

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 John Koch, Tom Koch, Jean McConnell, and Pat Humphrey. Absent: Bill Horwood. Also present were Bob Bonham, Acting City Manager; Steven Kingsbury, Finance Director/Treasurer; Lori Schuh, Main Street Manager; Sarah Schumacher, Deputy City Clerk.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Jean McConnell second by Commissioner John Koch to approve the items listed with an asterisk (*) that are considered to be routine by the City Commission (Minutes, Communications, Department Reports, Approval of Bills, Agenda, First Reading of Ordinance 2009-004). Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners John Koch, Jean McConnell, Tom Koch and Pat Humphrey. Nays: None. Absent: Bill Horwood. *Motion Approved.*

3. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consent Agenda Approval.

4. *APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

5. Consent Agenda Approval.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: - Al Demarest expressed his views on the Railroad Depot Forum held on September 29, 2009, the Planning Commission discussion of the Railroad Depot at the meeting held on October 09, 2009, the present condition of the Railroad Depot, location options for the Railroad Depot, and on the State of Michigan's revenue cuts and stimulus money. Tom Creguer questioned the time allowed for removal of the Railroad Depot from its present location.

7. OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. U.S. Bike Route 20.

Motion by Commissioner John Koch second by Commissioner Jean McConnell to support the development of U.S. BR-20, an approved plan of the National Transportation Authority for an official U.S. Bicycle Route System that traverses through central Michigan – specifically through the City of Clare on the Pere Marquette Trail, by adoption of Resolution 2009-106. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Tom Koch, John Koch, Jean McConnell, and Pat Humphrey. Nays: None. Absent: Bill Horwood. *Motion Approved.*

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Revision of Chapter 52 (Zoning) Sections 52-277 and 52-279 (Ordinance 2009-004).

*First reading of proposed Ordinance Revision-Consent Agenda Approval.

Lori Schuh provided background information regarding the proposed ordinance revision.

Motion by Commissioner John Koch second by Commissioner Jean McConnell to open the Public Hearing. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners John Koch, Tom Koch, Jean McConnell and Pat Humphrey. Nays: none. Absent: Bill Horwood. *Motion Approved.*

Public comment: None

Motion by Commissioner Jean McConnell second by Commissioner John Koch to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Tom Koch, John Koch, Jean McConnell and Pat Humphrey. Nays: none. Absent: Bill Horwood. *Motion Approved.*

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report received.

10. *DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Consent Agenda Approval.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Tractor Purchase: Several questions were brought up at the October 5th commission meeting so I have started gathering information on financing possibilities and reconditioned equipment that may be available from Holder. I received an email from Marc Fisher, Sales Manager at Holder of North America Inc. He stated that although the website states that there are both C9700 & C9.72H units available it is not the case as they have sold the remaining units. Commissioner John Koch has also requested information regarding the Safe Routes to School program and possibly receiving grant funds for the purchase. We will have the remaining information available to discuss at the November 2, 2009 meeting.

12. IDC Meeting. The IDC met on October 17, 2009 to formulate the development of a new industrial park. There will be a proposal from them to be presented on the November 2, 2009 meeting.

13. Hydrant Flushing. Just a reminder, we will commence hydrant flushing on October 18th @ 11pm to exercise and ensure proper operation of all of our fire hydrants. This annual task routinely takes our crews five working days to complete working an 11pm-7am shift; we anticipate completion on October 23rd.

14. Airport Hangar Project. The foundation and concrete floors have been completed and awaiting the delivery of the building materials scheduled for October 27th. Central Asphalt has been notified so they can schedule the remaining paving for completion.

15. Stamina Stadium Paving. The remaining paving of the parking lot was completed by Central Asphalt and Department of Public Works employees will attempt to complete parking striping before winter, weather permitting.

16. *COMMUNICATIONS:
Consent Agenda Approval.

*Correspondence from the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission. The City received correspondence related to a request from Shri Hari Oil, Inc., 1513 N. McEwan St., Clare, MI 48617, for a new Specially Designated Merchant license with Gas Pumps.

*Correspondence from and Response to Betty Lewis. The City received correspondence and forwarded a response regarding the restriction of animals at City-managed soccer program events.

*MMDC Correspondence. The latest editions of weekly *MMDC Bullets* are attached for the Commission's information.

17. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

18. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TOPICS

Mayor Humphrey announced the rest of the Commission that he had attended a 75th anniversary for the Clare Kiwanis to present a Proclamation to the group.

19. *APPROVAL OF BILLS:
Consent Agenda Approval.

20. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Jean McConnell second by Commissioner to John Koch to adjourn. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Tom Koch, John Koch, Jean McConnell, and Pat Humphrey. Nays: None. Absent: Bill Horwood. *Motion Approved.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.