

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held December 3, 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, Miller, Skaggs and Mayor Seibold

Absent: Commissioner Johnson

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Public Works Director Feldt; Finance Director Dood; Zoning Administrator Faasse; City Clerk Brower

2012-138. No public comment was received.

2012-139. City Manager Donovan reported a new company had purchased Duncan Disposal and there had been some confusion about city ordinances regarding trash pick-up. He noted staff was working to contact the new owners to let them know about the regulations concerning side-door pickup and recycling fees.

Mayor Seibold thanked Commissioner Graham for attending the Gaslight Village Tree Lighting Ceremony in her place last week. Commissioner Graham stated there was a good turnout and everyone enjoyed the festivities despite the cold blustery evening.

Mayor Seibold read a card from a new resident thanking the Public Safety Department for their efforts to control speeding on Breton Road.

2012-140. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Julie Shellfo of 2627 Hall to allow the construction of a detached garage with a side yard setback of 1.6' instead of the required 3.0' and a rear yard setback of 2.8' instead of the required 3.0.'

Zoning Administrator Faasse explained the applicants wished to demolish a deteriorating garage and replace with a new garage of the same size in the same location. Even though the current garage is non-conforming because of the setbacks, a new variance is still required because the old garage will be torn down.

Julie Shellfo, 2627 Hall, was present to explain the turning radius in and out of the right-hand stall was very tight and the extra room allowed by placing the garage as proposed was helpful in maneuvering vehicles.

Mayor Seibold opened a public hearing. No other public comment was received. Mayor Seibold closed the public hearing.

A. Skaggs-Graham. That the request of Julie Shellfo of 2627 Hall to allow the construction of a detached garage with a side yard setback of 1.6' instead of the required 3.0' and a rear yard setback of 2.8' instead of the required 3.0' be approved.

Commissioner Skaggs noted he lived a few houses away and had no objection to this variance request.

Commissioner Dills also supported the variance request as the setback variance was minor.

Mayor Seibold noted that none of the neighbors objected to the placement of the garage and agreed the proposed location would make turning easier.

Yeas: Dills, Goebel, Graham, Miller, Skaggs and Seibold – 6
Nays: -0-

2012-141. Miller-Goebel. Motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Minutes of the regular meeting held November 19, 2012.
- B. Payroll disbursements of \$396,299.37; county and school disbursements of \$54,391.37, and total remaining disbursements of \$405,064.55.
- C. A resolution opting out of the health care premium 80/20 employer/employee contribution amounts required under Public Act 152 as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.
- D. A contract for health care coverage with HCC Life as the Stop Loss Carrier, Physicians Care as the PPO provider and ASR Corporation as administrators, and to fund \$1,000 in a Health Reimbursement Account for each eligible employee and retiree, and to renew life/ADD insurance and long-term disability underwritten by Madison National Life as outlined in the Finance Director's memo of November 20, 2012.
- E. The purchase of a rear snow removal blade from B&B Truck Equipment of Byron Center in the amount of \$3,900.00.

Yeas: Dills, Goebel, Graham, Miller, Skaggs and Seibold – 6
Nays: -0-

- 2012-142. Chad Stoub, co-owner of EverKept Disposal arrived. He apologized to the City Commission for the problems created by his company's takeover of Duncan Disposal this week. He stated they would be working closely with the City and their customers to rectify any issues and ensure a smooth transition from this point on.

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until December 3, 2012.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Resolution opting out of health care premium requirement of Public Act 152.

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