

City of Corunna  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, October 26, 1998

Present: Weaver, Bendall, Dumond, Greiger (arrived at 8:00 p.m.), Ockerman, Reid, Williams.

Absent: None.

Guests: Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager; Tom Svrcek, Director of Public Works; Chief Mark Hetfield, Police Department; Ron Smith, Treasurer/Assessor; Gary Schooley, Parks and Recreation Director; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; Judy Horton; Larry Runyan; Lu Hilden, The Independent; Kathy Hetfield; Karl Bashi; Dr. James Billis; Steve Kirinovic, Abraham & Gaffney, P.C., 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: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to approve the October 5, 1998 Regular Council Minutes as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Williams moved, Dumond seconded to approve the agenda as amended by changing Item No. 2) to Consider Alcoholic Beverage Consumption in Community Center; Item No. 3) to Consider Parks and Recreation Director's Contract; Item No. 4) to Consider Parks and Recreation Budget Amendments; Item No. 5) to Consider Lighting Bids for Community Center and by adding Item No. 7) Consider Purchasing Military Time from Ron Smith; Item No. 8) Consider Bids for Snow Plow Installation; and Item No. 9) Closed Session for Union Negotiations.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

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

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Kathy Hetfield advised the Halloween Party has been scheduled for October 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the McCurdy Park Community Center. She further advised a clown would be present and face painting would be available. She also advised there might be a hayride and a petting zoo in the Commercial Building.

Larry Runyan advised he has noticed that some of the new banners were bent and asked if the damage was caused by vandalism. Tom Svrcek advised no, the banners were damaged by semi trucks. He further advised the banners would be raised higher.

AUDIT PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE: Steve Kirinovic from Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. gave an overview of the city's audit. He explained the city has received a clean, unqualified opinion, which was the best opinion the city could receive. He further explained the following areas should be looked at: cash and investment accounts should be reconciled to the general ledger; the budget process should be reviewed to assure accurate documentation is maintained; and the city should review the status of individual fund balances (deficits) near year-end. He also explained the Downtown Development Authority Fund, Historical Commission Fund and Fireworks Fund ended in a deficit. Mr. Kirinovic suggested reviewing and fixing the fund deficits before the end of the fiscal year. Dumond moved, Williams seconded to accept the audit for the previous fiscal year as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONSUMPTION IN COMMUNITY CENTER:

Councilperson Bendall advised the Parks and Recreation Commission has requested that council look again at allowing alcohol in the McCurdy Park Community Center. She further advised allowing alcohol in the community center would be easy to control. Councilperson Ockerman asked what the difference was between allowing alcohol in the community center and the commercial building. Gary Schooley advised there are no bathroom facilities inside the commercial building, and the building is located in the back of the park. Councilperson Ockerman asked if allowing alcohol consumption during limited times was being proposed. Councilperson Bendall advised alcohol would only be allowed during the rental time. Councilperson Ockerman stated he was concerned about security and asked if the renters could have their own security. Councilperson Bendall advised the renters would have to provide their own security. Councilperson Ockerman asked who would be responsible for damages to the facility. Mr. Schooley advised the renters would have to include the city as an additional insured on their insurance policy. Mayor Weaver advised he has received several calls from city residents expressing their concern about the alcohol issue. Kathy Hetfield advised the Parks and Recreation Commission was looking at making the park a wedding place where the wedding ceremony is performed in the historical village church and the reception is held in the community center. Ms. Hetfield passed out a list of areas that have facilities in one location. Larry Runyan asked what the city attorney's opinion was. Ms. Hitchcock advised the city attorney researched the issue and drafted the original ordinance. Mr. Runyan asked who would control serving alcohol to those under the age of 21 and who would be liable if someone under 21 leaves the park and gets either killed or injured. Ms. Hitchcock stated the issue was reviewed with the city's insurance company and they advised the agreement should be strict and clearly states who is responsible.

Councilperson Williams stated that would be the purpose of having security. Mark Hetfield advised the city would issue a liquor permit, and the city would be named as an additional insured. He further advised any problems that may occur would fall back on the shoulders of the renter. Councilperson Ockerman stated that is why the agreement needs to be sound and airtight. Mr. Runyan advised he was concerned with the liability and with the children in the park.

Councilperson Williams advised there would be restrictions placed in the agreement, and if allowing alcohol in the community center does not work, council could repeal the ordinance. He further advised he spoke with the police chief and was told there should not be any problems. He also advised people have to be responsible. Councilperson Ockerman stated there is a lot of money being put into the park and the burden lays on the city taxpayers. Mayor Weaver asked if council wanted to authorize the city manager to pursue the issue further or drop the issue. Reid moved, Ockerman seconded to authorize the city manager to pursue allowing alcohol in the McCurdy Park Community Center.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Greiger arrived at 8:00 p.m.

