

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held June 18, 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, Graham, Johnson, Miller and Mayor Seibold

Absent: Commissioners Goebel and Skaggs

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

2012-72. No public comment was received.

2012-73. Commissioner Miller asked everyone to vote for the EGR Community Foundation's proposed project in the Erhardt Construction "Building Our Community" \$50,000 building contest. There are details at www.egrcef.org.

Mayor Seibold reminded everyone the Reeds Lake Run is on Saturday, June 30th and the Reeds Lake Trail Blazer is on Wednesday, July 4th.

Mayor Seibold also asked everyone to be vigilant about locking their homes and vehicles to prevent theft, as there have been several break ins recently.

2012-74. KDL Director Lance Werner, KDL Board Member Charles Fry and EGR Branch Manager Dawn Lewis were present to give an update on KDL operations and statistics for 2011.

Mayor Seibold thanked the KDL for the many programs they put on during the year and for making the Community Center a true centerpiece and gathering spot for the community.

2012-75. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to amend Section 9.57E of Chapter 93 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to the sale or possession of fireworks.

City manager Donovan reported the current city ordinance referenced a State law that has now been repealed. The ordinance amendment would reference the new law and stipulate on which days fireworks will be allowed on private property and reiterating the prohibition on city, school and church property. He noted that with the dense suburban neighborhoods, fireworks could be very dangerous and the city wished to prohibit them for the safety of the public.

- A. Miller-Johnson. That an ordinance amendment to amend Section 9.57E of Chapter 93 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to the sale or possession of fireworks be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Commissioner Dills reported many residents are concerned about noise and safety in their neighborhoods.

Commissioner Johnson questioned whether fireworks would be allowed on the sidewalk or outlawn or in the street. City Manager Donovan felt these areas were not safe because of overhead utility lines and obstruction of pedestrian and vehicle traffic. Public Safety Director Herald suggested residents contact the Public Safety Department if there are problems in their neighborhood and the officers will address the issues.

Commissioner Dills asked that the new rules be publicized on the city's website and in the waterbill insert.

Yeas: Dills, Graham, Johnson, Miller and Seibold – 5
Nays: -0-

2012-76. Consider request to approve a collective bargaining agreement with the Public Safety Officers Union.

Graham-Johnson. That a two-year contract with the Public Safety Officers Union beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2014 be approved as recommended by the City Manager.

Commissioner Miller thanked the members of the Public Safety Union for their work on this issue and their partnership with the city.

Yeas: Dills, Graham, Johnson, Miller and Seibold – 5
Nays: -0-

2012-77. Johnson-Miller. Motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Minutes of the regular and special meetings held June 4, 2012.
- B. Payroll disbursements of \$193,973.97; county and school disbursements of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements of \$ 247,359.13.
- C. The following changes to the City Commission approved fee schedule effective June 18, 2012:
 - Administrative Site Plan Review: \$200.00
 - Intermediate Site Plan Review: \$300.00
 - Complete Site Plan Review: \$500.00 (current fee)
- D. The selection of Huntington Bank to provide banking services to the City of East Grand Rapids.
- E. A resolution approving year-end budget amendments for FY 2011-12 as set forth in Exhibit “B” attached hereto.
- F. A resolution approving a “Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan” for the City of East Grand Rapids as set forth in Exhibit “C” attached hereto.
- G. The reclassification of the Human Resource Administrator and the Utility Billing Clerk as recommended by the Personnel Committee.
- H. Ratification of a contract with West Michigan Tree Services in the amount of \$14,152.00 for tree removal as needed by the Public Works Department.
- I. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held May 14, 2012.
- J. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held May 24, 2012.

Yeas: Dills, Graham, Johnson, Miller and Seibold – 5
Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until July 2, 2012.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Ordinance amendment to Section 9.57E of Chapter 93 pertaining to fireworks.
B – Resolution approving year-end budget amendments
C – Resolution adopting a Hazard Mitigation Plan

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