

City of Corunna  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, August 17, 2009

Present: Kerridge, Mehigh, Jessen, Corey, Johnson, Haskins.

Absent: Hall (excused).

Guests: Joe Sawyer, City Manager; Merilee Lawson, Assessor/Planner; Judy Horton; Brad Reichert; Jeffrey Hetfield; Donna Kerridge; Carol Spaniola; Diane Johnson; Brian White; Wayne DeLuc; Tami Sawyer; Paulina Pyyny (exchange student); and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the council chambers located in Corunna City Hall by Mayor Kerridge at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Corey moved, Johnson seconded to approve the previous regular meeting minutes dated August 3, 2009 as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Corey, Johnson, Haskins, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Johnson moved, Corey seconded to approve the agenda as presented by moving Item No. 1 to 1A and adding Item No. 1) Consider Excusal of Councilperson Nina Hall From the August 17, 2009 Council Meeting Due to Illness, Item No. 5) Consider A 10-Day Notice Extension to the Property Owners of 315 E. McNeil Street and Item No. 6) Discussion on the DDA/Brady's Parking Lot.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Corey, Johnson, Haskins, Mehigh, Jessen.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Corey moved, Johnson seconded to approve the vendor disbursements dated August 7, 2009 as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Haskins, Mehigh, Jessen, Corey.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Carol Spaniola, W. Corunna Avenue, reminded council about the community center fundraiser on August 24<sup>th</sup> at Ponderosa.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Sawyer introduced his Rotary exchange student, Paulina Pyyny from Finland, who will be staying with his family this coming school year.

CONSIDER EXCUSAL OF COUNCILPERSON NINA HALL FROM THE AUGUST 17, 2009

COUNCIL MEETING DUE TO ILLNESS: Corey moved, Jessen seconded to excuse Councilperson Nina Hall from the council meeting due to illness.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Haskins, Mehigh, Jessen, Corey, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LED LIGHTING UPGRADE TO ORIGINAL

STREETSCAPE LIGHTING: Mr. Sawyer explained it is being recommended by the city staff that the downtown streetscape lighting be changed to LED lighting, which will be the same as the lighting on West Corunna Avenue. The cost to replace 50 light fixtures will be \$56,400 and the city will be applying for two grants to replace all of the street lighting. One of the grants is a 10 percent match so it will cost the city \$5,640. Councilperson Corey asked if the city is paying the lighting on the joint owned parking lot. Mr. Sawyer advised the city pays the electricity on the three middle light fixtures, which runs about \$900 per year. Councilperson Corey asked if there is a specific company that supplies the LED lighting. Ms. Lawson advised yes. Councilperson Corey suggested checking to see if there are other companies who supply LED lighting. Ms. Lawson advised she would check into it further.

SET PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 09-02, CHAPTER 34 –

ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE V, GARAGE SALES (SECTIONS 34-120 THROUGH 124):

Corey moved, Johnson seconded to set a public hearing for September 8, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. to consider Ordinance No. 09-02, Chapter 34 – Environment, Article V, Garage Sales (Sections 34-120 through 124).

Roll call vote:

Yes: Corey, Mehigh, Jessen, Haskins, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

SET PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 09-03, CHAPTER 86 – ZONING,

ARTICLE XII, COMPREHENSIVE REGULATIONS (SECTION 86-337) OFF-STREET

PARKING REQUIREMENTS GENERALLY AND (SECTION 86-344) PARKING OR

STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, TRACTORS, AND BOATS: Corey moved,

Johnson seconded to set a public hearing for September 8, 2009 at 7:50 p.m. to consider Ordinance No. 09-03, Chapter 86 – Zoning, Article XII, Comprehensive Regulations (Section 86-337) Off-Street Parking Requirements Generally and (Section 86-344) Parking or Storage of Recreation Vehicles, Tractors, and Boats.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Johnson, Haskins, Mehigh, Corey.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER SIDEWALK RESOLUTION NO 081709-01 FOR WEST CORUNNA AVENUE:

Ms. Lawson advised the city ordinance allows a maximum interest rate of seven percent, which is where the city is currently at. Mr. Sawyer advised the city council can lower the interest rate but cannot increase it. Ms. Lawson stated once the resolution is passed, the property owners have to be sent a notice giving them an estimate on what their share of the sidewalk cost will be. Councilperson Haskins stated the seven percent interest rate seemed a bit high and suggested lowering the percentage rate. Mr. Sawyer advised council has the discretion to change it. Councilperson Corey asked what the prime rate is currently. Ms. Cowdrey advised 3.25 percent. Corey moved, Mehig seconded to approve the following Sidewalk Resolution No. 081709-01 for West Corunna Avenue and change the interest rate to 4.5 percent:

**RESOLUTION 081709-01**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Corunna hereby finds that it is necessary under Section 70.82 (Resolution of necessity) to reconstruct or repair sidewalks within the City of Corunna.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council does elect to construct or repair sidewalks within the City of Corunna according to the locations listed below and specifications attached. Under Section 70-83 (Notice to owner of abutting property) the City Council also opts not to allow an abutting property owner to construct, repair or reconstruct such sidewalk.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council does hereby set an interest rate for installment payments available in the amount of 4.5%.

