

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 5, 2005

Present: Corey, Mehigh, Jessen, Spring, Hall.

Absent: Johnson (excused-family illness), Wagner (excused-work conflict).

Guests: Joe Sawyer, City Manager; Janet Washburn, Parks & Recreation Director; Judy Horton; Helen Granger, The Independent; Al & Judy Horton; Merilee Lawson, Assessor/Planner; Gary Granger; Cheryl Warren, The Argus Press; and other concerned citizens.

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Spring moved, Mehigh seconded to approve the previous regular meeting minutes dated November 21, 2005 as presented

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Spring, Hall, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Mehigh moved, Jessen seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Item No. 3) Consider Re-Appointment of Cal Hornus to the Corunna City Building Commission, Item No. 4) Consider Re-Appointment of Don Butcher to the Corunna Planning Commission, Item No. 5) Consider Re-Appointment of Barbara Schooley to the Corunna Board of Review and Item No. 6) Consider Re-Appointment of William Graham to the Corunna Downtown Development Authority.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Spring, Hall, Mehigh, Jessen.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Spring moved, Mehigh seconded to approve the vendor disbursements dated November 18, 2005 as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hall, Mehigh, Jessen, Spring.

No: None.

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Judy Horton thanked everyone for coming down to the pancake breakfast. She advised not everyone's help was needed but she wanted to thank everyone for coming. Mayor Corey gave Judy Horton a picture for the historical commission from Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Norman. Mayor Corey thanked Mr. and Mrs. Norman for another donation to the historical village.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Sawyer complimented the Parks and Recreation Commission

for a great Festival of Trees. It was a very busy weekend in the park and the park was packed on Sunday. He advised the historical village would be open again next weekend.

CONSIDER CALENDAR YEAR 2006 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE: Mehigh moved, Spring seconded to accept the following 2006 Council Meeting Schedule as presented:

Regular Council Meetings (*)

January 3 (*Tuesday*)
January 17 (*Tuesday*)
February 6 (Monday)
February 21 (*Tuesday*)
March 6 (Monday)
March 20 (Monday)
April 3 (Monday)
April 17 (Monday)
May 1 (Monday)
May 15 (Monday)
June 5 (Monday)
June 19 (Monday)
July 3 (Monday)
July 17 (Monday)
August 7 (Monday)
August 21 (Monday)
September 5 (*Tuesday*)
September 18 (Monday)
October 2 (Monday)
October 16 (Monday)
November 6 (Monday)
November 20 (Monday)
December 4 (Monday)
December 18 (Monday)

Committee of the Whole Meetings

January 23 (Monday)
February 27 (Monday)
March 27 (Monday)
April 24 (Monday)
May 22 (Monday)
June 26 (Monday)
July 24 (Monday)
August 28 (Monday)
September 25 (Monday)
October 23 (Monday)
November 27 (Monday)
December 26 (*Tuesday*)

Meeting Locations:

Corunna City Hall Council Chambers
402 North Shiawassee Street
Corunna, MI 48817
(989) 743-3650

Meeting Times:

Regular Meetings: 7:00 PM
(*) Pre-Council Meetings: 6:30 PM
Committee of the Whole Meetings: 6:30 PM

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hall, Mehigh, Jessen, Spring.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

