

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 7, 1999

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

Absent: None.

Guests: Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager; Dr. James Billis; Dave Wenzlick; Bill Constine, The Independent; Larry Friess; Gene Sanderson; Richard Sanderson; Merilee Lawson, Assessor; Gary Palmer, Building and Zoning Officer; Ellie Gregoricka; Karen Hornus; Judy Horton; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; Bill Lulham; Gary Schooley, Parks and Recreation Director; Police Chief Mark Hetfield; Tim Crawford, Superintendent of Public Works; Officer Paul Richardson, Police Department; Irene Lang, Roger Mendel; Sue Huff, Librarian; Stephanie Wutter; 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: Hornus moved, Bendall seconded to approve the August 16, 1999 Regular Council Minutes as presented with a correction under Agenda Approval by changing Dumond to Ockerman as the person who seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

Roll call vote:

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

Abstain: Dumond

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Hornus moved, Bayless seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

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, Hornus, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE – CITIZEN IN-PUT TO THE CITY COUNCIL: Karen Hornus advised that since Mr. Schooley has had the position as Parks and Recreation Director she has seen many positive things happen in the city and in the park. She further advised that the city would be hard pressed to find anyone who would do or care as much as he does for the city and urged city council to approve his contract.

Dr. James Billis asked when a nominating petition had to be turned in. Ms. Long advised September 20 at 4:00 p.m.

Richard Sanderson asked why the police department monthly reports do not get published in the paper like the other local cities do. Ms. Hitchcock advised that he should contact the Argus Press and ask them that question, as the information has been submitted.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF CHERYL KRIBS, TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND JOSEPH DECAIRE, TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2000, TO THE CORUNNA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AS MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (NON-CITY RESIDENT): Dumond moved, Hornus seconded to appoint Cheryl Kribs, term to expire December 31, 1999 and Joseph DeCaire, term to expire December 31, 2000, to the Corunna Parks and Recreation Commission as members-at-large (non-city resident).

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER EQUALIZER ASSESSING AND APEX PACKAGES; AND A DIGITAL

CAMERA: Dumond moved, Bayless seconded to purchase the equalizer assessing and apex packages and a digital camera as presented in the amount of \$4,254.95.

Councilperson Dumond advised that these items were discussed when Ms. Lawson was hired as the city assessor. Ms. Hitchcock advised all of the items except for the digital camera were discussed. Ms. Hitchcock advised the equalizer program would stay with the city. She further advised the licensing agreement states that a backup copy of the program off site is legal. Councilperson Dumond advised a digital camera would be a nice option to go along with the package and would be an asset to the city.

Councilperson Ockerman advised that council did agree to purchase the equalizer assessing program at the time Ms. Lawson was hired but \$3,000 was budgeted for the program and now the proposal is for \$4,254.95. Ms. Lawson advised that the program was a complete package and included an apex drawing package that does all of the calculating and drawings. Councilperson Ockerman stated that he was concerned about staying within the amount that was budgeted. He further stated that he contacted Ms. Hitchcock regarding taking the additional money from another line item and was advised that there was no other line item to take the money from. Ms. Hitchcock advised that the city has \$5,140 in surplus revenues and recommended increasing the operating supplies by \$1,000 where the apex drawing package and digital camera should be taken from. Ms. Lawson advised that the digital camera is equipment that can be used elsewhere in the city. Councilperson Bayless advised that he thought the apex drawing package was already included in the deal and that it did not make sense not to do it right from the start. Councilperson Bendall asked if Ms. Hitchcock was recommending purchasing the entire package and amending the budget by putting \$1,000 more into the operating supplies. Ms. Hitchcock advised that there were three options available: to purchase the entire package as presented and increase the operating supplies line item by \$1,000 which would decrease surplus revenues in the General Fund, to delete the apex drawing package

or the digital camera, or to purchase the package and transfer \$1,000 in from another department. Mayor Weaver asked Ms. Hitchcock if she had could recommend which department could be used to transfer funds from. Ms. Hitchcock advised no.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Hornus.

No: Bendall, Ockerman.

Motion CARRIED

Dumond moved, Hornus seconded to transfer \$1,000 from the surplus revenues into assessment operating supplies (101-695-740).

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Hornus, Bendall, Bayless.

No: Ockerman, Runyan.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 99-07 AMENDING SECTION 86-213 SPECIAL CONDITION USES, ARTICLE VIII C-2 SERVICE/BUSINESS DISTRICT AND BY ADDING ITEM 6 CAR WASHES (MACHINE OR HAND OPERATED FACILITIES USED PRINCIPALLY FOR CLEANING, WAXING, AND POLISHING OF MOTOR VEHICLES; AND AMENDING SECTION 86-245 SPECIAL CONDITION USES, ARTICLE IX C-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, BY ADDING ITEM 5 CAR WASHES (MACHINE OR HAND OPERATED FACILITIES USED PRINCIPALLY FOR CLEANING, WAXING, AND POLISHING OF MOTOR VEHICLES): Dumond

moved, Hornus seconded to adopt Ordinance 99-07 amending Section 86-213 Special Condition Uses, Article VIII C-2 Service/Business District and by adding item 6 Car Washes (machine or hand operated facilities used principally for cleaning, waxing, and polishing of motor vehicles; and amending Section 86-245 Special Condition Uses, Article IX C-3 General Business District, by adding item 5 Car Washes (machine or hand operated facilities used principally for cleaning, waxing, and polishing of motor vehicles). Councilperson Ockerman asked what was changing. Gary Palmer advised the existing ordinance did not cover car washes. He further advised that car washes require a conditional use permit so it would have to go before the planning commission.

