

CITY OF TECUMSEH
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 15, 2009
TECUMSEH CITY HALL
7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schmidt.

Mayor Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken as follows:

PRESENT: Mayor Schmidt, Council members Baker, Housekeeper, Johnson, Naugle,
VanAlstine & Wright.

ABSENT: None.

Mayor Schmidt welcomed everyone to the meeting, and presented the following Community Service Awards:

- (1) NewSong Community Church Members – for citywide beautification efforts. Recipients thanked Council for the recognition and explained that helping to clean up Brookside Cemetery and plant flowers citywide is part of their “Faith in Action” campaign. The group received applause for their gift of service to the community.
- (2) Memorial Day Parade and Program Volunteers (Parade Marshal Gary Naugle assisted the Mayor in presented awards to the following:) – Sue Schultz, Gina Nowak, Molly Rudd, Laura Schaedler, Connie Hartman, Garna Naugle, Dick Tirb, Dan Maves, Tom Irelan, Mike Schultz, Steve Hazzard, Dixie Whetherell, Busches’ Valuland, Tecumseh Masonic Temple, American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and VFW Auxiliary. Speaking on behalf of Busches’ Valuland, District Manager Dixie Whetherell thanked Mayor Schmidt for the recognition, remarked that Busches’ was happy to contribute, and would do so again next year. The group received applause for their gift of service to the community.
- (3) Councilman Gary Naugle - for serving 10-years as Memorial Day Parade Marshal. Mayor Schmidt remarked that a friend overheard a conversation from some Traverse City residents who traveled to Tecumseh to see the “greatest Memorial Day Parade and Program in the State”. Gary received applause for his extraordinary efforts in honoring our veterans each year with a well planned parade and program. Gary remarked that he enjoys doing it, and expressed gratitude for the many volunteers that help him every year.

No one spoke during the public comment opportunity for items on this evenings’ agenda.

Motion Baker and seconded by Housekeeper, to receive and place on file the report of the City Manager. Kevin Welch discussed or added the following: (1) According to a schedule just received from Can-Am Bottling Company, ground breaking for their new facility may take place as early as August, 2009, noting that their purchase agreement may need to be extended; (2) CBC is still moving forward with plans to purchase the old Tecumseh Products facility, noting that both buyer and seller are very determined to bring this project to fruition; (3) The giant Cottonwood tree just east of the Community Center appears to be dead, and may need to be removed. The condition of the tree will be determined by a tree expert. (4) A consortium comprised of representative from 75 municipalities will soon go before the State of Michigan Public Service Commission to capture energy credits for electricity used to operate our water and sewer facilities; (5) Over 2,500 cars participated in the annual ididit car show last

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week. Kevin Welch and Shelley Lim helped out at the event, and it was heartwarming to hear visitors say so many complimentary things about our City, and (6) received a call from a Washington resident who had attended our Annual Memorial Day Parade and Program this year, who had great things to say about our City and downtown area. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: to adopt the Consent Agenda, approving, receiving and placing on file the following: (1) City Council minutes from the regular meeting held 6/1/09; (2) Budget Report; (3) Report of the Police Department for May, 2009, (4) Report of the Emergency Services Department for May, 2009, and (5) Report of the Planning Commission for meeting held 2/10/09.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member VanAlstine, and supported by Council member Wright. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Baker, Housekeeper, Johnson, Naugle, Schmidt, VanAlstine and Wright.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: to approve the June 15th, 2009 list of bills to be paid.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Baker, and supported by Council member Naugle. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Housekeeper, Johnson, Naugle, Schmidt, VanAlstine, Wright and Baker.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: to approve the Special Events request from the Central Business Association (CBA) to hold the annual Market Days and Pet Parade in Downtown Tecumseh on Friday, July 31st and Saturday, August 1st, 2009, and to approve the closure of M-50/Chicago Boulevard between Pearl & Maumee St. on Saturday, August 1st, 2009 from 10 am until 10:45 am.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Johnson, and supported by Council member VanAlstine.

