

**CITY OF ROOSEVELT PARK
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2009**

Mayor Lenartowicz called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2009-073 **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Jeff Lenartowicz, Mayor Pro Tem Rod Buikema, Council Members Al Lowe, David Martin, Laura Fitzpatrick, Eric Grimm, and Judy VanWesten

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Dave Boehm, Building and Zoning Administrator Tim Villanueva, Police Chief Bill Regan and Treasurer/Clerk Tammera Harmsen

2009-074 **INVOCATION**

Council Member Grimm provided the invocation.

2009-075 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Ed Groszowski – 1433 Cornell Rd. want to thank DPW Superintendent Matt Farrar for all his hard work and all he has given to City.

2009-076 **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Buikema moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was supported by Council Member Lowe and carried unanimously.

2009-077 **SECOND READING – ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 20:
GRAFFITI**

Graffiti is the common term for images or lettering that is painted, scrawled, marked or otherwise placed in any matter on property. Graffiti is sometimes regarded as a form of urban art, but is typically considered to be unwanted and unsightly damage to property. Studies indicate that the presence of graffiti initiates a quality of life concern and its detractors suggest that it contributes to a general sense of squalor and a heightened fear of crime. This proposed ordinance amendment is directed at the removal of graffiti that might occur within the City of Roosevelt Park

Council Member Fitzpatrick moved to accept the ordinance amending Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinances: Offenses Against Property. Section 20-145 Graffiti. The motion was supported by Mayor Pro Tem Buikema and carried.

6 Ayes, 1 Nay (Grimm), 0 Absent

2009-078 **RESOLUTION: STREET ADMINISTRATOR**

In order to receive funds from the Michigan Department of Transportation under Public Act 51, the City must pass a resolution designating a “Street

Administrator.” The person designated as the Street Administrator is given the responsibility for street improvements, maintenance and repairs.

Council Member Lowe moved to the resolution designating the City Manager as the Street Administrator. The motion was supported by Council Member Martin and carried unanimously.

2009-079 **RESOLUTION: ALTERNATE – MUSKEGON CENTRAL DISPATCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Muskegon Central Dispatch has asked that each municipality appoint by resolution a representative and alternate to serve on their Board of Directors. The City Manager has served on this Board for the past several years. The attached resolution will designate Police Chief Bill Regan as the City’s alternate.

Council Member Van Westen moved to appoint Police Chief Bill Regan to serve as the alternate on the Board of Directors of Muskegon Central Dispatch. The motion was supported by Council Member Martin and carried unanimously.

2009-080 **AUTHORIZATION; 2009 GYPSY MOTH PROGRAM**

During the fall of 2008 the Muskegon County Department of Public Works conducted a gypsy moth egg survey to determine the extent of gypsy moth infestation in Muskegon County. Their survey found a total of 2,359 acres needed to be sprayed, of which 193 acres are within the municipal boundary of Roosevelt Park. Bids for aerial spraying were taken on April 14, 2009 with the low bid being a per acre cost of \$32.50. The total cost impact to spray the infested areas of Roosevelt Park would be \$6,266.23.

Council Member Van Westen moved to authorize the Muskegon County Department of Public Works to conduct aerial spraying for gypsy moths in Roosevelt Park at a total cost of \$6,226.23. The motion was supported by Council Member Lowe and carried unanimously.

2009-081 **AUTHORIZATION; MML LEGAL DEFENSE FUND**

On November 14, 2008 Consumers Energy (CE) filed a rate increase case. The rate increase was the first filed under the new law (PA 286 of 2008). In the past, rate increases could not go into effect until and unless the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) issues an order authorizing the increase. Under PA 286 of 2008, the requested rate increase automatically goes into effect in 6 months unless the MPSC issues an order stopping it. This latest rate increase proposal from Consumers Energy contains several provisions that would be very damaging and costly to municipal customers. The Michigan Municipal League’s Legal Defense Fund is marshalling local governmental opposition to this latest rate adjustment by CE. Nearly all the cities in West Michigan have joined this effort and agreed to pay a modest assessment to participate in this rate challenge.

Council Member Martin moved to participate in and contribute to the MML Legal Defense Fund’s challenge to the latest Consumers Energy rate increase case

currently pending before the Michigan Public Service Commission. The motion was supported by Mayor Pro Tem Buikema and carried unanimously.

2008-082 **COMPENSATION; NON-UNION EMPLOYEES**

The City Council typically adjusts the compensation for non-union staff on an annual basis, the last such adjustment for this employee group coming in December 2008. City Council has compared the compensation levels of Roosevelt Park's non-union employees to its peer group of comparable communities, as well as prevailing wage adjustments received by the City's union employees.

Council Member Van Westen moved to implement the 2009 fiscal year compensation adjustment for the non-union employees. The motion was supported by Council Member Fitzpatrick and carried unanimously.

2009-083 **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Lenartowicz stated he, along with the other City Mayors in Muskegon County, have been invited to a breakfast sponsored by the Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce. Each Mayor will have an opportunity to speak about their community. Mayor Lenartowicz also wanted to thank DPW Superintendent Matt Farrar for his years of service.

Council Member Fitzpatrick stated the Campbell School PTO has agreed to run the concession stand at Delmar field during baseball season.

Council Member Lowe asked Police Chief Regan if the police department could talk with mowing companies to not park in the street right-a-way.

2009-084 **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

City Manager Boehm reminded Council they are invited to attend the luncheon Friday.

City Attorney Stapleton stated the Michigan Tax Tribunal has set a hearing date for May 11, 2009 in regards to 2006 & 2007 tax appeal from Lakecrest Apartments.

Building and Zoning Administrator Villanueva stated letters regarding yard clean up are being posted. He also stated inspections of Tiffany Woods Apartments will start on Tuesday.

2009-085 **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Lowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion was supported by Mayor Lenartowicz and carried unanimously.