

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 1, 1999

Present: Weaver, Bayless, Bendall, Dumond, Moore, Ockerman.

Absent: None.

Guests: Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager; Officer Kim Williams, Police Department; Judy Horton; Larry Runyan; Dick Sanderson; Dave Wenzlick; Gary Palmer, Building and Zoning Officer; Frank Svrcek, Acting Director of Public Works; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; Jerry Ernst, The Flint Journal; Joe Williams; 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 February 1, 1999 Regular Council Minutes as printed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Bendall, Ockerman, Dumond, Moore.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Dumond moved, Bayless seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Item No. 18) Consider Salt Box Hangar Bid.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Moore, Bendall, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

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

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Moore, Bayless, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Larry Runyan asked if the ordinance amendment was being recommended by the state or if the city had an incident that called for a change in the ordinance. Mayor Weaver advised it was his understanding that the city has had some problems with paint guns and the police department has brought the amendment to council for consideration.

Dick Sanderson asked what the ordinance on junk vehicles was. Mayor Weaver asked if council could check into the situation and get back with him. Mr. Sanderson stated he already spoke with Chief Hetfield and was told it would be taken care of. Mr. Sanderson asked if something would be done to the house. Gary Palmer advised he would inspect the house. Mr. Sanderson stated he called a councilperson regarding the sidewalks and was told if he did not like the sidewalks to walk in the street. He further stated he did not

appreciate the answer he received. Councilperson Ockerman asked Mr. Sanderson if Chief Hetfield gave him a time when he would contact him. Mr. Sanderson advised no, he did not. Councilperson Ockerman asked Ms. Hitchcock if she could make sure that Mr. Sanderson receives an answer. Ms. Hitchcock advised she would.

CONSIDER PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FOR ONE SUBDIVISION LOT PLAT: Mark VanRaemdonck, Landmark Surveying, explained that the Crestview Plat had four large outlots when the plat was originally platted and these plats were set aside for future development. When the Plat Act was changed in 1967, the only way these outlots could be developed is to have the outlots vacated through circuit court proceedings which has been done. He further explained the court order states that the remaining outlots have to be platted within 365 days. He also explained that Mr. Eyde wants to plat the vacant land so he does not have to go through court proceedings again. Councilperson Ockerman asked if there was anything tricky in the application. Mr. Palmer advised no, Mr. Eyde is simply correcting a problem that already exists. The court ordered Mr. Eyde to plat the three outlots. Mr. VanRaemdonck explained the plat would not change the property ownership. Councilperson Ockerman asked Larry Runyan if the planning commission saw any problems. Mr. Runyan advised no, the plat was done per court order. Mr. Palmer advised that the city attorney had been involved to make sure that the city was protected and the city attorney feels comfortable that the city is not giving up any development rights. Mr. VanRaemdonck advised if preliminary approval is given, final mylars will be prepared and brought back to the planning commission and to city council for approval. Mayor Weaver asked what the difference was between the preliminary application and the final approval of a subdivision lot application. Mr. VanRaemdonck advised once tentative approval is obtained from the city, the plat will be submitted to the county drain commissioner and plat board, and to the utilities for their approval. Mayor Weaver asked if final approval was needed at the meeting. Mr. VanRaemdonck advised yes because time is running short and Mr. Eyde would like to proceed. Dumond moved, Ockerman seconded to approve the tentative preliminary application for Outlots B, C, and D of Crestview subdivision based on the planning commission recommendation.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Moore, Ockerman, Bendall, Bayless.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER FINAL PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR ONE SUBDIVISION LOT PLAT: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to approve the final preliminary application plat for Outlots B, C, and D of Crestview subdivision.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Bayless, Moore, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER LOT SPLIT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 209 PINE STREET: Gary Palmer explained the lot split request. He further explained that the lot split met the zoning requirements. Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to approve the lot split request for property located at 209 Pine Street as recommended by the planning commission.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Bayless, Dumond, Moore, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF JUDY HORTON TO THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND MERILEE LAWSON AS ALTERNATE TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2000: Bendall moved, Moore seconded to appoint Judy Horton to the Parks and Recreation Commission, term to expire December 31, 2000; and to appoint Merilee Lawson as Alternate to the Parks and Recreation Commission, term to expire December 31, 2000.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Bendall, Ockerman, Dumond, Moore.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MARK HETFIELD TO THE CORUNNA PLANNING COMMISSION, TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2000: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to appoint Mark Hetfield to the Corunna Planning Commission, term to expire December 31, 2000.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Moore, Bendall, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS IN CRESTVIEW HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION:

Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to accept the following resolution:

RESOLUTION FOR STREET ADDITION

Whereas the City of Corunna did on October 23, 1998 acquire title to certain streets. And whereas it is necessary to furnish certain information to the State of Michigan to place these streets within the City Street System for the purpose of obtaining funds under Act 51, P.A. 1951 as amended.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED:

1. That the streets are described as:
Ridgeview Road from the existing West End, to the city limits (488.7 feet),
Hillside Drive from Ridgeview Road, to Woodvalley Drive (1317 feet),
Woodvalley Drive from center of Hillside Drive, to West End (692 feet),
Woodvalley Drive from the center of Hillside Drive, to East End (206 feet),
Woodvalley Court from Woodvalley Drive, to Southwest end (218 feet).
2. That said streets are located within a City right-of-way and are under the control of the City of Corunna.
3. That said streets are public streets and are for public street purposes.
4. That said streets are accepted into the City Local Street System.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Moore, Bayless, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 188 (STOP SIGN N/B HILLSIDE DRIVE AT RIDGEVIEW AND S/B HILLSIDE DR. AT WOODVALLEY DR.); TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 189 (SPEED LIMIT 25 MILES PER HOUR ENTIRE LENGTH OF HILLSIDE DR. AND WOODVALLEY DR.); AND TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 190 (YIELD SIGN WOODVALLEY COURT AT WOODVALLEY DRIVE NORTH/EAST BOUND):

Ockerman moved, Bendall seconded to approve Traffic Control Order No. 188 (stop sign n/b Hillside Drive at Ridgeview and s/b Hillside Dr. at Woodvalley Dr.); Traffic Control Order No. 189 (speed limit 25 miles per hour entire length of Hillside Dr. and Woodvalley Dr.); and Traffic Control Order No. 190 (yield sign Woodvalley Court at Woodvalley Drive north/east bound). Councilperson Dumond advised this would be the only yield sign in Corunna. Ms. Hitchcock advised this is a cul-de-sac and according to Chief Hetfield there is nothing to warrant a stop sign. A yield sign would designate who has the right-of-way. Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Moore, Ockerman, Bendall, Bayless.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL FOR YEAR 2000 READINESS:

Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to accept the engineering services proposal from Capital Consultants for Year 2000 readiness for the water and wastewater systems for \$960.00.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Bayless, Moore, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER BIDS FOR GRINDING SERVICES: Ms. Hitchcock advised two bids were received to grind the June storm debris at the city property located on Pine Street. She further advised it was her recommendation to approve the bid from Granger Landscape Supply but to specify that the services would be for no more than thirty hours. She also advised Frank Svrcek felt twenty hours would be needed but if something comes up, the extra time would be covered. Bendall moved, Bayless seconded to accept the bid from Granger Landscape Supply for the grinding of downed trees in an amount not to exceed \$7,850.00

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Bayless, Dumond, Moore, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 15, 1999 AT 7:15 P.M. TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 99-01 AMENDMENT TO SECTION 50-137 CARRYING DANGEROUS WEAPONS:

Bendall moved, Ockerman seconded to set a public hearing for March 15, 1999 at 7:15 p.m. to consider Ordinance 99-01 Amendment to Section 50-137 Carrying Dangerous Weapons.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Bendall, Ockerman, Dumond, Moore.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF FACILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE: Dumond moved, Bayless seconded to appoint David Dumond, Council Representative; Deborah Bendall, Library Board Representative; Douglas Edwards, Planning Commission Representative; Thomas Petersen, Downtown Development Authority Representative; Homer Bennett and Mike Sarrazin, Citizens at Large; and Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager to the Facility Review Committee. Mayor Weaver asked Ms. Hitchcock to set and to chair the first meeting until the committee elects their chairperson.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Moore, Bendall, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF STREET ADMINISTRATOR: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to appoint Lisa Hitchcock as the Street Administrator and to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION FOR DESIGNATION OF STREET ADMINISTRATOR

Whereas, Section 13(7) of Act 51, Public Acts of 1951 provided that each incorporated city and village to which funds are returned under the provisions of this section, that, "the responsibility for street improvements, maintenance, and traffic operations work, and the development, construction, or repair of off-street parking facilities and construction or repair of street lighting shall be coordinated by a single administrator to be designated by the governing body who shall be responsible for and shall represent the municipality in transactions with the State Transportation Department pursuant to this act."

Therefore, be it resolved, that this Honorable Body designates Lisa K. Hitchcock as the single Street Administrator for the City of Corunna in all transactions with the State Transportation Department as provided in Section 13 of the Act.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Moore, Bayless, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

THIRD WARD COUNCIL SEAT: Mayor Weaver advised no letters of interest were received and suggested leaving the position open until March 22, 1999 at 4:30 p.m. He asked to have the vacancy printed in the paper again. Mayor Weaver stated a special workshop is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on that date and suggested appointing a new councilperson during the first part of the meeting. Councilperson Ockerman stated there were two applicants less than two months ago and he hoped that council would not overlook someone who is an ex-councilperson and is probably too proud to put his name in again. Mayor Weaver asked Mr. Runyan if he would be interested in serving on the council. Mr. Runyan stated he would reconsider serving but needed to talk to his wife first. Mayor Weaver advised the vacancy would be left open until March 22 to allow time for Mr. Runyan, as well as, anyone else to come forward. Councilperson Ockerman asked Mr. Runyan to put an application in.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to appoint Bob Ockerman to the Economic Development Fund Board to replace Mike Sarrazin; to appoint Al Bayless to the Fire Board to replace Martin Reid; to appoint Michael Moore to the Historical Commission to replace Beth Greiger; to appoint Bob Ockerman to the Softball Commission to replace Martin Reid; and to appoint Deb Bendall to the Waste Water Treatment Plant Board to replace Martin Reid.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Moore, Ockerman, Bendall, Bayless.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER BID ON SALT BOX HANGAR: Bendall moved, Moore seconded to accept the bid from SL&H Contractors for a Salt Box Hangar in an amount not to exceed \$3,880.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Bayless, Moore, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Judy Horton asked if the city dump area would be kept clean after the area is cleaned up. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes, there has been discussion on how to keep the area cleaned that will be presented at a later date.

PRE-COUNCIL: Councilperson Ockerman asked what Ordinance 99-01 was changing. Ms. Hitchcock advised Paint Ball Guns were being added to the ordinance. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the ordinance shows the proposed changes or if the ordinance shows how the ordinance appears now. Ms. Hitchcock advised the ordinance showed the proposed changes. Councilperson Ockerman asked if only one bid was received for the salt box hangar. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes, only one bid was received after it was advertised. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the bid that was received was a fair bid. Frank Svrcek advised yes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilperson Dumond advised he had difficulty in reading the Downtown Development Authority minutes. Mayor Weaver advised he would take the concern back to the next Downtown Development Authority meeting. Councilperson Dumond stated the minutes are an official document and he was concerned about repercussions at a later date. Councilperson Dumond advised the airport property has been sold. He further advised an agreement was made with the Airport Hangars Association to settle the lawsuit against the airport board. He also advised many committees are in place and upgrades to the airport would be done immediately.

Councilperson Ockerman stated in one of the city manager's report, council was advised about work done on a truck that was suppose to be sold in October and consequently was not sold. He further stated he did not have a problem with what had transpired with the truck, but the situation should have been brought back to council before anything was done to the truck. Mayor Weaver advised the truck was discussed at the budget workshop meeting and it was the consensus of those in attendance to hold onto the truck if the city had a use for the truck. Councilperson Ockerman stated the situation should have been brought back to council.

Councilperson Bayless advised he attended his first ambulance board meeting, which he found very interesting. Mayor Weaver stated the board has some major concerns that need to be dealt with. Councilperson Bayless stated the board has a very dedicated group of people, and he felt that progress could be made.

Ms. Hitchcock advised city hall was still working on the software/networking problem in utility billing. Mayor Weaver asked if there was anything council could do. Ms. Hitchcock advised no, the Fundbalance personnel were working on a solution but have not been able to find the cause of the problem.

Councilperson Ockerman asked if any decisions had been made regarding Mayor Exchange Day. Ms. Hitchcock advised that Carleton has proposed that Corunna go there on May 17 and Carleton would come to Corunna on May 19, but she will propose to them about switching the dates around since Carleton does not have a council meeting that week.

Mayor Weaver advised he met with the other governmental heads since the last council meeting, and the fireworks fundraising has begun. He further advised formal requests for funding were sent to Meijer, Inc. and to The Argus Press. He also advised both businesses have stated informally that they would be interested in doing what they did last year.

ADJOURN: Bendall moved, Moore seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Bayless, Dumond, Moore, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:27 p.m.

AVERY WEAVER, MAYOR

YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK