

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2009

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

Absent: Kerridge (excused).

Guests: Judy Horton; Jeff Hetfield; Brad Reichert; Merilee Lawson, Assessor/Planner; Chief Kim Williams, Police Department; Carol Spaniola; Officer Nick Chiros, Police Department; Officer Anthony Young, Police Department; Duane Saylor; Sgt. Jeff Harkness; Diane Johnson; Brian White; Helen Granger, The Independent; Gary Granger; Wayne LeDuc; Shelly White; Bob & Sharon Morehouse; Shane Perdue; Lt. Robin Lynde, MAGNET; and other concerned citizens.

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Johnson moved, Hall seconded to approve the previous regular meeting minutes dated September 21, 2009 as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Abstain: Corey.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Corey moved, Jessen seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Corey moved, Johnson seconded to approve the vendor disbursements October 2, 2009 as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

SET COUNCIL WORK SESSION FOR SWQIF/RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: Merilee Lawson explained the city has been working for some time under an S-2 grant, which is the grant the city received to video tape the sewer leads in the city. Part of the S-2 grant was to get into the SWQIF monies, which is the money the city can borrow to lend to the people who have been determined as having damaged sewer leads or ground water infiltration. The city has an application deadline that it needs to meet if the city is going to line the sewers and determine any user fees that the city may or may not impose on those people who have water

infiltration. The city is submitting a rural development application that will allow the city to borrow low interest money to fix water lines, pump lift stations, etc. She further explained it has been some time since the council was brought up to date on the S-2 grant and what the rural development application encompasses. Since she needs to know in which direction council would like to go, a work session is needed to do some brainstorming as to what council would or would not like to do. Councilperson Jessen asked Ms. Lawson if she had a recommended date and time. Ms. Lawson advised no, she is leaving it up to the city council to decide. Councilperson Mehigh suggested Monday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m., which council agreed on. Councilperson Corey stated this meeting is something important that everyone should attend because it may set a policy on what the city will demand of its residents if there is an infiltration problem. He further stated this is something that anyone running for council should be at because this is going to be a big issue in the community.

CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF RENEE HOLBROOK FROM THE CORUNNA SOFTBALL

COMMISSION: Jessen moved, Mehigh seconded to accept the resignation of Renee Holbrook from the Corunna Softball Commission with regret.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR MAGNET TEAM: Chief Kim Williams advised

he is asking council to allow one of the city's part-time officers to be assigned to MAGNET for 32 hours per week. He has been assured by Lt. Lynde that the position will be 100 percent funded with a state grant. He has an agreement with the POLC union that allows him to hire a fifth person to replace the part-time officer that will be assigned to MAGNET and it will cost the city basically nothing. Councilperson Jessen advised the new officer will have to be trained. Chief Williams advised yes, but it would be no different than training an officer when Officer Johnson leaves. Councilperson Jessen asked if there would be a cost associated with the training. Chief Williams advised a little bit but it depends on who would be hired and how much time it takes to train the person. Councilperson Corey stated he fully supports what MAGNET does and he thought it is a good organized way to handle drugs in our county and in Gratiot County. The problem he has is the way MAGNET goes about selecting funds because it is multi-county based and it is heading down the path like SATA. This is county based and yet they are soliciting funds or manpower on an individual basis rather than going to the county. He really thinks they are not just working in Corunna or Owosso but are in the entire county. The county is the unit of government that should be funding or providing personnel for the MAGNET team. He further stated the other issue he has is this officer is still going to be a Corunna officer so this officer is out of complete control and supervision of the Corunna Police Department. Chief Williams advised not necessarily. Councilperson Corey asked why. Chief Williams advised the officer would be working under his authority but if the lieutenant has an issue with whoever goes to the team, she would come to him since he would have authority over the officer. Councilperson Corey asked if the training for drug enforcement is going to come from the state police or MAGNET. Lt. Lynde advised that was correct. Councilperson Corey stated the supervision of day to day work will be done by the state police or MAGNET team. Working in drug related fields is a little dicier than normal

routine work. He is curious about liability because this officer is not really a state or county agency employee; he would be a Corunna employee and yet their actions and training will be done by that unit of government rather than Corunna. So if this officer is sued, it will fall back on the City of Corunna rather than the MAGNET team. Lt. Lynde advised it sounds like there are three issues; supervision, liability and training. Any and all officers that work on the team report to the team daily and she would have no authority over a Corunna officer. If she had an issue with the officer, she would go to the chief, sheriff or whoever it may be and work with them. She has not experienced any discipline issues, but there have been officers who are not team players and work better as individuals. She further advised she has not had an issue where she had to reprimand someone. When Chief Williams sends someone to MAGNET, he is going to send someone that will represent the city and will not cause any problems. The majority of the training is done by the state police but could be done by someone who has more experience in drug related work. She explained when there has been an issue with liability the person usually goes after the state rather than a city because the state has more money. She can think of one or two situations that involved liability and both times the drug team and state police were named in a lawsuit. She further explained it was mentioned that the MAGNET team should be the county's responsibility. MAGNET is a multi-jurisdictional task force. If you take the argument that it is the county's responsibility, they can say that it is the state's responsibility because a person from outside of the county is bringing drugs into the county. The state can say the drugs come from Texas so it is the federal government's responsibility. She also explained multi-jurisdictional task forces have worked in the State of Michigan so everyone can work together in sharing information and intelligence. The task force does the best it can to arrest and prosecute the drug dealers. Right now, the city does not rely on the county to do its police patrol even though the city is in the county. Councilperson Corey asked Chief Williams if the city has a liability issue from an insurance standpoint if there is an officer that is not under his direct daily control that does not work in the city the majority of his time. Chief Williams asked anymore or do we have any at all. Councilperson Corey asked if the city's liability policy allows one of the city's officers to be full-time for the purpose of this argument. Chief Williams advised he did not know but they would work under the same policy that other departments work under. Councilperson Corey asked Lt. Lynde if MAGNET has a liability policy which covers the individuals from the different entities while they are working under MAGNET's supervision. Lt. Lynde advised she did not believe that they did. Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked Ms. Lawson or Ms. Cowdrey if they could answer the liability insurance question. Ms. Lawson stated it is her understanding that a city officer can be dispatched to other jurisdictions such as Caledonia Charter Township and when they are, they would be covered under the city's policy. Chief Williams advised that was correct. Everybody is doing a whole lot more for less and everyone relies on each other. If Corunna goes to Durand and Durand gets sued then Corunna will get sued. Councilperson Corey stated he had a question about the POLC agreement which states that all full-time officers will be called first and given the first right to work over-time to fill in for the part-time officer that goes to MAGNET. He does not think it is the intent of any of the officers to do that because it will be backfilled with another part-time officer. If a full-time officer elects to do this, it will cost the city more because they would be paid time and a half as opposed to paying part-time wages. Chief Williams advised the language already exists in the existing contract. The city has a good working relationship with the full-time officers. Councilperson Corey stated he agreed and they are aware of the

city's finances. Chief Williams advised he has been up front with the officers and did not believe there were any issues regarding the agreement. Mehig moved, Jessen seconded to authorize Chief Williams to send a part-time employee to MAGNET.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Johnson, Haskins, Mehig, Hall.

No: Corey.

Motion CARRIED

7:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE YOUTH SPORTS &

RECREATION COMMISSION, ORDINANCE NO. 09-04: Corey moved, Jessen seconded to leave regular session and enter a public hearing to consider changes to the Youth Sports & Recreation Commission, Ordinance No. 09-04:

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hall, Jessen, Haskins, Corey, Mehig, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:18 p.m.

Ms. Lawson explained the youth hockey has always operated on its own through a contract agreement with the city. They also had to provide liability insurance since are not under the city's umbrella, but the cost of the insurance has grown to \$3,200 a year, which is bankrupting them. The ordinance is adding in-line hockey under the commission and it cleans up some language in the current ordinance. Wayne LeDuc asked what the additional insurance will cost the city. Ms. Lawson advised there will be no additional cost. Councilperson Corey asked if the city was writing off the \$10,000 that it advanced them to resurface the rink. Ms. Lawson advised no, it is her understanding that payments will still come to the city. Councilperson Corey asked from where. Ms. Lawson advised from the money they take in. Councilperson Corey advised they do not have a league anymore. Ms. Lawson advised yes they do. Ms. Cowdrey advised enrollment forms are available at city hall right now and people have been paying. Councilperson Corey stated he was told that there are no kid leagues this year. Ms. Lawson advised it was questionable whether the league would start since it is going to be a short season but they decided there would be a league and the city has been collecting fees. Councilperson Corey asked what the status of the payoff is. Ms. Lawson advised this is the first year that a payment has been missed but with the restructuring the city will be receiving its money. Councilperson Haskins questioned Section 10 letter g. Ms. Lawson advised the commission will be responsible for resolving disputes or complaints which was handled by the Parks and Recreation Director. If there is a complaint or dispute, the commission will have full responsibility of handling the dispute. Councilperson Corey asked if the city will be contributing money from the general fund or if this will be self-supporting. Ms. Lawson advised it will be self-supporting. It has been set up to allow the commission to spend any profit they make on the rink. Bob Morehouse stated letter f allows the commission to approve expenditures and purchases. Ms. Lawson advised yes, but they have to work within the budget that the city gives them. Mr. Morehouse stated the council does not have any say in that. Ms. Lawson advised yes they do. The council approves the overall budget for parks and recreation and the commission cannot spend more than the council allocated to them. Mr. Morehouse asked what the in-line hockey budget

might be for a year. Ms. Lawson advised she thought it was around \$1,000 or \$1,500. Corey moved, Johnson seconded to leave the public hearing and return to regular session.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hall, Haskins, Mehig, Jessen, Corey, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:31 p.m.

