

**CITY OF MT. MORRIS
CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
November 25, 2013**

At **6:30 p.m.**, Mayor Dan Lavelle called the Regular Council Meeting to order.

PRESENT: Dan Lavelle
Randy Michaels
Tonya Davis
Mark Middleton
Ed Sullivan
Judd Judkins
Dennis Heidenfeldt

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS: City Manager Tom Darnell, City Attorney Charles Forrest, Police Chief Keith Becker, Fire Chief Damon Tobias, DPW Superintendant Jeff Roth and City Clerk Tema Lucero.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Council member Middleton and seconded by Council member Michaels to approve the regular meeting minutes held on November 11, 2013.

All Ayes
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

No Communications.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT:

A motion was made by Council member Middleton and seconded by Council member Michaels to approve Warrant #13-24 in the amount of \$74,175.81.

Roll Call: ___7___Ayes ___0___Nay ___0___Absent
Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dan Davis – 1009 E. Mt. Morris – Did not agree with the appointment of Council member Dennis Heidenfeldt to the Metropolitan Alliance. City Attorney Charles Forrest said it was fine. Council member Dennis Heidenfeldt said the appointment was for January 1, 2014. Dan Davis also mentioned he is still interested in being the citizen representative, Mayor Dan Lavelle said his name was added to the paperwork.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. RESOLUTION 13-48: Authorization to change local regular elections from odd years to even years.

City Attorney Charles Forrest asked if it was ok with the county.

City Clerk Tema Lucero answered yes it is ok with the county. The issue had not disappeared we had to wait until the election was over so we could name the position, person and term. The county sent the resolution for us to follow.

A motion was made by Council member Heidenfeldt and seconded by Council member Middleton to **approve RESOLUTION 13-48: Authorization to change local regular elections from odd years to even years.**

Roll Call: ___7___Ayes ___0___Nay ___0___Absent
Motion carried.

b. RESOLUTION 13-49: Authorization for City Manager to file 2014-2017 Community Development Block Grant Funds application.

City manager Tom Darnell explained this is the same resolution as last meeting. When speaking with the county about the application they wanted to see percentages instead of dollar amounts because the total is an estimate.

A motion was made by Council member Middleton and seconded by Council member Michaels to **approve RESOLUTION 13-49: Authorization for City Manager to file 2014-2017 Community Development Block Grant Funds application.**

Roll Call: __6__Ayes __1__Nay __0__Absent
 (Davis)

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Council member Davis – Had questions for City Manager Tom Darnell regarding the DPW work schedule, City Manager Tom Darnell explained his letter. She also asked about the Old News Boys and denying them, Mayor Dan Lavelle answered it's a liability for the city and not allowed per MDOT. We could lose the funding from MDOT if something happened.

DPW Superintendent Jeff Roth – Thanked the Boy Scouts for hanging the Christmas lights at City Hall tonight.

Fire Chief Damon Tobias – Thanked the fire department staff for their work during the recent storm. They answered 15 plus calls that night and were able to use both of the chainsaws that were donated. He thanked the Clio Eagles and the Dancing in the Streets committee for them.

Council member Heidenfeldt – Asked DPW Superintendent Jeff Roth to thank the road commission for getting the light at Walter and Mt Morris working so quickly after the accident this afternoon.

City Manager Tom Darnell – mentioned the auditors will be at the next meeting. He has seen the numbers and we were able to add to the general fund, it will be a good audit.

Mayor Dan Lavelle – announced the Inaugural Mayoral Ball will be held on February 15, 2014. It is a black tie affair and proceeds will go towards Love, Inc. He reminded everyone that unwrapped is this Saturday; he will not be there because he has to work. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the Council Meeting was adjourned at **6:55 p.m.**

Tema J. Lucero, City Clerk