The regular meeting of the Clare City Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers by Mayor Pat Humphrey who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Bill Horwood, Pat Humphrey, Tom Koch, and Jean McConnell. Also present were Steve Kingsbury, Acting City Manager; and Diane Lyon, City Clerk.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:
Moved by Commissioner Jean McConnell second by Commissioner Bill Horwood to approve the items listed with an asterisk (*) (Agenda, Minutes, Communications and Bills) that are considered to be routine by the City Commission. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. *Motion Carried.*

3. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES;
Consent Agenda Approved.

4. *APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Consent Agenda Approved.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

6. OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RECOGNITION OF JACK BOUCHEY
Mr. Jack Bouchey was a former employee of the City of Clare; a respected resident of the City; and a successful local businessman. Unfortunately, Mr. Bouchey recently passed away. The City Commission is asked to consider formally recognize Jack for his public service.

Motion by Commissioner Bill Horwood second by Commissioner Jean McConnell to formally recognize the service of Mr. Jack Bouchey by adoption of Resolution 2011-120. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Bill Horwood, Pat Humphrey, Tom Koch and Jean McConnell. Nays: None. Absent: None. *Motion Carried.*

B. EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS COMPENSATION
The City Commission approved revised criteria for the payment of employee Christmas compensation in 2010. The City Commission is asked to review the Christmas compensation criteria and consider whether it desires to make any changes to the criteria or the tradition of approving the special employee compensation.

Motion by Commissioner Jean McConnell second by Commissioner Bill Horwood to review the criteria and concurrently approve the payment of the compensation by adoption of Resolution 2011-121. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Bill Horwood, Pat Humphrey, Tom Koch and Jean McConnell. Nays: None. Absent: None. *Motion Carried.*

8. TREASURER'S REPORT
The Treasurer's Report was received.

9. MAIN STREET MANAGER'S REPORT
The Main Street Manager's Report was provided in the packet.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
Medical Marihuana Law Update. Chief Miedzianowski, Attorney Jaynie Hoerauf, Treasurer Steve Kingsbury, Planning Commissioner Darren Acton and City Manager Ken Hibl attended a State Attorney General-sponsored seminar on this subject in Saginaw on November 29th. The only absolute and certain information we can provide the City Commission on this topic at this time is that nothing is certain in respect to the future of the law. A number of amendments to the law have been proposed by various members of the Michigan Legislature on nearly every aspect of the current law; any

revision requires a ¾ approval vote of the state legislature. A significant number (eight at last count with more pending) of Michigan Court of Appeals rulings have set legal precedent in respect to the law – one of the most significant being that marihuana dispensaries have been determined to be illegal. Cases involving Medical Marihuana are also pending decision by the Michigan Supreme Court. An extract of one of the hand-outs provided to us at the seminar that offers a synopsis of some of the major issues associated with this topic and cases that have been decided by the Michigan Judiciary System or are pending were provided to the Commission.

WWT Update. Progress continues on all facets of this project with no significant issues or stumbling blocks being encountered in the past two weeks. The USDA-requested media and public information event is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6th. Transportation will be provided for all attendees from the 5th Street Municipal Parking Lot to the City's waste treatment plant. An overview of the project will be provided at the plant followed by a plant tour and subsequent public reception at the Pere Marquette District Library.

Police Vehicle Fleet. The City Commission appropriated $25K for the purchase of a replacement police vehicle in the 2011/2012 budget. We elected to purchase two used, refurbished police vehicles in lieu of purchasing one new vehicle, thereby saving considerable funds and concurrently positively affecting our vehicle replacement cycle. The end result will be that we will have two "new" fully-equipped police vehicles for the cost of one new (2012-vintage) vehicle. The "new" used vehicles will be black & whites and should be in service within the next three weeks. We will ultimately transition to a complete black & white fleet, but we will do so as we purchase replacement vehicles; during the interim period we will have a mixed black & white and blue police vehicle fleet.

Holiday Schedule. For planning purposes, City offices will be closed on December 23rd and December 26th for the Christmas holiday period and closed at noon on December 30th and all day on January 2nd for the New Year holidays.

2012 Meeting Schedule. The 2012 meeting scheduled for all of the City's primary commissions, boards, and committees is attached for the Commission's information.

11. *COMMUNICATIONS
Consent Agenda Approved.
Request for Assistance – *Buyers Guide*. The City transmitted a request to The Morning Sun to assist in resolving a distribution issue with the Buyers Guide that was discussed at the November 21st Commission meeting.

Homeland Security Correspondence. The City received a memo from the Clare County Emergency Management Director and in subsequently offered the attached letter of support related to the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

MidMichigan Area Cable Consortium 2011 Annual Report. The subject report was included in the packet for the Commission's review and comment.

12. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

13. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TOPICS: The City has received complaints of driver's using the Fifth Street Parking Lot as a short cut to avoid traffic lights on McEwan Street thereby creating a public safety concern for pedestrian traffic in the parking lot. The Commission referred the matter to the Traffic and Safety Committee for review.

14. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Bill Horwood second by Jean McConnell to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. *Motion Carried.* Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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Pat Humphrey, Mayor Diane Lyon, City Clerk