

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

**Regular Meeting Held June 4, 2012**

Mayor Seibold called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chamber at the Community Center and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Commissioners Dills, Goebel, Graham, Johnson, Miller, Skaggs and Mayor Seibold

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Public Works Director Feldt; Finance Director Dood; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; City Clerk Brower; Staff Engineer Slonecki

2012-59. Peter MacGregor, 73<sup>rd</sup> District Representative, gave an update on his proposed legislation on the pension funding issue that would allow municipalities more flexibility in funding pension liabilities. Mayor Seibold thanked Mr. MacGregor for his willingness to work with this city on this important matter and his efforts on our behalf.

2012-60. Commissioner Johnson thanked City Manager Donovan and Finance Director Dood for all their work on the budget document and the worksessions.

Mayor Seibold announced that Kiplinger.com had named East Grand Rapids #5 on their list of "Top 10 Places To Raise A Family." Although she felt EGR should have been #1 on the list, she was very excited and honored at the national recognition given to the community. Other commissioners echoed her sentiments.

2012-61. Kent County Commissioner Jim Saalfeld gave an update on several issues, including the Community Collaboration Workgroup which is meeting to explore many of the issues raised last year by the One Kent Group. Mr. Saalfeld also reviewed some statistics on valuations within the county and congratulated East Grand Rapids on being one of only two jurisdictions to have an increase in taxable values in 2011.

2012-62. A public hearing was held pertaining to the General Fund budget and the property tax levy for Fiscal Year 2012-13. No public comment was received. Mayor Seibold closed the public hearing.

2012-63. A public hearing was held on the special assessment roll of delinquent accounts for placement on the July 1, 2012 tax roll. No public comment was received. Mayor Seibold closed the public hearing

A. Johnson-Dills. That the special assessment roll of delinquent accounts totaling \$85,104.91 be certified and placed on the July 1, 2012 tax roll

Yeas: Dills, Goebel, Graham, Johnson, Miller, Skaggs and Seibold – 7

Nays: -0-

2012-64. Dills-Graham. Motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

A. Minutes of the regular meeting held May 21, 2012.

B. Payroll disbursements of \$194,142.44; county and school disbursements of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements of \$149,154.94.

C. A contract with CL Trucking and Excavation, Inc. of Ionia for the 2012 capital improvement program in the amount of \$1,012,640.55, plus contingencies of \$101,264.06, and the approval of budget amendments of \$8,991.25 from the Major Street fund, \$65,107.32 from the Water/Sewer fund, and \$36,404.99 from the Local Street fund balances for this project.

D. A contract with Jackson-Merkey Contractors of Muskegon in the amount of \$372,398.75, plus contingencies of \$37,239.88, and a budget amendment of \$34,217.25 from the Water/Sewer fund balance

for the construction of a stormwater separator and related improvements along Wealthy Street between Plymouth and Sherman.

- E. A three-year contract with Civic Plus of Manhattan, Kansas for the redesign and implementation of a new website for the City in the amount of \$39,059, with contingencies of \$5,000 for additional expenses, for a total project cost not-to-exceed \$44,059, and related budget amendments as necessary.
- F. Approval of plans submitted by the family of Willard Schreoder for a memorial structure to be placed on the property donated to the City of East Grand Rapids.
- G. The purchase of a regenerative air street sweeper from Frederickson Supply of Wyoming in the amount of \$181,869.00 and a budget amendment for the same amount from the MERF fund.
- H. Approval of the FY 2012-13 Joint Facilities budget as recommended by the Joint Facilities Committee.

Yeas: Dills, Goebel, Graham, Johnson, Miller, Skaggs and Seibold – 7  
Nays: -0-

- 2012-65. Johnson-Goebel. Motion to add to the agenda an executive session to discuss a collective bargaining agreement in accordance with Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Dills, Goebel, Graham, Johnson, Skaggs, Miller and Seibold – 7  
Nays: -0-

- 2012-66. Graham-Skaggs. Motion to enter into an executive session to discuss a collective bargaining agreement in accordance with Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Dills, Goebel, Graham, Johnson, Skaggs, Miller and Seibold – 7  
Nays: -0-

- 2012-67. The meeting recessed at 6:28 pm to conduct the Executive Session. The meeting resumed at 6:42 pm.

- 2012-68. Johnson-Miller. Motion to add to the agenda a request to approve a collective bargaining agreement with the AFSCME Public Works union. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Dills, Goebel, Graham, Johnson, Skaggs, Miller and Seibold – 7  
Nays: -0-

- 2012-69. Consider request to approve a collective bargaining agreement with the AFSCME Public Works Union.

Graham-Johnson. That a multi-year contract with the AFSCME Public Works Union beginning June 5, 2012 and ending June 30, 2014 be approved as recommended by the City Manager.

Mayor Seibold thanked the members of the Public Works Union for their work on this issue and their partnership with the city.

Yeas: Dills, Goebel, Graham, Johnson, Skaggs, Miller and Seibold – 7  
Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until June 18, 2012.

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**Special Meeting Held June 4, 2012**

Mayor Seibold called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. in the City Commission Chamber at the Community Center.

Present: Commissioners Dills, Goebel, Graham, Johnson, Miller, Skaggs and Mayor Seibold

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Public Works Director Feldt; Finance Director Dood; Public Safety Director Herald; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; City Clerk Brower

2012-70. Consider request to adopt a resolution adopting the FY 2012-13 budget and setting a millage rate for FY 2012-13.

- A. Miller-Graham. That a resolution adopting the FY 2012-13 budget as amended during the budget worksession and setting millage rate for FY 2012-13 be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Mayor Seibold expressed appreciation to the many staff members who spent time on the budget document and were involved in the worksessions with the City Commission. She felt the budget was one of the most important things the City Commission did each year, and she appreciated all the time and effort involved.

Yeas: Dills, Goebel, Graham, Johnson, Miller, Skaggs and Seibold – 7  
Nays: -0-

2012-71. Consider request to adopt a resolution establishing water/sewer rates for FY 2012-13.

- A. Johnson-Miller. That a resolution setting water/sewer rates for the upcoming fiscal year be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Goebel, Graham, Johnson, Miller, Skaggs and Seibold – 7  
Nays: -0-

Commissioner Dills stated he was happy the water/sewer rates had not increased again because this was a concern to many residents he spoke with.

The special meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Resolution adopting FY 2012-13 budget.  
B – Resolution establishing water/sewer rates for FY 2012-13.

Attachments listed above are available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk.