

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, April 20, 1998

Present: Bendall, Greiger, Dumond, Reid, Williams.

Absent: None.

Guests: Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager; Kendra & Jeff Pangborn; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; Gary Schooley, Park and Recreation Director; Larry Julian; Matt Raines; Mr. & Mrs. Taack; Chief Jeff Hetfield, Fire Department; Todd Schneider; Rich Warner; Jerry Gavin; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Weaver at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Bendall moved, Reid seconded to approve the April 6, 1998 Regular Council Minutes as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Greiger, Reid, Bendall, Dumond, Williams.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Bendall moved, Williams seconded to amend the agenda by combining Item No. 4) Consider Appointment of Jan Scott to the Park & Recreation Commission as the Planning Commission Representative Alternate, Term to Expire December 31, 2000 with Item No. 3) and to replace Item No. 4) with Consider Appointment of Arthur VanWagoner to the Planning Commission, Term to Expire December 31, 2000.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Williams, Bendall, Dumond, Greiger, Reid.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Williams, Reid, Greiger, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Larry Julian introduced himself as a candidate for the State House of Representatives.

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF JEFF PANGBORN: Mayor Weaver presented Jeff Pangborn with the following proclamation:

A Proclamation
of the City Council of the City of Corunna, Michigan
Recognizing

JEFF PANGBORN

- WHEREAS, Jeff Pangborn is a member of the Corunna Public Schools' Wrestling Program, and
- WHEREAS, Jeff placed first in the Corunna Invitational, the New Lothrop Invitational, the Durand Invitational, the Williamston Invitational, and the Mid-Michigan Conference League Meet; and he took second in the Hemlock Invitational, and
- WHEREAS, Jeff placed first at the Regional Meet and the State Meet, and placed second at the District Meet, and
- WHEREAS, Jeff has 125 wins and 28 losses at the completion of his junior year of school, and
- WHEREAS, Jeff went on to become the 1997-98 State Champion at the 160 pound weight class.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City of Corunna, the Mayor, City Council, City Administration and Staff wish to join the Corunna Public Schools, Coaches Dave Robertson and Rob Belous, and the community in recognizing this outstanding accomplishment by this exceptional individual.

Proclaimed this 20th Day of April, 1998.

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF MATTHEW RAINES: Mayor Weaver presented Matthew Raines with the following proclamation:

A Proclamation
of the City Council of the City of Corunna, Michigan
Recognizing

MATTHEW RAINES

- WHEREAS, Matthew Raines is a member of the Corunna Public Schools' Swimming Program, and

WHEREAS, Matt holds records in the Greater Genesee County Meet for both the 50 and 100 yard freestyle races, the 50 yard record in the Central Michigan Swim League and Corunna Varsity Swim records in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle races, and

WHEREAS, Matt was the Champion of the Greater Genesee County Meet in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle races during his junior and senior years, and

WHEREAS, Matt has been named the Most Valuable Swimmer and Captain his sophomore, junior and senior seasons, and

WHEREAS, Matt went on to win the State Freestyle Championship in the 50 yard race and the State Freestyle Championship in the 100 yard race.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City of Corunna, the Mayor, City Council, City Administration and Staff wish to join the Corunna Public Schools, Coaches Dick Richards and Jason Dennison, and the community in recognizing this outstanding accomplishment by this exceptional individual.

Proclaimed this 20th Day of April, 1998.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF DOUG EDWARDS AND JAN SCOTT TO THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE, TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31,

2000: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to appoint Doug Edwards to the Park and Recreation Commission as the Planning Commission representative and to appoint Jan Scott to the Park and Recreation Commission as the Planning Commission representative alternate, terms to expire December 31, 2000.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Williams, Bendall, Reid, Greiger.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF ARTHUR VANWAGONER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2000.

Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to appoint Arthur VanWagoner to the Planning Commission, term to expire December 31, 2000.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reid, Greiger, Williams, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 4, 1998 AT 7:15 P.M. TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 98-03 BURNING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Williams moved, Bendall seconded to set a public hearing for May 4, 1998 at 7:15 p.m. to consider Ordinance No. 98-03 Burning Ordinance Amendment.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Greiger, Reid, Dumond, Williams.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

7:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 98-02 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Bendall moved, Williams seconded to leave regular session and go into public hearing.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Greiger, Reid, Bendall, Dumond, Williams.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Weaver advised copies of the ordinance were available to the public and asked if there were any public comments. There were no public comments. Bendall moved, Williams seconded to leave public hearing and return to regular session.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Williams, Bendall, Dumond, Greiger, Reid.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:17 p.m.

Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 98-02 Zoning Ordinance Amendment as presented. Councilperson Greiger asked if the ordinance bans all adult entertainment. Mayor Weaver advised the ordinance does not ban the entertainment businesses but it does restrict, control and clarify these types of businesses.

Councilperson Reid asked when the ordinance would take effect. Ms. Hitchcock advised immediately upon publication.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Williams, Reid, Greiger, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 18, 1998 AT 7:15 P.M. TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 98-04 FOR WATER RATES:

Reid moved, Dumond seconded to set a public hearing for May 18, 1998 at 7:15 p.m. to consider Ordinance No. 98-04 for Water Rates. Ms. Hitchcock advised the water and sewer rates would remain the same as last year.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Williams, Bendall, Reid, Greiger.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 18, 1998 AT 7:25 P.M. TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE

NO. 98-05 FOR SEWER RATES: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to set a public hearing for May 18, 1998 at 7:25 p.m. to consider Ordinance No. 98-05 for Sewer Rates.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reid, Greiger, Williams, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 18, 1998 AT 7:35 P.M. FOR BUDGET ADOPTION:

Dumond moved, Williams seconded to set public hearing for May 18, 1998 at 7:35 p.m. for Budget Adoption.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Greiger, Reid, Dumond, Williams.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AWARD BID FOR 1998 MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND BONDS: Dumond

moved, Williams seconded to accept the bid from Roney & Co. for the 1998 Michigan Transportation Fund Bonds as presented at 4.99 percent interest and at a cost of \$91,410.63.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Greiger, Reid, Bendall, Dumond, Williams.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

7:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING TO EXPLAIN THE RESULTS AND COSTS INCURRED OF

THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT: Bendall moved, Reid seconded to leave regular session and go into public hearing to explain the results and costs incurred of the Community Development Block Grant Project.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Williams, Bendall, Dumond, Greiger, Reid.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:31 p.m.

Ms. Hitchcock explained the project was for the sanitary and storm sewer and street project that covered the 400 block of E. Oliver Street, 200 and 300 block of E. Williams Street, and 200 and 300 block of S. Brady Street. She further explained the total cost of the project was \$752,115.14 plus \$36,728.59 for engineering fees. She also explained the city received a \$250,000 Community Block Grant that was put towards the project costs. Ms. Hitchcock advised the results of the project were a reduction of infiltration into the sanitary collection system, improved storm water drainage, lower maintenance costs, and increased public utilities reliability. Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to leave public hearing and return to regular session.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Williams, Reid, Greiger, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:36 p.m.

PRE-COUNCIL: Councilperson Dumond stated he had a problem with the burning ordinance. There was no solution. Councilperson Bendall advised a solution would be coming, but it could not be included in the ordinance. She further advised the solution to the ordinance would be to contract with one refuse company. Councilperson Dumond stated he was not in favor of an ordinance that does not have a solution. Ms. Hitchcock advised the waste disposal bid specifications would be brought to council at the next meeting.

Ms. Hitchcock advised the bid opening was held for the Michigan Transportation Fund Bonds and there were several good rates. She further advised Roney & Co. submitted the lowest bid with an interest rate of 4.99 percent. Mayor Weaver asked if Roney & Co. was a viable company. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes. Mayor Weaver asked where Roney & Co. were located. Ms. Hitchcock advised she believed Chicago. She further advised state law requires you to take the lowest bid. Mayor Weaver asked if anything is written in the law that would allow local companies to be considered if their bid is within .10. Ms. Hitchcock advised no.

Mayor Weaver advised he was working toward having a joint meeting in June with all of the boards and commissions. He further advised he would like the chairpersons of these boards and commissions to make a brief presentation on what they have been working on and what they foresee for the future. After this meeting, the boards and commissions could break up in order to conduct their individual meetings. Councilperson Bendall stated the Fourth of July Commission would rather have their own regular meeting. Mayor Weaver suggested setting the date and time for the joint meeting at the next council meeting.

