

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, June 7, 1999

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

Absent: None.

Guests: Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager; Officer Kim Williams, Police Department; Tim Crawford, Superintendent of Public Works; Chief Mark Hetfield, Police Department; Gary Schooley, Director of Parks & Recreation; Larry Friess; Dave Wenzlick; Judy Horton; Doug Albrandt; Marlene Fick; Dick & Pat Sanderson; Emma Merrill; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; Arnold Dunchock; 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 May 17, 1999 Regular Council Minutes as printed.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

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

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

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

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Larry Friess stated he noticed that there was camping in the front of McCurdy Park two weeks ago and asked when the policy was changed. Gary Schooley advised the policy has not been changed. He explained that he did not discuss the camping situation with the Relay for Life prior to the event, and he assumed that the camping would be done on the north side of the park as it was done last year. Mr. Friess stated the city council is the only one who can change the policy. He asked why these people were not told to move to the back of the park. Mr. Schooley advised by the time he got down to the park everything had already been set up, and he did not ask them to move. Mr. Friess advised the situation should have come before council for approval. Mr. Schooley advised the camping and parking situation would be addressed next year.

Mr. Friess asked why it took more than two weeks to get the property mowed at the corner of E. State Street and McDonnell Street. Ms. Hitchcock advised when the situation was brought to the city's attention, Tim Crawford contacted the realtor and told them they had until last Friday to mow it or it would be mowed. Mr. Crawford advised the lawn was mowed.

Councilperson Ockerman stated in the future, he would like to make sure that those who use the park are made aware of the rules. Mr. Schooley advised the rules would be addressed in the contract.

Emma Merrill advised that something needed to be done about the parking that occurs in front of the church at the corner of S. Shiawassee Street and W. Williams Street. She further advised that making a left-hand turn is almost impossible due to the parking situation. Ms. Hitchcock asked where exactly the vehicles were parking. Ms. Merrill advised on Shiawassee Street and on Williams Street. Pat Sanderson stated it is almost impossible to make a right hand turn onto W. Williams Street from Shiawassee Street when vehicles park on both sides of Williams Street. She further stated it would be impossible for an ambulance or fire truck to make that turn. She also stated she would like to see parking eliminated on the north side of W. Williams Street.

Dick Sanderson asked if the cars had been cleaned up at the two places he previously complained about at the dead end of S. Mizner Street. Chief Hetfield advised he did not know if the cars had been cleaned up. Mr. Sanderson advised he received a letter from the city manager dated March 10 that stated something would be done to correct the problem, but the cars are still there. Mr. Sanderson stated he spoke with the building inspector regarding the house at 222 W. McNeil Street that has several building code violations. He further stated he was told by the building inspector that the property owner would be contacted but nothing has been done to the house. Mayor Weaver stated the city manager would address the situation.

CONSIDER BASEBALL SHIRT BIDS: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to accept the bid from ImageLine Production in the amount of \$2,430 for baseball shirts and hats.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

7:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 99-04 AMENDMENT TO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to leave the regular session and go into a public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 99-04 Amendment to Downtown Development Authority.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:19 p.m.

Mayor Weaver advised the ordinance would change the number of members from twelve to ten. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the change would help the authority to get a quorum. Mayor Weaver advised yes. Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to leave the public hearing and return to the regular session.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:21 p.m.

Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 99-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORUNNA, MI, BY AMENDING SECTION 30-5, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OF CHAPTER 30, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, THEREOF.

I. AMENDMENT.

Section 30-5 of the Corunna City Code reads:

Sec. 30-5. Board of directors. The downtown development authority shall be under the supervision and control of a board consisting of the mayor of the city and ~~42~~ **TEN** members. The members shall be appointed by the mayor subject to approval by the council. Eligibility for membership on the board and terms of office shall be as provided in Act No. 197. All members shall hold office until the member's successor is appointed.

II. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PORTIONS THEREOF REPEALED.

All Ordinances previously adopted and inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed, and in the case of inconsistencies, to the extent of such inconsistency, are hereby repealed.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER BID FOR 5 WATTS, 16 CHANNEL PORTABLE RADIO: Ockerman moved, Bayless seconded to accept the bid from Blumerich Communication in the amount of \$609.00 for a 5 watts, 16 channel portable radio.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

DISCUSS SHIAWASSEE COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM: Ms.

Hitchcock advised the Shiawassee County Housing Rehabilitation Program was looking for individuals to serve on their Housing Program Advisory Council. Mayor Weaver asked how many individuals were needed. Ms. Hitchcock advised a total of five. Councilperson Ockerman suggested asking Jim Lockwood to serve on the advisory council. He stated he would be willing to volunteer if Mr. Lockwood agreed to do the same.

CONSIDER BIDS FOR IN-CAR VIDEO EQUIPMENT: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to accept the bid from Video Camera Engineers in the amount of \$3,190 for in-car video equipment.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO STRIPE

DOWNTOWN TO THREE-LANES: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to request the Michigan Department of Transportation to have the downtown restriped to three-lanes and to place an overhead left turn only sign.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

SECOND WARD COUNCIL SEAT: Ockerman moved, Bendall seconded to post the vacant second ward council seat and to accept letters of interest until 4:30 p.m. on June 17, 1999 with appointment to be made at the June 21, 1999 meeting.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO HISTORICAL COMMISSION: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to appoint Larry Runyan to the Historical Commission as the council representative.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Arnold Dunchock stated he was trying to understand the traffic situation downtown. Right now, a truck turning at the intersection takes up about 50 percent of the four-lane street, and it appears that if the street is changed to three-lanes, a truck might take up two-thirds of the street. He further stated it appears that it would hurt the downtown area and did not see any benefit to changing the street. Mayor Weaver advised the downtown businesses have concerns regarding parking, and the city has asked the Michigan Department of Transportation for input and studies that they have done. He further advised three-lanes would provide a wider turning radius for the trucks. Larry Friess asked how the lanes would be arranged under the traffic light. Mayor Weaver advised the center lane would be moved a little towards the east and it might be to the city's benefit to try three-lanes before the construction begins. Ms. Hitchcock advised if the street was left four-lanes, the downtown parking would be eliminated because the current lanes do not meet state standards. Mr. Dunchock asked if any additional parking spaces would be gained from the construction. Ms. Hitchcock advised no, there will be a decrease in parking in front of the courthouse and within that block.

Marlene Fick stated she had a question about the city's alleys ordinance. She further stated that there is a 35-foot trailer parking in the alley located behind her home and asked if this was permissible. Ms. Hitchcock asked where the alley was located. Ms. Fick advised the alley was located between W. Williams Street and W. Oliver Street in the 200 block. Mayor Weaver advised the city would check into the situation.

Dick Sanderson asked if the truck scales were being used and if they were paying off. Chief Hetfield advised the scales are being used but did not know what revenue has been taken in since the scales were purchased.

Judy Horton thanked and welcomed Councilperson Runyan for volunteering to be on the Historical Commission.

CLOSED SESSION – LEGAL ISSUES: Dumond moved, Ockerman seconded to leave the regular session and go into closed session.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:10 p.m.

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

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:14 p.m.

No action took place during the closed session.

ADJOURN: Ockerman moved, Dumond seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 9:00 p.m.

AVERY WEAVER, MAYOR

LINDA M. LeCUREUX, DEPUTY CLERK