Councilperson Ockerman asked if there was a checklist that had to be brought before council. Mr. Palmer advised that only language was being added to the ordinance.

Councilperson Dumond asked how the existing car wash was allowed to be built. Mr. Palmer advised the car wash was built before the new ordinance was adopted.

Councilperson Bendall asked if the planning commission held a public hearing. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 99-08 TO AMEND ZONING MAP: Gary Palmer explained that the ordinance amendment would rezone the old Town Tub property (101 N. Shiawassee) from C-1 Central Business District to C-2 Service/Business District in order for the property owner to obtain a conditional use permit, which will allow the construction of a commercial refueling/car wash facility. He further explained that Ordinance No. 99-07,

which was approved prior to this ordinance, added car washes to the Special Condition Uses that are allowed in the C-2 zoning district. Dumond moved, Hornus seconded to adopt Ordinance 99-08 by amending the zoning map as presented. Councilperson Bendall asked if the planning commission had recommended that council approve the ordinance. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes. Councilperson Bendall advised that she did not find the minutes from the August 18 planning commission meeting. Ms. Hitchcock advised that the minutes were not completed since the tape recorder did not work and the minutes were in the process of being typed.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER PARK & RECREATION DIRECTOR CONTRACT: Bendall moved, Bayless seconded to accept the contract for the Park & Recreation Director services as presented and to incorporate a change in item number three to give 30 days notice. Ms. Hitchcock advised that she reviewed the contract and realized that the contract did not have a notification of termination clause, which she would like to see included in the contract. She further advised that most contracts have a 30-day clause, which would bind the city and the individual to give 30-day notice. Mayor Weaver asked how item number three would read. Ms. Hitchcock advised the words “at any time” would be replaced with “30 day notice”.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER SHIAWASSEE AREA TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to approve the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agreement as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Dumond moved, Hornus seconded to appoint Bob Ockerman, term to expire October 1, 2002 and Larry Runyan, term to expire October 1, 2000, as council representatives to the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency Board.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER TRAFFIC ENGINEERING PROPOSAL: Ockerman moved, Hornus seconded to approve the traffic engineering proposal from Traffic Engineering Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$5,240. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the proposal was budgeted. Ms. Hitchcock advised no, but there was money available in the major and local street budget.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER ELECTRICAL MODIFICATIONS TO WATER BOOSTER PUMP STATION:

Bayless moved, Dumond seconded to approve the bid for electrical modifications to the water booster pump station from Nequist and Son Electric in the amount of \$5,464.30.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE – CITIZEN IN-PUT TO THE CITY COUNCIL: Larry Friess asked if the tree trimmers had left town. Ms. Hitchcock advised that she did not know since they were contracted by Consumers Energy. Mr. Friess stated that there is a dead tree at the end of Ferry Street by the river and it would be easier to remove the tree now rather than waiting until it falls in the river. Ms. Hitchcock advised there would be tree trimmers in the city in the spring.

Gene Sanderson advised that during the third week of July there was a police car sitting on S. Shiawassee Street. He further advised that he and his wife counted 27 cars that went past the police car and approximately 25 of those cars exceeded the speed limit but the police car never moved. Mr. Sanderson stated that two nights later the police car was at the same location and he approached the officer. As the officer was sitting there, a car went by that was going at least 50-55 m.p.h. and he asked the officer why he did not catch the car on the radar. The officer told him that the radar was not on and that he was filling out reports. Mayor Weaver asked Mr. Sanderson what he would like to have done. Mr. Sanderson advised that he would like the police car to have the radar on while the car was sitting there. Ms. Hitchcock asked if would be preferred to have the officers come into the office to fill out their reports. Councilperson Ockerman stated it seemed that it would be logical for the officer to fill out reports in the police car where he would at least be getting exposure. Councilperson Dumond stated it made sense to him to have the car out on the street with the officer doing paperwork than having the officer at the office. Councilperson Runyan asked if the officer could run the radar and work on reports at the same time. Chief Hetfield advised that it would be pretty hard to do both at the same time and would depend on what type of report the officer was working on.

Bill Lulham advised that the city has more traffic in town that it did 15-20 years ago. He asked if additional cars could be budgeted during the busy time of the day. The city has to slow down the cars and one car cannot do the job. Councilperson Ockerman stated that the city's police coverage was close to what other cities of the same size have.

Judy Horton asked if anymore chloriding was going to be done. Mr. Crawford advised yes. Ms. Horton advised that Dutcher Street was getting awfully dusty.

ADJOURN: Ockerman moved, Hornus seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:53 p.m.

AVERY WEAVER, MAYOR

YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK