

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

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

Absent: None.

Guests: Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager; Tom Svrcek, Director of Public Works; Karen Hornus; Kaspar & Keagan Kazmer; Jamie Krzyminski; Larry Runyan; Gary Schooley, Parks & Recreation Director; Bill Lulham; Jim & Sharon Bower; Dennis, Judy & Aaron Hurd; Dustin Bower; Bill Pearsall; Shelly Hickey; Dave & Sandi Wenzlick; 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, Dumond seconded to approve the July 6, 1998 Regular Council Minutes as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

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

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Karen Hornus thanked council for their support and help on the Fourth of July. She also thanked the city employees for their help. She advised McCurdy Park would be 100 years old next year and she was in the process of making special plans for the celebration. Councilperson Ockerman commended Ms. Hornus for all of her work in making the Fourth of July a success.

Bill Lulham, 220 W. Williams Street, stated for the last nine months he has dealt with the construction on Williams Street. He further stated he lost six to eight feet of his yard because the intersection was made larger. He also stated when the black dirt was brought in for landscaping, no final raking was done and there were weeds, roots, asphalt, and rocks sitting on the ground. The area was then hydroseeded and the street looks terrible. Mr. Lulham advised soy beans and corn are growing out of the black dirt. He further advised Bachus Street took a beating with all of the heavy equipment driven on the street and the asphalt was broken up. Ms. Hitchcock advised the contract with Perrin Construction was

not finished. There is final work that has to be done and they are aware of it. She further advised Perrin Construction would not be relieved of their contract until the city is satisfied with their work. Larry Runyan, 409 Cherry Street, asked if the street repair was included in the bid. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes, Perrin Construction was responsible for the repair work. Councilperson Dumond stated anything related to the project would be covered in their contract. Shelley Hickey asked how the residents would know when the city considered the project finished. Ms. Hitchcock advised letters would be sent to the residents who had problems with the construction project. Bill Lulham stated he did not mind when Perrin Construction asked him for water to drink, but one day they took his water hose and connected it to the machine that cuts asphalt and he was billed for the usage. He further stated he contacted Ms. Hitchcock and she stated she would make sure an adjustment was made to his account, but Perrin should have asked permission.

Bill Pearsall asked if the fire department could use the council room on September 12 & 13 for picture taking. Ms. Hitchcock advised Mr. Pearsall to check with Shauna Bayless at city hall for the room's availability.

Larry Runyan asked if the city had a set schedule for chloriding the streets. Mr. Svrcek advised he does try to chloride the streets three times a year. Mr. Runyan stated he lives on the street leading to the city building and would like his street done a little more often. Councilperson Bendall asked if an individual could place chloride in front of their home. Mr. Svrcek stated yes and he believed the chloride was still on sale at the elevator.

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF JAMIE KRZYMINSKI: Mayor Weaver read and presented the following proclamation to Ms. Krzyminski:

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

**JAMIE KRZYMINSKI**

- WHEREAS, Jamie Krzyminski is a member of the Corunna Public Schools' Girls Varsity Track Program, and
- WHEREAS, Jamie finished first in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs at both the Spartan Relays and the State Regional, and was All-State in both the 1600 and 3200 meter runs, and
- WHEREAS, Jamie was a medallist in the 4x800 and the 4x400 meter relays at the State Championship and was runner-up in the Class B State Championship meet in the 3200 meter run, and
- WHEREAS, Jamie set a school record in the 3200 meter run with a time of 11:14.4 and in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:04, and
- WHEREAS, Jamie is the 1998 Class B Women's State Champion in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:05.

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, the Girl's Varsity Track Coaches, and the community in recognizing this outstanding accomplishment by this exceptional individual.

Proclaimed this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of July, 1998.

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF THE VARSITY BOYS TRACK & FIELD TEAM

STATE WINNERS: Mayor Weaver read and presented the following proclamation to Mr. Bower, Mr. Kazmer, and Mr. Kazmer:

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

**DUSTIN BOWER, ROB CURRIE,**  
**KASPAR KAZMER AND KEAGAN KAZMER**

WHEREAS, The Corunna Public Schools does sponsor a Boy's Track and Field Program, and

WHEREAS, Said team won the 1998 State Championship, the 1998 MMB Championship, 1998 Regional Championship, and the 1998 MITCA State Championship, and

WHEREAS, Said team placed first at the MSU Relay, first at the Wyoming Park Relays, first at the Corunna Relays, first at the Alma Scottie Classic, second at the Mansfield Relays, and fifth at the St. Louis Relays, and

WHEREAS, Bower, Currie, Kazmer and Kazmer placed first in the 4x200 meter relay (a school record), and earning All State Honors, and

WHEREAS, Currie, Kazmer and Kazmer were part of the 4x100 meter relay which placed third (a school record) and,

WHEREAS, Bower qualified as State Place in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles (4<sup>th</sup> place) and Currie qualified as State Place in the 100 meter dash (6<sup>th</sup> place).

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, the Boy's Varsity Track Coaches, and the community in recognizing these outstanding accomplishments by these exceptional individuals.

Proclaimed this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of July, 1998.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF YVONNE LONG AS THE MICHIGAN FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT COORDINATOR: Bendall moved, Greiger seconded to appoint Yvonne Long as the Michigan Freedom of Information Act Coordinator.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE SHIAWASSEE HUMANE SOCIETY TO HOLD THEIR "PETS ON THE STREET" FUND RAISER ON SEPTEMBER 11 & 12, 1998, WITH ALTERNATE DATES OF SEPTEMBER 18 & 19, 1998: Williams moved, Bendall

seconded to grant the request from the Shiawassee Humane Society to hold their "Pets on the Street" fund raiser on September 11 & 12, 1998, with alternate dates of September 18 & 19, 1998. Councilperson Greiger advised the Shiawassee Humane Society was not supported by any governmental money or other humane society and any money raised would stay in the county. She further advised "Pets on the Street" was the largest fundraiser the humane society has and their goal is to raise several thousand dollars.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE CANCER SOCIETY: Gary Schooley stated the Cancer Society has a Relay for Life fundraiser where the participants would run laps around the park and council permission was needed because the park would close at 11:00 a.m. and the participants would be running laps for 24-hours. He further stated luminaries would be set for night walks, there would be over night camping, and the Kountry Kickers would provide entertainment. He also stated this would be a great chance to showcase McCurdy Park. Mr. Schooley advised the only road in the park that would have to be closed would be the one running east and west in front of the casino. He further advised he spoke with Chief Hetfield about using the reserve officers. Mayor Weaver asked if the general public would be allowed to use the park during the day. Mr. Schooley stated yes, they would be encouraged to use the park. He invited everyone to participate. Williams moved, Greiger seconded to grant the request from the Cancer Society to use McCurdy Park on August 1 & 2, 1998 for the Relay for Life. Councilperson Greiger advised she had participated in one of the relays and over \$40,000 was raised.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA): Tom Svrcek advised a request for federal assistance was prepared through Eddie Barber's office at the Shiawassee County Sheriff's Department. The federal and state government will pay 75 percent of the clean-up cost for overtime and equipment rental and it might take up to a year to close out the project. He further advised the city's damage was approximately \$55,000 and most of the cost was for equipment rental. He also advised tree-trimming crews were brought in from West Virginia, and they were used extensively by Durand, Owosso, Corunna, and the road commission. Mr. Svrcek stated July 21 was set as the cut off date for brush pick up in the city and any brush set out after that date would not be

picked up as part of the program. He further stated the department of public works would return back to its normal hours, and the holding area on Pine Street would also return back to its normal hours. Mr. Svrcek advised the next step would be to have F.E.M.A. bring in stump grinders. Mayor Weaver stated he noticed that a tree in the park had a big blue X on it and asked what it was for. Mr. Svrcek advised any tree marked with a blue X would be taken down in the future. Councilperson Greiger advised the tree that fell in her yard looks like heck and she asked how the city determines which trees would be taken down. Mr. Svrcek advised a tree has to be in the city right-of-way and would be removed at the request of the property owner. Mayor Weaver asked if any tree replanting would be done. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes, the plan is to purchase new trees with some of the money saved on wages. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the trees would be of adequate size. Ms. Hitchcock stated the Forrest Commission has standards they go by. Councilperson Ockerman asked how old the trees would be. Ms. Hitchcock stated it would depend on the size of the tree.

PRE-COUNCIL: Mayor Weaver asked council if they had any questions regarding the items on the agenda. Councilperson Ockerman asked what the check for Municipal Benefit Services was for. Ms. Hitchcock advised the check was for Blue Cross insurance. Councilperson Ockerman asked if items 21 and 23 from page 7 were for the same insurance. Ms. Hitchcock advised item 21 was for retirement and item 23 was for property insurance. Councilperson Ockerman asked if item 23 was an annual fee. Ms. Hitchcock advised the payment was for one half of the annual fee.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilperson Dumond advised he had a new grandson. He further advised he spoke with Glen Merkel regarding Davis Cartage's move to the Colonel's property in Owosso, and he was told Davis Cartage would be moving out of Corunna. However, the federal government is involved with the environmental clean up so it could take one to ten years before they would be able to move. Councilperson Dumond advised Davis Cartage was getting no where with the tire clean up at Herb's Auto. Councilperson Dumond stated Davis Cartage's insurance company would not let them build another warehouse on the property because of the tire problem.

Councilperson Reid advised he received a letter of resignation from Jeff Hetfield as fire chief. Councilperson Dumond asked if there was a formal procedure to replace the position. Ms. Hitchcock advised the fire board appoints the fire chief.

Councilperson Bendall asked if the city ever participated on the Solid Waste Management Committee before. Ms. Hitchcock advised no, she did not know they existed and has asked the county for information on their committee. Councilperson Bendall stated she thought it was something the city should be involved in.

Councilperson Ockerman asked if the softball audit had been addressed. Ms. Hitchcock advised Mr. Schooley has not been available due to his recent surgery. Councilperson Ockerman stated he was concerned about the commission spending money that was not budgeted. He asked Mr. Schooley if he understood what he was asking. Mr. Schooley stated yes, but reminded Councilperson Ockerman that the Softball Commission only meets four times a year and the budget items are passed at those meetings. Councilperson Ockerman stated it was his understanding that there was nothing in the commission minutes that stated the commission was over budget. Mr. Schooley stated he spoke with the auditors and he was told they did not have a problem with the audit. He further stated there was a

problem at that time about not having all of the receipts and he offered to show Councilperson Ockerman what was being done now. Councilperson Ockerman stated he was not trying to be aggressive but things have to be done properly. Councilperson Ockerman asked why the Softball Commission has a miscellaneous line item. Mr. Schooley offered to break down everything that was taken in under miscellaneous. Councilperson Ockerman stated he was only asking why there was a miscellaneous item. Mr. Schooley advised money comes in from a little here or there and from the state.

Yvonne Long wished Councilperson Reid a happy birthday and council sang happy birthday to him.

ADJOURN: Bendall moved, Ockerman seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:03 p.m.

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AVERY WEAVER, MAYOR

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YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK