

**CITY OF ROOSEVELT PARK
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2009**

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

2009-001 **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Dave Boehm, DPW Superintendent Matt Farrar, Building Administrator E. Tim Villanueva and Treasurer/Clerk Tammera Harmsen

2009-002 **INVOCATION**

Council Member Grimm provided the invocation.

2009-003 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Tony Moulatsiotis Muskegon County Treasurer and Mr. Tim Burgess Director of the Neighborhood Investment Corporation explained the Land Bank program for Muskegon County. The Land Bank purchases properties and determines the best ways to get the property back on the tax rolls for the municipality in which is purchased. Some properties are refurbished by contractors hired by the Land Bank to be placed on the market for purchase. Vacant land is offered to adjacent property owners at a discounted price. Some of these properties are very small parcels that can be combined with the owners existing parcel to increase their property.

Currently there are 2,600 foreclosures within Muskegon County. The County Treasurers office is working with individuals to reverse as many foreclosures as possible. The current poverty guidelines for the County have been revised to help those trying to keep their homes.

The Muskegon County Land Bank has an advisory committee with legal counsel.

2009-004 **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Van Westen moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was supported by Council Member Martin and carried unanimously.

2009-005 **AUTHORIZATION – SURVEYING SERVICES**

Based upon recent discussions with Board Members of the Roosevelt Park Youth Athletics it was generally agreed that before any improvements could be made to the ball fields at Del Mar Field, a detailed site survey was needed to verify the actual dimensions of this site and the location of existing improvements. Stephen Vallier, P.S., the Muskegon County Surveyor provides the majority of survey consulting within the County and so City staff obtained a proposal from his firm. The proposal includes completion of a topographic survey of the park, spot elevations and two alternate lay-outs for the large ball-field; all to be incorporated on a final site drawing.

Council Member Lowe moved to accept the proposal from Westshore Consulting and Stephen Vallier to conduct a detailed site survey of Del Mar Field with a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00. The motion was supported by Mayor Pro Tem Buikema and carried unanimously.