PROJECT STATUS REPORT UPDATE: Mayor Corey advised there is another grant application but the deadline is December 21. Joe Sawyer advised the city lost the previous water loop grant for the third ward because the job creation and private sector investment happened too quickly. The city would qualify for the next grant application but the city would have to resolve two primary issues; the city would have to provide 50-percent matching funds and the low mod income status, which has gotten the city the grants in the past. He further advised the city would not score as high in points as it has in the past since the project would not benefit the whole community. He also advised the city has its environmental study done and some of the pre-engineering work is done so the city is in a pretty good position construction-wise to move forward except there are some right-of-way issues that need to be completed. He was not sure the city could get a project together in a two-week timeline. Councilperson Mehigh asked if the city could apply for more than one specific item. Mr. Sawyer advised he was sure the city could. Mayor Corey advised he did not think the state would give the city all of them. Councilperson Mehigh advised he was talking about the sewer leads. Mr. Sawyer stated he thought there would be additional grants coming out. He reviewed the sewer-lining project and advised the project is 50 percent complete and it is anticipated that the project will be completed by the end of December. Councilperson Mehigh asked if a determination had been made about the sewer line underneath the county jail. Mr. Sawyer advised the sewer line will be lined and he will try to set up a meeting with the county jail this week to coordinate the project because sewer flow will be interrupted for at least half a day. Councilperson Hall asked why John Street did not get done. Mr. Sawyer advised due to the budget. A priority list was created of the streets that needed work done and it was determined the first manhole section on that street had a lot of problems but the other section was in pretty good shape. Mr. Sawyer stated the Ferry Street pump station design work is 15 percent complete and the anticipated completion date is the spring of 2006. The downtown parking lot application process is 100 percent complete and the city has submitted a release for funds notice to the state. Capital Consultants is preparing an engineering estimate for the Downtown Development Authority and construction probably will not start until the summer of 2006. He further stated the Corunna Avenue sanitary sewer project is moving forward and Gary Arnold is working directly with the road commission on a location for the lift station. Mr. Sawyer advised the Industrial Park master plan is 80 percent complete and the preliminary layouts are complete. The Parmenter Road utility extensions construction documents are complete but this project is waiting on the finalization of the Industrial Park master plan.

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT OF CAL HORNUS TO THE CORUNNA CITY BUILDING COMMISSION: Mehigh moved, Hall seconded to re-appoint Cal Hornus to the Corunna City Building Commission for a five-year term ending December 31, 2010.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hall, Mehigh, Jessen, Spring.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT OF DON BUTCHER TO THE CORUNNA PLANNING

COMMISSION: Spring moved, Jessen seconded to accept the application of Don Butcher for the Corunna Planning Commission for a three-year term ending December 31, 2008.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Mehigh, Hall, Spring.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT OF BARBARA SCHOOLEY TO THE CORUNNA BOARD

OF REVIEW: Spring moved, Jessen seconded to accept the application of Barbara Schooley for the Corunna Board of Review for a three-year term ending December 31, 2008.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hall, Jessen, Spring, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM GRAHAM TO THE CORUNNA

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Mehigh moved, Hall seconded to accept the application of William Graham for the Corunna Development Authority for a four-year term ending December 31, 2009.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hall, Mehigh, Jessen, Spring.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Councilperson Mehigh advised he had nothing to report.

Councilperson Jessen advised he had nothing to report.

Councilperson Spring stated he does not get a chance to catch Mr. Sawyer on anything but the word appointment is spelled wrong on the Board or Commission Application.

Councilperson Spring further stated he would like to be involved with the 20-year plan but he did not know where the city was at with it. Mr. Sawyer advised he has not done anything further with it. Mayor Corey stated this might be something the Committee of the Whole could start discussing. Councilperson Spring stated the city's float looked awesome but felt the music on the float should be a little louder next year. Mr. Sawyer advised Tim

Crawford gave rides through the park until 9:00 p.m. Councilperson Mehigh stated he thought everyone had a good time and he heard many positive comments about the parade.

Councilperson Hall advised she had nothing to report.

Mayor Corey thanked everyone who worked on the float. He also thanked Judy Horton,

Janet Washburn and Sherri Bakos and her whole crew for putting together the parade. He stated he does not know if the city has the money but the speaker system at the community center is horrible and is an embarrassment. If the city can find some money in the budget, the city council should look at replacing it. He further stated he spoke with Kim Williams about getting identification cards for the city council and advised the city council needs to see Chris Newell, who is with the county. The county will do the identification cards right then and the councilmembers can take it with them. Mayor Corey advised expiration dates should be put on the identification cards and for those who have a two-year term, the expiration date will be 11-19-07 and for those who have a four-year term, the expiration date will be 11-16-09. He further advised since Kim Williams is in charge of security in the city, it would be best that his signature be on the card. If there is an emergency situation, the city council will need that card to get through. Mr. Sawyer advised Mr. Newell's office is located in the Surbeck Building.

ADJOURN: Mehigh moved, Jessen seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehigh, Jessen, Spring, Hall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:55 p.m.

STEVE COREY, MAYOR

NICHOLE COWDREY, CITY CLERK/TREASURER