CONSIDER PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR'S CONTRACT: Bendall moved, Reid seconded to accept the Parks and Recreation Director's contract as presented.

Councilperson Ockerman asked Mr. Schooley if he was going to list hours he would be available. Mr. Schooley advised he was in the process of setting office hours at city hall. Kathy Hetfield stated Gary Schooley has been an asset to the city and to the park.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Bendall moved, Williams seconded to approve the following parks and recreation budget amendments as presented:

General Ledger	Original Budget	Amended Budget
101-691-740	\$2,500	\$3,000
101-691-818	\$11,400	\$12,600
101-691-818.460	\$13,480	-0-
101-692-740	\$65,710	\$77,490

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER LIGHTING BIDS FOR COMMUNITY CENTER: Councilperson Ockerman

stated he noticed the bid from Voss Electric included a re-strike feature and asked what advantage the feature would be. Mr. Svrcek advised the re-strike feature would provide temporary lighting until the main lights re-ignite. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the bid from Nequist & Son's Electric included wire guards over the lights. Gary Schooley advised no, he spoke with Gary Nequist and was told the lights would have a plastic shield over the light bulb. Councilperson Bendall asked Mr. Schooley for his recommendation. Mr. Schooley advised he recommended the bid from Nequist & Son's Electric because there would be more lighting for the money and a dimmer switch would be included. He further advised half of the lights have bad ballasts and do not work properly. Mr. Svrcek advised the lighting in the building was quite old, and the cost to replace the ballasts was more expensive than replacing a light fixture. Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to accept the bid from Nequist & Son's Electric to replace the lights in the McCurdy Park Community Center in an amount not to exceed \$9,850.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER VEHICLE BIDS: Mayor Weaver read the vehicle bids received by the city. Mayor Weaver advised a bid was received for the 1977 Ford Dump Truck, but it has been recommended that the city not sell the truck. Mr. Svrcek advised that more money could be received for the Ford dump truck than what was bid by parting the truck out or by taking the truck to the state sale. Mayor Weaver asked if it would be appropriate to withdrawal the one vehicle. Mr. Svrcek stated yes, the city has the right to reject or accept any and all bids. Williams moved, Reid seconded to accept the following bids: 1980 Chevrolet Dump Truck - \$2,000 to Central Michigan Construction Co.; 1982 4x4 Pickup - \$1,025 to Plowman Gas; and 1983 4x4 Pickup - \$1,277 to Charles Hagadon.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER PURCHASING MILITARY TIME FROM RON SMITH: Bendall moved, Williams seconded to approve the following resolution:

City of Corunna  
Shiawassee County, Michigan  
RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE OF  
MILITARY TIME OF RONALD W. SMITH

WHEREAS, Ronald W. Smith has been an employee of the City of Corunna since December 1, 1975; and

WHEREAS, prior to his employment with the City of Corunna, Mr. Smith was a member of the armed services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has requested the City of Corunna to purchase 1 Year, 11 Months of Military service credit at a cost of \$22,296 as specified by the Municipal Employee's Retirement System (MERS).

THEREFORE, the Corunna City Council agrees to purchase said Military service credit in the amount of \$22,296, and that Ronald W. Smith and his family will be entitled to medical insurance upon his retirement as required by state and federal COBRA laws, not as previously agreed in his employment agreement or any administrative policies.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER BIDS FOR SNOW PLOW INSTALLATION: Mayor Weaver asked Tom Svrcek if it was his recommendation that council accept the bid from SL&H to install the snowplow. Mr. Svrcek advised yes. Dumond moved, Ockerman seconded to authorize SL&H to install the snowplow in an amount not to exceed \$4,000 with the funds to be taken from the Motor Pool Reserve.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

CLOSED SESSION FOR UNION NEGOTIATIONS: Bendall moved, Williams seconded to leave regular session and go into closed session for union negotiations.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:35 p.m.

Williams left at 8:50 p.m.

Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to leave closed session and return to regular session.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:58 p.m.

No action took place during closed session.

COMMENTS: Mayor Weaver advised the historical village has been put on the Internet by the Shiawassee County Convention and Visitor's Bureau in an effort to publicize the village.

Ms. Hitchcock asked council to notify city hall if they know of anyone who has donated time that needs to be added to the holiday banquet guest list.

ADJOURN: Greiger moved, Reid seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 9:21 p.m.

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AVERY WEAVER, MAYOR

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LINDA M. LeCUREUX, DEPUTY CLERK