YES: Baker, Housekeeper, Johnson, Naugle, Schmidt, VanAlstine and Wright.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: to sell the vehicles and equipment appearing on the attached agenda review form through JM Auction Service LLC, of Adrian, MI, authorizing the City Manager to sign all necessary documents.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Johnson, and supported by Council member Naugle. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Johnson, Naugle, Schmidt, VanAlstine, Wright, Baker and Housekeeper.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

City Manager Kevin Welch explained that proposed Traffic Control Order 2009-06 would authorize replacement of a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign southbound on Brook St., approximately 100 feet north of the intersection at Brown St., and add a "No Parking During School Hours" sign northbound on Brook St., approximately 100 feet north of the Brown St. intersection, in response to several complaints received from residents concerning high school student parking in this area.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: to adopt Traffic Control Order #2009-06, authorizing the following to sign the resolution: Mack Haun, Chief of Police, Kevin Welch, City Manager, Harvey E. Schmidt, Mayor, and Laura Caterina, City Clerk.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member VanAlstine and supported by Council Member Wright. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Naugle, Schmidt, VanAlstine, Wright, Baker, Housekeeper and Johnson.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

City Manager Kevin Welch explained his recommendation to (1) accept the option #1 bid submitted by Slusarski Excavating & Paving to abate the asbestos within the structure located on the Tecumseh Business and Technology Campus, and (2) allow DPW crews to demolish the remainder of the building and handle the disposal. Utilizing roll-off dumpsters will allow the opportunity to salvage any components of the building that are of value (the Historic Preservation Commission is listing items with historic value and the City will take the brick and possibly the slate roof). Councilman Baker questioned whether the cost for demolition and disposal of the structure (\$5,000) by the DPW was realistic, and whether staff had time to do this project. Kevin replied that the DPW has time to devote to this project and that labor costs were not calculated as DPW employees are already on the City's payroll.

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RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: to authorize the City Manager to sign a purchase agreement with Slusarski Excavating & Paving to abate the asbestos located within the structure on the Tecumseh Business and Technology Campus, for a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Naugle and supported by Council member Wright. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Schmidt, VanAlstine, Wright, Housekeeper, Johnson and Naugle.

NO: Baker.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: to approve the City Manager's request to teach a class at Eastern Michigan University during the fall term of 2009, as long as it does not interfere with his primary job responsibilities at the City of Tecumseh.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Baker, and supported by Council member Johnson.

YES: Baker, Housekeeper, Johnson, Naugle, Schmidt, VanAlstine and Wright.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: to authorize the City Manager to sign the Letter of Understanding with the Police Officer's Labor Council, which agrees to forgo the previously negotiated pay raise, effective July 1st, 2009.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Naugle, and supported by Council member VanAlstine. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: VanAlstine, Wright, Baker, Housekeeper, Johnson, Naugle and Schmidt.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: to authorize the City Manager to sign the Letter of Understanding with the International Union of Operating Engineers, which agrees to forgo the previously negotiated pay raise, effective July 1, 2009.

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RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Housekeeper, and supported by Council member Naugle. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Wright, Baker, Housekeeper, Johnson, Naugle, Schmidt and VanAlstine.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the attached resolution setting new fees for resident/non-resident grave openings and closings at Brookside Cemetery.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Baker and supported by Council member Wright. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Baker, Housekeeper, Johnson, Naugle, Schmidt, VanAlstine and Wright.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

City Manager Kevin Welch explained that the State of Michigan is requiring the City to formally apply for the CDB grant we've been awarded for repairs to Maumee St., that will allow Consolidated Biscuit to utilize this road for their operation. Once the State approves our application, we are allowed two years to complete the work. The grant is for 50% of the actual cost of the project, or \$252,272. The project will not be done if Consolidated Biscuit and Tecumseh Products do not sign a purchase agreement, or CBC does not create the required number of jobs. In response to Councilman Johnson's question concerning the required number of jobs, Kevin replied 200 jobs within the first 2 years and 500 jobs at full production.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: to authorize the City Manager to sign the CDB grant application for the Maumee Street Consolidated Biscuit/Tecumseh Products Project.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Naugle, and supported by Council member Wright.. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Housekeeper, Johnson, Naugle, Schmidt, VanAlstine, Wright & Baker.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: to approve the attached 2008/09 fiscal year budget amendments dated June 9, 2009, as recommended by the City Manager.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Johnson, and supported by Council member Wright. A roll call vote was taken as follows

YES: Johnson, Naugle, Schmidt, VanAlstine, Wright, Baker and Housekeeper.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: to approve the FY 2009/2010 budget amendments dated June 9, 2009, as recommended by the City Manager.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Baker and supported by Council member Johnson. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Naugle, Schmidt, VanAlstine, Wright, Baker, Housekeeper and Johnson.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

No one spoke during the public comment opportunity for items not on this evenings' agenda.

Motion Johnson and seconded Wright, to adjourn to closed session Re: Section 8 (e) of Public Act 267 of 1976, at 8 pm. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Schmidt, VanAlstine, Wright, Baker, Housekeeper, Johnson and Naugle.

NO: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:30 pm.

Motion VanAlstine and seconded Wright, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Harvey E. Schmidt, Mayor

Laura Caterina, City Clerk