Parcel ID#	Name	Address	City / State / Zip	Location / Width
26-10-018-001	Gregory & Kelly Perez	201 W. Corunna Ave	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-10-018-002	Arturo & Mary Gonzalez	203 W. Corunna Ave	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-10-018-003	John & Connie Austin	211 W. Corunna Ave.	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-10-018-005	Methodist Church Parsonage	225 W. Corunna Ave.	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-10-019-001	William & Jean Graham	270 N. Bachus Street	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-10-019-003	William Selleck	311 W. Corunna Ave.	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-10-019-005	Michael & Jodi Kingsbury	321 W. Corunna Ave.	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-10-020-001	Tamara L. Sawyer	401 W. Corunna Ave.	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-10-020-003	Kenneth & Tina Palmer	415 W. Corunna Ave.	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-10-020-005	Anne Granger	419 W. Corunna Ave.	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-14-013-000	Mark & Jacqueline Woodbury	563 W. Corunna Ave.	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-14-014-000	Michael Rowe & A. Rodriguez	565 W. Corunna Ave.	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-14-022-000 26-26-001-000	Robert & Linda Buschman	571 W. Corunna Ave.	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-10-010-012	Deutsche Bank National	208 W. Corunna Ave.	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-10-010-011	Patrick & Cheryl Boots	210 W. Corunna Ave.	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-10-010-010	Jordan Wertz	212 W. Corunna Ave.	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-10-010-009	David & Darlene St. John	214 W. Corunna Ave.	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-10-010-007	John & Rhonda Ardelean	222 W. Corunna Ave.	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-10-009-009 & 26-10-009-009-01	Samuel & Carol Smith	308 W. Corunna Ave.	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-10-009-007	Jane Storrer	302 N. Mizner	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-10-008-010	Margaret Brown	402 W. Corunna Ave.	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'

26-10-008-009	Sherman & Joan Hazelton	416 W. Corunna Ave.	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'
26-10-008-007	Anthony Hornus	422 W. Corunna Ave.	Corunna, MI 48817	Corunna Ave / 5'

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Haskins, Corey, Mehigh, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER A 10-DAY NOTICE EXTENSION TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF 315 E.

MCNEIL STREET: Mr. Sawyer advised a 10-day cleanup notice is fairly common and under the city ordinance, a person has the right to appeal the notice to the city council by notifying the city clerk in writing within 10 days of receiving the notice. He further advised he drove by the property and the property owner has done a remarkable job cleaning up the property. He spoke to Sgt. Clark and he concurs that they should be given an extension since the property owners have been cooperative. Mr. Sawyer stated it was his recommendation to grant 315 E. McNeil Street a 10-day extension from today's date. Corey moved, Jessen seconded to give the Varco's at 315 E. McNeil Street a 10-day extension until August 27, 2009 to settle the police complaint.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Haskins, Mehigh, Jessen, Corey, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

DISCUSSION ON THE DDA/BRADY'S PARKING LOT: Mr. Sawyer stated the city received a

\$50,000 grant to purchase the Brady's parking lot. Closing on the property is set for Wednesday, August 19. Two transactions will be done that day; one to purchase the building for \$100,000 and the other to purchase the parking lot for \$50,000. He further stated Lots 7, 10, and 11 will become public parking and Lot 6 will belong to the business. The parking lot is being put in the city's name since the city is tax exempt from property taxes. The DDA will be responsible for all maintenance on the parking lot. Johnson moved, Corey seconded to accept the DDA parking lot described as City of Corunna-Original Plat, Lots 7,10, 11 (Block 24), with maintenance responsibilities to be performed by the DDA and authorize the mayor and city manager to sign the documents.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehigh, Jessen, Corey, Johnson, Haskins.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Brian White, 523 Converse Street, stated he thought the LED lighting system was a great program and he was glad to see the city was looking at that. He asked if the city had contacted Consumers because they have a lot of incentives for businesses and commercial users. Ms. Lawson advised there are new programs coming in the future but the city is not eligible for what the city is looking at doing. Mr. Sawyer advised there are some incentives for doing energy efficiency improvements but the improvements the city has already done are not eligible because they must be new improvements.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Councilperson Haskins advised the Corunna-Caledonia Fire

Department had a fire truck at the fair last week. He also advised the airport has started a Civil Air Patrol unit and he encouraged everyone who is interested in aviation to join the unit.

Councilperson Johnson advised it is nice to see the debris in front of the garage at the detention center is finally gone. She asked what is being done about the lot. Mr. Sawyer advised the agreements between the county and the road commission are finished and settled. The road commission is retaining half of the parking lot behind the road commission for road commission use and the other half will be used for impounding, evidence storage and all of the homeland security vehicles. The temporary lot fencing that was put up at the detention center is being disassembled. He further advised some of the stuff in the detention center lot does not belong to the county. Some of it is evidence for the state and federal government, which need a signed release before it can be moved.

Councilperson Corey reminded everyone about the river cleanup set Saturday. He was glad to hear about the Civil Air Patrol.

Councilperson Jessen advised he had nothing to discuss.

Councilperson Mehigh advised Mike Crane's old house owned by the ambulance service has been removed and the property has been filled in and seeded.

Mayor Kerridge reminded everyone about the Labor Day walk on September 7. T-shirts are being sold for \$5.00 and all of the proceeds will be used for maintaining the walk trail. He asked Donna Kerridge to explain what is being planned for that day. Ms. Kerridge advised water and fruit will be sold along the trail and there will be a port-a-john along the trail this year. She has contacted the art council about opening up their building before the walk for refreshments and restroom use. She has also contacted Indian Trails about providing shuttle service from McCurdy Park to Owosso. She hopes to see everyone at the walk.

ADJOURN: Jessen moved, Mehigh seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Corey, Mehigh, Jessen, Johnson, Haskins.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:05 p.m.

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Chuck Kerridge, Mayor

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Nichole L. Cowdrey, City Clerk/Treasurer