Mayor Weaver asked when a re-appointment to the vacant Ward 1 council seat had to be made. Ms. Long advised the vacancy would have to be filled by the first meeting in June. Mayor Weaver advised letters of interest for the vacant Ward 1 council seat should be in by May 18. Council would then consider the letters and appoint a person at the June 1 meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Weaver asked Councilperson Bendall if she wanted to explain the proposed Burning Ordinance. Councilperson Bendall advised the intent of the Burning Ordinance was to establish a new ordinance and to find alternatives for the city. She further advised the Burning Ordinance Committee has recommended to ban all burning in the City of Corunna except for recreational campfires. She also advised the committee has recommended that the city contract with one refuse provider to pick up refuse. Councilperson Bendall stated several examples of contract specifications from other municipalities were used to develop specifications for Corunna. The city would then seek bids based on those specifications. Councilperson Greiger asked if the refuse provider would only pick up yard waste. Councilperson Bendall stated the provider would pick up everything including yard waste. She further stated the refuse haulers seem to be in favor of picking up everything including furniture, appliances, etc. She also stated the city dump would be closed. Councilperson Reid asked what percentage of the residents would have to participate. Councilperson Bendall advised it would be city wide. Ms. Hitchcock advised it would also include municipal pickups. Mayor Weaver asked Jeff Hetfield if he would like to add anything. Mr. Hetfield advised Councilperson

Bendall presented the ordinance very well. Councilperson Bendall stated industries, schools and the county would not be required to contract with the provider. Mr. Hetfield advised the ordinance would also help to eliminate the truck traffic in town. Ms. Hitchcock stated the city would no longer have back door service, it would be curbside pick up.

Councilperson Greiger asked if the ordinance would eliminate controlled ditch burning. Councilperson Bendall advised yes. Councilperson Bendall stated a lot of information was received regarding the effects of burning. It is a health hazard and it smells. She further stated the city does not want to restrict recreational burning. She also stated it is not the city's police force business to run around telling people they cannot burn.

Rich Warner stated he had a fire issue. He further stated the fire department has a set of jaws that are broken, and the Fire Board has tabled the issue. This leaves the community without a set of jaws if there is an accident. He also stated there is a company who has a set of jaws on hold for the department, and all they need is permission to ship them. Mr. Warner asked council if they were aware of the situation. Mayor Weaver advised yes, council was aware of the situation. He further advised in addition to getting permission, there is also a financial responsibility. Councilperson Dumond asked what else was put aside. Councilperson Reid stated this issue was not set aside. The issue was not brought up, it was just mentioned. He further stated there were other areas covering the community. Councilperson Bendall asked if a bid was presented to the Fire Board. Councilperson Reid advised no. Jeff Hetfield stated the manufacturer told him that the jaws of life were non-repairable, and he was given a replacement price of \$4,800. He further stated the information was presented to some of the Fire Board members, but Mr. Bendall put a stop to it, and wanted to do his own investigation. Mayor Weaver asked if the issue would be presented at the next Fire Board meeting. Mr. Hetfield advised yes. Mayor Weaver asked Mr. Warner if his question was answered. Mr. Warner stated yes, he just wondered if the city council knew about the situation. Councilperson Bendall asked if a set bid would be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Hetfield stated all he did was present information to the Fire Board about the condition of the existing equipment, and the cost to replace the equipment. He further stated he was never instructed to seek bids because John Bendall told him he would handle it. Councilperson Dumond stated the Fire Board needs something in writing. Mr. Hetfield advised he has done that.

Councilperson Greiger asked when the Police and DPW contracts would be looked at. Ms. Hitchcock advised the negotiations have not started yet for the police.

Councilperson Bendall reminded everyone about the Zonta Club's fundraisers that were coming up.

Ms. Hitchcock advised the Webster-Davis house move would start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Councilperson Greiger asked how long the house move would take. Ms. Hitchcock advised four to six hours. The house measures 35 feet wide and 60 feet high. Mayor Weaver asked how much disruption of service there would be. Ms. Hitchcock advised the services would be taken down and put back up as the house moves along Corunna Avenue.

ADJOURN: Bendall moved, Williams seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Williams, Reid, Greiger, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:50 p.m.

AVERY WEAVER, MAYOR

YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK