

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held February 20, 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, Goebel, Johnson, Skaggs, Miller and Mayor Seibold

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Finance Director Dood; City Clerk Brower; Attorney Wendt

2012-19. Cadence reporter Jan Holst informed the City Commission that resident Grace Poisson, widow of Bill Poisson, had recently passed away.

2012-20. Commissioner Skaggs clarified for everyone the Michigan Democratic Party would not be using the results of next week's Michigan Presidential Primary to select its candidate for President, but will hold a caucus on May 5th to select their candidate.

Mayor Seibold announced the WGRD Pond Hockey Tournament had been cancelled for this year due to the lack of ice on Reeds Lake.

2012-21. Consider request to adopt a resolution authorizing staff to proceed with refinancing the Wealthy Pool Bonds.

Finance Director Dood reported the low bid for refinancing the Wealthy Pool bonds was from PNC Bank at 1.99% with no fees. This lower interest rate will mean a lower millage rate charged to property owners, saving taxpayers \$197,000 over the remaining life of the bonds.

Mayor Seibold thanked Finance Director Dood and bond attorney Dick Wendt for their work on this refinancing project to save East Grand Rapids taxpayers money on their property tax bills.

A. Dills-Miller. That a resolution authorizing the issuance of unlimited tax general obligation bonds for the 2002 Wealthy Pool bonds be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

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

Nays: -0-

2012-22. Consider request to adopt a statement of support for the Guard and Reserve.

City Manager Donovan explained the local Army and National Guard Reserve groups were planning an Open House on March 3rd to publicize all the services provided by those who serve our Country and the support given to their families while they serve. The statement of support is being signed by all local governments.

A. Graham-Johnson. That a statement of support for military Guard and Reserve organizations be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Mayor Seibold noted that Commission President Graham would be attending the open house and signing the document on behalf of East Grand Rapids.

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

Nays: -0-

2012-23. Discussion of Spring Break meeting.

- A. Goebel-Miller. That the meeting scheduled for April 2, 2012 be moved to Monday, March 26, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

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

Nays: -0-

- 2012-24. Johnson-Dills. Motion to approve the consent agenda as follows with the correction noted for the minutes of February 6, 2012:

- A. Minutes of the regular meeting held February 6, 2012.

Commissioner Johnson asked that the following paragraph be added to Item 2012-17-A. regarding the Parks & Recreation Master Plan approval:

“Commissioner Johnson thanked the many citizens of East and the members of the Schroeder family for their input into the concept plan for the Schroeder property and the Master Plan and to the Parks and Recreation staff and commission, especially the leadership of Jim Weiss as chair.”

- B. Payroll disbursements of \$192,707.46; county and school disbursements of \$151,192.44, and total remaining disbursements of \$72,679.12.
- C. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held January 9, 2012.
- D. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held January 24, 2012.

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

Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until March 5, 2012.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds for refinancing Wealthy Pool
B – Statement of support for the Guard and Reserve

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