ongoing Pere-Marquette Rail Trail Extension Project.

*Dismissal of Pending Litigation. The City requested dismissal of its case against a local property owner for noncompliance with building, electrical, and safety codes as the identified noncompliance issues have been corrected.

*Michigan Liquor Control Commission Correspondence. The City received correspondence related to the temporary permit request of Mr. Bob Ruby.

*MMDC Correspondence. Two documents were presented and discussed at the most recent MMDC quarterly Board meeting; The first is a twelve month recap of major MMDC activities; the second is a comparison of the top-10 prioritized ranking (based on an informal survey of MMDC customers) of the economic development needs within Isabella and Clare Counties for 2007 and 2008.

13. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Bill Horwood requested information on the end date and change of City waste hauler services. Commissioner Tom Koch requested information on taxable property values versus assessed property values from the City Treasurer/Finance Director.

14. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TOPICS: At the request of Mr. Jim Russell, Commissioner John Koch made the Commission aware that Mr. Russell is interested in purchasing two vacant city lots. Jean McConnell, Mayor Pro-Tem accepted a request made to the City by the owners of Cops and Doughnuts, that a City Official make a brief presentation at their official opening on July 21, 2009 at 8:45 a.m.

15. *APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Consent Agenda Approval.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Pat Humphrey, Mayor

Diane Schmidt, City Clerk