

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, Jean McConnell and Pat Humphrey. Absent: Bill Horwood. Also present were Ken Hibl, City Manager; Steven Kingsbury, Treasurer/Finance Director; Bob Bonham, DPW Superintendent; Sheila Bissonnette, Library Director; Dick Acker, Airport Manager; and Diane Schmidt, City Clerk.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Jean McConnell, 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, Communications, Board Appointments, Department Reports and Bills). Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners John Koch, Tom Koch, Jean McConnell and Pat Humphrey. Nays: None. Absent: Bill Horwood. *MOTION CARRIED.*

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. Employee Recognition-Bob Bonham, 35 Years of Service.

Motion by Commissioner Jean McConnell second by Commissioner John Koch to formally recognize Bob for serving the residents of the City of Clare for the past thirty-five years as an employee of the Department of Public Works, by adoption of Resolution 2009-087. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Tom Koch, John Koch, Jean McConnell and Pat Humphrey. Nays: None. Absent: Bill Horwood. *MOTION CARRIED.*

B. Employee Recognition-Al Jessup, 30 Years of Service.

Item tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

C. Employee Recognition-Sheila Bissonnette, 15 Years of Service.

Motion by Commissioner Jean McConnell second by Commissioner John Koch to formally recognize Sheila for serving the residents of the City of Clare for the past fifteen years as an employee of the Pere Marquette District Library, by adoption of Resolution 2009-089. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Tom Koch, John Koch, Jean McConnell and Pat Humphrey. Nays: None. Absent: Bill Horwood. *MOTION CARRIED.*

D. Approval of Airport Five-Year Plan.

Motion by Commissioner Jean McConnell second by Commissioner John Koch to approve a five-year airport capital improvement plan to facilitate its presentation to the MDOT aeronautics staff, by adoption of Resolution 2009-083. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Tom Koch, John Koch, Jean McConnell and Pat Humphrey. Nays: None. Absent: Bill Horwood. *MOTION CARRIED.*

E. Purchase of Soccer Goals.

Item tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

F. Approval to Purchase Police Patrol Car.

Motion by Commissioner John Koch second by Commissioner Jean McConnell to authorize the purchase of 2008 Crown Victoria police vehicle at a cost of \$24,195 from Gorno Motors of Grosse Isle, Michigan – which is a cost savings of approximately \$10K in comparison to a comparably-equipped 2009 or 2010 model Crown Victoria purchased through the state buying program. This unit will replace the current oldest vehicle in our police fleet, which is a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria with 104,461 miles, to comply with our established police vehicle rotation cycle

(replacement of a police vehicle each 18 months) , by adoption of Resolution 2009-085. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Tom Koch, John Koch, Jean McConnell and Pat Humphrey. Nays: None. Absent: Bill Horwood. *MOTION CARRIED.*

G. Approval to Purchase New Laptop Computers for City Commissioners and Department Head Staff.

Motion by Commissioner Jean McConnell second by Commissioner John Koch to replace the eight laptop computers that have been in service for several years at a maximum cost of \$13,664 plus shipping, by adoption of Resolution 2009-086. The appropriation of funds had previous approval from the Clare City Commission through adoption of Resolution Number 2009-061. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners John Koch, Jean McConnell and Pat Humphrey. Nays: Tom Koch. Absent: Bill Horwood. *MOTION CARRIED.* Koch felt the cost of the equipment is too expensive.

H. *Board & Committee Appointments – Zoning Board of Appeals (Amy Kunse & Brett Cook).

Consent Agenda Approval.

8. TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer’s report received. An update on the development of the City’s new website was provided.

9. *DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Consent Agenda Approval.

10. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager’s report received.

11. *COMMUNICATIONS:

Consent Agenda Approval.

Notice of Permanent Numbering Policy from Michigan Secretary of State. The City received the notification from the State of Michigan regarding a permanent personal identification numbering policy.

Memo from City Clerk on Aged Accounts Receivable. The City received a memorandum from the City Clerk regarding aged accounts receivables as of July 15, 2009.

Correspondence from and Response to Angela Martin. The City received correspondence from and forwarded a response regarding the mowing of grass at a rental property owned by Angela Martin, located at 603 Cottage Street.

Notice of New Project Manager at Lapham Associates. The City received notification of Mr. Tim Lapham’s appointment as the City’s new project manager due to Mr. Jim Klein’s departure from Lapham Associates.

MMDC Correspondence. The City received a copy of the weekly *MMDC Bullets* for the Commission’s information.

12. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Received an inquiry from Tom Creuger, 412 John R, regarding drilling a test well at the north end of Clare. Richard Acker, Airport Manager, suggested that the Commission review the website “Crazy Guy on a Bike”, as cyclist Tom Zych had mentioned that he would be posting information about the hospitality received in City of Clare. John Koch, City Commissioner, publicly thanked DPW Superintendent, Robert Bonham, for expediting repairs to large potholes on Brookwood Drive and inquired about the development of an additional ball field.

13. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TOPICS: None

14. *APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Consent Agenda Approval.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Jean McConnell, Mayor Pro Tem

Diane Schmidt, City Clerk