

CITY OF MT. MORRIS
CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
December 9, 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, Assistant Fire Chief Michael Vogt, DPW Superintendant Jeff Roth, Treasurer Vicki Fishell and City Clerk Tema Lucero.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Council member Middleton and seconded by Council member Heidenfeldt to approve the regular meeting minutes held on November 25, 2013.

All Ayes
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Dan Lavelle asked if there were any questions about the letter from City attorney Charles Forrest regarding replacing the library sign. There were none.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT:

Council member Judkins asked about the charge to Brutons Tree Service. City Manager Tom Darnell answered it was to remove dead trees at the end of Van Buren.

A motion was made by Council member Middleton and seconded by Council member Judkins to approve Warrant #13-25 in the amount of \$85,273.06.

Roll Call: ___7___Ayes ___0___Nay ___0___Absent
Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Waneita Bovan – 8498 N Linden Rd. – On behalf of Chamber of Commerce thanked the City, Council, Fire and Police and DPW for their help with unwrapped.

Martin Leach – 341 W. Mt. Morris – Asked if there was a petition he could start to bring to the public hearing against the DDA Expansion. Mayor Lavelle answered he could.

PRESENTATION: Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Audit by Plante Moran

Dave Helisek and Crystal Simpson of Plante Moran gave an overview of the city's financial status for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

Crystal Simpson reviewed the trends in general fund revenues, expenditures, and fund balance. She also reviewed the trends in the water and sewer fund revenues and expenditures.

Dave Helisek mentioned that the city is going to have the same challenges as have been discussed in the past. Decreasing taxable values which have a significant impact on the city's largest revenue source. Another challenge that might present itself will be a potential change in personal property tax. This will be determined in the August election. It should be noted that each year since 2009 the city has been able to add money to fund balance. Looking forward he stated that multi year planning is a very important tool for the city.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. RESOLUTION 13-50: Rejection of tax reverted properties from Genesee County.

A motion was made by Council member Middleton and seconded by Council member Heidenfeldt to **approve RESOLUTION 13-50: Rejection of tax reverted properties from Genesee County.**

Roll Call: ___7___Ayes ___0___Nay ___0___Absent
Motion carried.

b. RESOLUTION 13-51: Set Public Hearing Date for Expansion of DDA District.

Council member Heidenfeldt asked City Manager Tom Darnell if that gave staff enough time. City Manager Tom Darnell answered yes.

A motion was made by Council member Heidenfeldt and seconded by Council member Michaels to **approve RESOLUTION 13-51: Set Public Hearing Date for Expansion of DDA District.**

Roll Call: ___7___Ayes ___0___Nay ___0___Absent
Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Fedejelem – 604 Walnut – asked if testing residential meters would help with the water loss. DPW Superintendant Jeff Roth answered most of the residential meters are new. He also asked if property values were down because of renters. Mayor Dan Lavelle answered it's because of the economy; City Manager Tom Darnell said it has to do with what houses are selling for.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Council member Middleton – wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Council member Michaels – wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council member Heidenfeldt – wished everyone the same. Next meeting he would like to see on the agenda the repairs that need to be made to the DPW truck. He would like to schedule workshops and set dates ahead of time for water and sewer rates, garbage rates and the budget workshops. He would also like to see other council members attend MML classes and educate themselves.

Council member Judkins – mentioned unwrapped was pleasant but the numbers were down, they may want to consider changing it back.

Council member Sullivan – wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Thanks to everyone at unwrapped.

Council member Davis – wished everyone a Merry Christmas, nice to see the gentleman from the Farmers Market.

City Manager Tom Darnell – wished everyone a good Christmas season.

Mayor Dan Lavelle – wished everyone a Merry Christmas, will see everyone next year.

Closed Session:

At **7:43 p.m.** a motion was made by Council member Heidenfeldt and seconded by Council member Michaels to **go into closed session to consider the periodic personnel evaluation of the Manager, pursuant to his request.**

At **8:20 p.m.**, City Council reconvened into Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the Council Meeting was adjourned at **8:20 p.m.**