

CITY OF MT. MORRIS CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
April 8, 2013

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

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: City Manager Tom Darnell, DPW Superintendent Jeff Roth, Police Chief Keith Becker, Fire Chief Todd Rockwell, and Interim City Clerk Vicki Fishell.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

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

All Ayes
Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL

- a. RESOLUTION 13-22: Council Confirmation of Mayor Lavelle's appointment of Ed Sullivan to the City Council, term ending November 2013.

Mayor Lavelle stated that for the election in November there will be three 4-year seats, a 2-year seat, and the Mayor's seat up for election. Petitions can be taken out at any time. If you are running for the 2-year seat you will need to specify that on the petition.

A motion was made by Council member Heidenfeldt seconded by Council member Michaels to **approve RESOLUTION 13-22: Council Confirmation of Mayor Lavelle's appointment of Ed Sullivan to the City Council, term ending November 2013.**

Roll Call: ___6___Ayes ___0___Nay ___0___Absent
Motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE

Interim City Clerk Vicki Fishell administered the Oath of Office to Council member Ed Sullivan, term ending November 2013.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Proclamation for Eagle Scout Zachary Fulcher.

Mayor Lavelle stated that the proclamation will be presented to him at his Eagle Scout ceremony on April 29th.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT:

A motion was made by Council member Heidenfeldt and seconded by Council member Middleton to approve Warrant #13-07 in the amount of \$49,151.30.

Roll Call: ___7___Ayes ___0___Nay ___0___Absent
Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sandy Fejedelem – 604 Walnut – stated that she heard that a pastor came to the city and wanted to start up a church and the city turned them down.

Mayor Lavelle stated that no one has come to the city.

John Fejedelem – 604 Walnut – welcomed Ed Sullivan to the council.

Dan Davis – 1009 E. Mt. Morris – welcomed Ed Sullivan to the council. He also asked if the city could create its own task force to look at the Southwest Property to see what can be done.

Mayor Lavelle mentioned that for the next three months the city can't do anything since they have given exclusive rights to RePlace LLC. He mentioned that if anyone has any ideas the city could always pass it on to RePlace.

Dan Davis mentioned that it would be a good location for senior housing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. RESOLUTION 13-23: Award of Lawn Mowing Bid.

Council member Judkins asked if the bid price from Tammy's was the same as what they brought to council a couple months ago when they asked for an extension.

City Manager Tom Darnell mentioned that the only change was in the other property. The bid was lower.

A motion was made by Council member Heidenfeldt seconded by Council member Michaels to **approve RESOLUTION 13-23: Award of Lawn Mowing Bid.**

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Roll Call: ___7___Ayes ___0___Nay ___0___Absent
Motion carried.

b. RESOLUTION 13-24: Award of Bid on Vacant Lots on Union and Walnut.

Council member Heidenfeldt asked if anyone bid on the third lot.

City Manager Tom Darnell stated no.

A motion was made by Council member Heidenfeldt seconded by Council member Middleton to **approve RESOLUTION 13-24: Award of Bid on Vacant Lots on Union and Walnut.**

Roll Call: ___7___Ayes ___0___Nay ___0___Absent
Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Fejedelem – 604 Walnut – asked what was going to happen to the lot on Spruce where they tore the house down.

DPW Superintendent Jeff Roth stated that it is owned by the landbank.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Council member Davis, Council member Judkins, Council member Michaels, Council member Middleton, Mayor Lavelle, and City Manager Tom Darnell all welcomed Council member Ed Sullivan.

Council member Sullivan thanked council.

Council member Judkins asked about the tree limb that is broken in front of a house on Walter.

Police Chief Keith Becker stated that he would check on it.

Council member Heidenfeldt asked about a budget workshop.

City Manager Tom Darnell mentioned that he would have the budget to council by the next meeting. He mentioned that he has never attended one so he really doesn't know what council does at one.

Mayor Lavelle mentioned that the workshop is a matter of showing council what money the city has and deciding what is top priority.

Council member Heidenfeldt mentioned that the budget is not set in stone until it is voted on and there is usually one workshop before that.

Council member Heidenfeldt mentioned that there was some misreporting of a fire on Roosevelt.

Fire Chief Todd Rockwell stated that there is not a lot that can be done. It happens all of the time.

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Mayor Lavelle mentioned that it is unfortunate that the township residents don't realize that the city does not respond to them.

Council member Heidenfeldt mentioned that the city has a great fire department.

City Manager Tom Darnell mentioned that he will be meeting with the group that is looking at the Southwest Property next Thursday.

Mayor Lavelle stated that Rowe is offering a free training to the first 50 people on Tuesday, April 30th from 7pm-9pm. The training is Food and Your Community. He also mentioned that he has turned in the letter to Kiwanis for the Memorial Day Parade.

Mayor Lavelle stated that there are vacant seats on the planning commission, compensation committee, and Board of Review.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Vicki Fishell, Interim City Clerk