

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, November 15, 1999

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

Absent: Hornus.

Guests: Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager; Bill Constine, The Independent; Stephanie Wuttke, The Independent; Judy Horton; Jerry Ernst, The Flint Journal; Charlotte Runyan; Frank Svrcek; Richard & Pat Sanderson; Mr. & Mrs. Gene Sanderson; Officer Kevin Clark, Police Department; Dr. Kristie Billis; Carol Spaniola; Keitha Ockerman; Herb Jenkins; Keith & Diane Johnson; Tim Crawford, Superintendent of Public Works; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; Ann Bentley; Bill Graham; Jim Hein; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Billis at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Billis read and presented a proclamation to the Zonta Club's representative, Ann Bentley, in recognition of Zonta International Day.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL/DDA JOINT MEETING: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to approve the minutes of the Council/DDA joint meeting and to change the word "correct" to "incorrect" in the sixth line from the bottom of page four under Call to the Audience.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

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

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to

approve the vendor disbursements as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE - CITIZEN IN-PUT TO THE CITY COUNCIL: Keith Johnson, 211

Hastings Street, thanked council for the job they are doing, but they need to put aside the bickering. He further stated council is an extension of the citizenry and everyone should come together as a unit. He also stated citizens should respond when council puts out a call for input.

Don Runyon, 563 Cary Street, asked why the volunteers who worked on the playscape could not go across the river and paint Mitchell Fields. He stated it did not make sense to hire someone to do the work when volunteers could have painted it. Judy Horton stated there were only ten people who worked on the playscape. She advised people do not volunteer to this sort of thing. Mayor Billis stated there might be volunteers out there and the city needs to do some brainstorming to get them to volunteer. Frank Svrcek stated the situations were different. The playscape is being maintained and the Stu Coutts Pavilion is being vandalized. You do not ask volunteers to correct vandalism. Councilperson Ockerman asked why not. Mr. Svrcek advised the city has insurance to protect the buildings. Councilperson Dumond stated the bill has been submitted to probate court in hopes that the vandals will pay restitution. Councilperson Ockerman stated the city should try to get volunteers to help with these situations. Dick Sanderson asked why the city cannot get jail people to help. Councilperson Runyan advised there has to be someone to attend them. Councilperson Ockerman stated it might be possible and suggested contacting Owosso to see where they get their people. Councilperson Runyan stated the city would have to use an employee to watch these people. Councilperson Dumond stated the city does not have enough employees in the workforce to watch people. Tim Crawford stated it is very hard to get people out of the Shiawassee County Jail because they have tightened their reins.

Gene Sanderson asked what the leaf pickup policy was. Ms. Hitchcock advised the leaves are being picked up city wide as long as they are bagged. Mr. Sanderson asked if the city had a vacuum. Ms. Hitchcock advised no, only a sewer vacuator, which is not for leaves. Mr. Sanderson asked council to speak up because he could not hear them very well.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS, DISCUSS AND APPOINT MAYOR

PRO-TEM: Bayless moved, Dumond seconded to nominate Deborah Bendall as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Bayless, Dumond.

No: Runyan, Ockerman.

Motion CARRIED

RESOLUTION OF ADVISABILITY TO CONSIDER THE VACATING OF AN ALLEY IN

THE 300 BLOCK BORDERED BY WEST OLIVER STREET, BACHUS STREET, WEST WILLIAMS STREET AND MIZNER STREET AND TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR DECEMBER 20, 1999 AT 7:15 P.M.: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to set a public hearing for December 20, 1999 at 7:15 p.m. to consider the vacating of an alley in the 300 block bordered by West Oliver Street, Bachus Street, West Williams Street and Mizner Street.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER BIDS TO SELL THE 1996 FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE CRUISER: Runyan moved, Dumond seconded to accept the bid from J. R. Nather in the amount of \$5,611 for the 1996 Ford Crown Victoria police cruiser.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER PUMP STATION REHABILITATION BIDS: Bayless moved, Ockerman seconded to accept the bid from J.K. Inc. in the amount of \$14,578 to rehabilitate the Brady Street lift station.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

RESOLUTION TO TENTATIVELY DETERMINE THE NECESSITY OF THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape; SETTING FORTH THE NATURE OF THE IMPROVEMENT; PRESCRIBING WHAT PART OR PROPORTION OF THE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENT SHALL BE PAID BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT; DETERMINATION OF BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE AFFECTED PROPERTIES, AND WHAT PART, IF ANY, SHALL BE PAID BY THE CITY AT LARGE; DESIGNATING WHETHER TO BE ASSESSED ACCORDING TO FRONTAGE OR OTHER BENEFITS OF THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape AND TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR DECEMBER 20, 1999 AT 7:30 P.M. TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to set a public hearing for December 20, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. to hear public comments on the proposed streetscape improvement.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Bendall moved, Ockerman seconded to accept the streetscape as presented and to redesign Mack Street as recommended by the Downtown Development Authority.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.
No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Bendall moved, Ockerman seconded to accept the streetscape assessments as presented in the amount of \$108,752.35, to take \$95,750 from the Water Fund, to take \$128,088 from the Capital Improvement Fund for a total of \$332,590 and to assess by the longest front footage.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Ockerman.
No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE - CITIZEN IN-PUT TO THE CITY COUNCIL: Keith Johnson stated he received permission from his employer to use his truck on a Sunday morning to remove three or four poles on Shiawassee Street, which were used to string Christmas lights across the street. He further stated he would volunteer to remove them if the city wants them removed. Mayor Billis thanked Mr. Johnson for volunteering to remove them.

Pat Sanderson suggested getting the mayor a microphone for the next meeting so those in the audience can hear him. Mayor Billis stated council would look into the situation. Councilperson Dumond suggested bringing in equipment to try and to take up a collection from the audience if it works. Mayor Billis offered to purchase a microphone so he can be heard.

ADJOURN: Dumond moved, Runyan seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Runyan, Bayless, Bendall.
No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:45 p.m.

DR. JAMES BILLIS, MAYOR

YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK