

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, December 14, 2010

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: Bob Craggs, Richard Glasgow, Peg Larsen, Bob Livingston, Brian Zeller

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Niedzwiecki, Nick Vivian, Chris Wallberg

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Paiement, Chris White, Leo Yurek

Christmas Holiday Open House held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mayor Zeller at 7:00 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was said.

3. **RECOGNITION OF COUNCILMEMBER BOB CRAGGS FOR HIS SERVICE**

An honorary award was presented to Councilmember Bob Craggs by Mayor Zeller in appreciation of Craggs' 15 years of service, four as mayor, to the City of Lakeland.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA – M/S/P (Craggs/Livingston) to approve Consent Agenda Items A-D. Craggs, Glasgow, Larsen, Livingston, and Zeller voted aye. Motion passed.**

A. **Minutes of the November 16, 2010 Regular City Council meeting**

B. **Treasurer's Report**

C. **Bills to be Approved**

D. **2011 Liquor Licenses – Bungalow Inn and Village Wine & Spirits**

Peg Larsen welcomed the new owner of the Bungalow Inn, CPA Leo Yurek, who was present; Bill Eisenmann sold the business to his long time partner; Yurek native of the St. Croix Valley and plans on expanding menu.

5. **LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Livingston reported a relatively normal month; there were 64 ICRs during the month of November 2010, with 1 citation issued for failure to display current registration; total miles driven in the area was a total of 6,097.

6. **PETITIONS TO THE COUNCIL** - none

7. **2011 BUDGET & LEVY / 2011 TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING**

A. **Public Hearing**

1) **Call to Order** at 7:06 p.m.

2) **Introduction of Application** – Approval of 2011 Budget & Levy and 2011 Truth in Taxation Hearing

3) **Public Comments** – none

4) **Written Comments** - none

5) **Hearing Closed** at 7:12 p.m.

B. **Discussion & Recommendation**

Niedzwiecki explained total of all budgets decreased by 3.9% due to strategic cost cutting and restructuring; Certified Levy increased by 3.1% due to anticipated loss of remaining LGA, MV Credit, and a decrease in Fiscal Disparity; local Levy only increased 2.8%. Zeller echoed positive comments. Livingston asked about remaining fire station 2003 expansion debt repayment. Niedzwiecki confirmed 13 additional years of repayment – 20 year Bond – allocation between cities could change based on population – tax basis shouldn't change as City fully developed.

M/S/P (Livingston/Larsen) to approve Resolution 2010-28, a Resolution adopting the Final Budget for the Year 2011 for a total amount of \$1,081,700. By roll call, Craggs voted aye, Glasgow aye, Larsen aye, Livingston aye, and Zeller aye. Resolution 2010-28 adopted.

M/S/P (Larsen/Craggs) to approve Resolution 2010-29, a Resolution adopting the Final Property Tax Levy for the Year 2011 for a Total Certified Levy of \$1,031,076. By roll call, Craggs voted aye, Glasgow aye, Larsen aye, Livingston aye, and Zeller aye. Resolution 2010-29 adopted. Zeller noted another budget issue regarding gravel tax (West Lakeland) that will be discussed at State level.

8. **CITY STAFF REPORTS**

Attorney

City Attorney Vivian brought up to speed by former City Attorney Amy Schmidt and happy to work with the City again. Zeller brought up impact fees regarding 1 parcel.

City Clerk

Board of Appeal scheduled for April 12, 2011, with second meeting if needed as part of April City Council meeting (4/19/10); there will be some additional training sessions after the first of the year; Zeller trained so they meet requirement, but County does recommend 2-3 be trained. Glasgow will look into it further. **M/S/P (Zeller/Larsen) to set the 2011 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization for Tuesday, April 12, 2011, with a second meeting scheduled the night of the regular City Council meeting on April 19, 2011 if necessary. Motion passed unanimously.**

Engineer – Zeller advised that Parotti updated prior to the meeting.

Public Works – Gilles was on vacation during recent snow storm that was listed as one of the five worst in the State's history; one driver and one truck short; Kline did smaller loads in truck.

Treasurer

City on target for balanced budget for 2010; cost cutting and restructuring of City operations over the past 2.5 years cut nearly \$100,000 in expenses from budget; fines and fees helped; City Engineer expense decreased; insurance and recycling had more rebates than estimated; working with Wallberg on outstanding insurance issue.

9. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT/Craggs

Reminded CC that Government Affairs Consultant Nagel applied to Washington County for grant funding [SHIP funds] of \$4,000; support for at least updating the website and signage in parks; provided information regarding 100% matching grant for new playground structure for Cully Park; over \$20,000 still in Long Term Fund; Cully Park playground equipment does not meet LMCIT safety standards and not handicapped accessible. Livingston expressed thought that grant was from the manufacturer toward the purchase of equipment. Zeller agreed could be progressive marketing from manufacturer and suggested they confer with Nagel. Craggs felt, based on data, that it represented a good deal but may not be the right time for expenditure; deadline has been extended to end of week; appreciated Livingston's comment and shares concern; Nagel has expressed and it is understood by both of them that he is comfortable with the \$20,000 total project cost. Glasgow expressed concern for expense after salary cuts. Larsen uncomfortable especially after Staff and Budget cuts. Livingston noted opportunity came up at trade show; no application needed for grant; first he has seen they are going to purchase major equipment at Cully. Craggs informed revised Park's CIP had new playground equipment included. Zeller thanked Craggs for his commitment to Parks; believes use of parks increased and will continue to increase in poor economy. Livingston would like to review commitment at Cully in 2011. Consensus not to approve tonight, as they need more information, and to reschedule at a later date. Craggs noted going forward for next year the interest of the Lakeland Garden Club's beautification project for Cully Park and also possible scouts' project for parks.

10. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT/Glasgow

No Cable meeting held; will be spending down \$30,000 balance and will bring back issue to CC at next meeting; no Alliance meeting held. Zeller has met with new mayor of Bayport and mentioned the Alliance meetings to her. Glasgow will contact her and provide meeting information.

11. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT/Larsen

Jim Gilles was on vacation this week; thankful they have good Staff who could accommodate snow removal; FYI - survey taking place at beach and Tower 1 booster station.

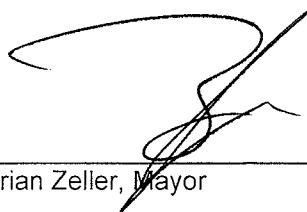
12. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT/Livingston

Not able to get Personnel Commission together; 1/3 of the way through and realized great effort; will try to distribute rough draft prior to next meeting. Attorney Vivian happy to attend meetings and was provided significant update.

13. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Joe Paiement moving to CC from PC, so looking for member of the Community interested in serving on Planning Commission.
- CSAH 18 Landscaping meeting delayed – will be rescheduled
- Gateway Corridor meeting held – he didn't attend as was out of town – will connect with County staff on any important issues discussed.
- Spoke with Amy Carolan of WMO; draft of TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load for phosphorus) important; challenges for other communities (West Lakeland and Stillwater).
- Glasgow, Paiement, and Zeller can decide to be sworn in at the January CC meeting or visit City Hall to be sworn in by Wallberg if they prefer.
- Two openings for Planning Commission open.

14. ADJOURN – M/S/P (Larsen/Glasgow) to adjourn meeting at 7:40 p.m. Craggs, Glasgow, Larsen, Livingston, and Zeller voted aye. Meeting adjourned



Brian Zeller, Mayor



Kate Piscitello, Recording Secretary