Corey moved, Johnson seconded to accept the following Ordinance No. 09-04, an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Corunna, Michigan, Chapter 2.

Administration, Article IV. Boards and Commissions by changing Division 1. Youth Sports and Recreation Commission, Sections 2-141 through 2-155, of the City of Corunna Code:

ORDINANCE NO: 09-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CORUNNA, MICHIGAN, CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS BY CHANGING DIVISION 1. YOUTH SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, SECTIONS 2-141 THROUGH 2-155, OF THE CITY OF CORUNNA CODE.

THE CITY OF CORUNNA, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

DIVISION 1. YOUTH SPORTS & RECREATION COMMISSION

SECTION I. Sec. 2-141. Established.

The ~~y~~Youth ~~s~~Sports and ~~r~~Recreation ~~e~~Commission heretofore established is continued.

SECTION II. Sec. 2-142. Purpose.

The purpose of the ~~y~~Youth ~~s~~Sports and ~~r~~Recreation ~~e~~Commission is to add a quality of life to the children and the community with a safe environment in which to play, to be taught sportsmanship and learn the skills of playing the game.

SECTION III. Sec. 2-143. Membership.

~~The youth sports and recreation commission heretofore established is continued.~~

- (1) The ~~y~~Youth ~~s~~Sports and ~~r~~Recreation ~~e~~Commission shall consist of nine (9) to eleven (11) administrative officers appointed in accordance with section 4.7 (administrative service) of the City Charter for indefinite terms serving at the pleasure of the council.
- (2) The ~~y~~Youth ~~s~~Sports and ~~r~~Recreation ~~e~~Commission shall elect from its membership a chairperson, vice-chairperson, treasurer and secretary selected by the commission and appointed every year. All meetings must have a majority of commission members

present to enact business. The majority of commission members shall reside within the Corunna School District.

- (3) All members of the ~~y~~Youth ~~s~~Sports and ~~r~~Recreation ~~e~~Commission shall serve as such without compensation. The nine (9) to eleven (11) person commission membership shall be comprised of at least four (4) coaches.
- (4) ~~The youth sports and recreation commission shall fall under the umbrella of the Parks and Recreation Director.~~
- (5) Proposed meeting minutes are to be turned into the Chairperson ~~Parks and Recreation Director~~ within ten business days following the board meeting. Approved minutes are to be submitted to the city clerk within five days of approval.
- (6) Any board member absent three consecutive meetings or 25 percent of regular meetings in a calendar year, without prior approval by the city manager, will be considered for removal from the board. All absences shall be recorded in the meeting minutes.
- (7) ~~Upon recommendation of the city manager, the city council shall appoint the Parks and Recreation Director as an ex-officio member of the commission.~~ League Director(s) shall be appointed by the Commission, and serve as ex-officio member(s) to the Commission. The ex-officio member shall not have a vote at the meetings, but shall sit only in an advisory capacity.
- (8) All administrative officers shall be responsible to the city manager in and for the performance of the duties of their office.
- (9) The ~~y~~Youth ~~s~~Sports and ~~r~~Recreation ~~e~~Commission may also establish by-laws to be approved by the city council.

SECTION IV. SEC. 2-144. Meetings.

- (1) Meetings will be held once a month or as needed. All meetings are open to the public and meeting date and time shall be published a minimum of two days in advance.
- (2) The commission will be required to have at least two meetings a year with all coaches at which time a report of events, goals, problems and solutions will be presented.
- (3) All members and sub-committee members will be notified of the meeting date or cancellation of the same.

SECTION V. SEC. 2-145. Gifts, ~~d~~Donations, ~~e~~Earnings; Annual ~~b~~Budget.

The ~~y~~Youth ~~s~~Sports and ~~r~~Recreation ~~e~~Commission shall be empowered to receive gifts and donations in the name of the city for the purpose set out in this division ~~and the board shall have the sole right of determination of the source of such gifts and donations.~~ Any such net-

proceeds deposited or transferred into in the Parks Improvement Fund shall be restricted for such purpose and used only upon recommendation of the commission and appropriation by the city council.

An annual audit of gifts, donations and earnings, and disposition of such shall be presented to the city council at a regular meeting of the council.

Recommendations for the budget shall be given to the City Manager ~~Parks and Recreation Director~~ by ~~February~~ March 1st of each year. The Commission shall comply with all financial, budget, accounting and audit policies and procedures.

If so approved to by the Friends of the Corunna Historical Village, the commission shall also be empowered to solicit gifts and donations in the name of the Friends as allowed under their charter, for the purpose of providing tax deductible gift receipts to donors and for conducting fundraising events regulated by the Charitable Gaming Division of the Michigan Bureau of Lottery. All such proceeds shall be returned to the city in the name of the commission, and shall be restricted for the purpose given and used only upon recommendation of the commission and appropriation by the city council.

SECTION VI. SEC. 2-146. Appointment of Committees.

The ~~y~~Youth ~~s~~Sports and ~~r~~Recreation ~~e~~Commission shall be empowered to appoint sub-committees as may be found necessary to accomplish the purposes of this division. Qualifications of committee members shall be as by policy adopted by the commission. All persons appointed to such committees not appointed to the commission shall be sworn in by the city clerk, and shall serve for indefinite terms at the pleasure of the commission. Committee members shall be responsible to the commission in and for the performance of the duties of their office, and shall comply with city policies and procedures the in the same way as they pertain to the members of the commission. ~~The sub-committees shall consist of but not limited to the following:~~

- ~~(a) Fundraising~~
- ~~(b) Picture scheduling~~
- ~~(c) Special projects~~
- ~~(d) Publicity~~
- ~~(e) Equipment~~
- ~~(f) Awards (other than awards by league)~~
- ~~(g) Assistant to game and field schedule~~
- ~~(h) Camps for coaches, umpires and players~~

All committees shall comply with the Open Meetings Act, Freedom of Information Act, and other such acts, ordinances, policies and procedures in the same way as they pertain to the commission. All committees shall comply with the same provisions and requirements as does the commission. The ~~sub~~-committees will meet as needed; however, they will make any and all proposals to the ~~board~~ commission pertaining to their needs.

SECTION VII. SEC. 2-147. Resolution of Issues.

All issues are to be reported to the commission ~~with notification given to the Parks and Recreation Director.~~ All decisions by the commission shall be submitted as recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Director/City of Corunna in writing for supporting resolution. All emergencies that arise shall be handled by the commission on an as needed basis with notification given to the ~~Parks and Recreation Director~~ City Manager as soon as possible.

SECTION VII. SEC. 2-148. Rules.

The commission shall establish rules of play for each league in keeping with the national and local rules of the game.

SECTION IX. SEC. 2-149. ~~Umpire in Charge~~ Director(s) Responsibilities.

The ~~Umpire in Charge~~ Director(s) must have coaching experience in the sports field. Assistants to the ~~Umpire in Charge~~ Director(s) could be another coach or parent. The ~~Umpire in Charge~~ Director(s) will submit a plan to the board Commission and ~~copy to the Parks and Recreation Director~~ of all scheduling, roster and equipment needs and notify same of any changes. The ~~Umpire in Charge~~ Director will be ~~recommended~~ appointed by the Commission to the ~~Parks and Recreation Director~~ and will be hired by the City of Corunna. ~~This~~ Director(s) will be a compensated position(s).

The ~~Umpire in Charge~~ League Director(s) will be responsible for the following:

- (a) Assist with all registrations and team rosters.
- (b) Working with coaches and will be responsible for all schedules and rule information and will notify coaches of any changes.
- (c) Will attend all meetings of the Commission and meetings of any traveling leagues that the Commission designates.
- (d) Will oversee the hiring of umpires and submit payroll forms to the ~~Parks and Recreation Director~~ City Clerk bi-weekly.
- (e) Will establish practice and playing schedules for all leagues and will submit the same to all coaches, ~~Parks and Recreation Director~~, and grounds keeper in a timely fashion. Proper persons will be notified of any changes as soon as possible.
- (f) Working with the coaches, reporting all problems that arise and working with the Commission to make the program succeed.

- (g) Will be responsible for the grounds keeping of the field that includes but not limited to preparing the fields and keeping the surrounding area free of trash. Grounds keeping may be a paid position with compensation established by the Commission ~~as a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Director.~~
- (h) Provide registration/enrollment forms to league leaders.
- (i) Distribute registration forms to the schools.

- (j) Handle all income and deposits and shall provide the Commission with accountability of the same.

SECTION X. SEC. 2-150. Parks and Recreation Director Commission Responsibilities.

The ~~Parks and Recreation Director~~ Commission shall be responsible for the following:

- (a) Keep all registration forms of players, coaches, rosters and ~~Umpire in Charge~~ Director(s) contract(s).
- (b) Have oversight of the program(s).
- (c) Will obtain league sponsorships.
- (d) ~~Provide registration/enrollment forms to league leaders.~~ Develop and approve all program policies, procedures & rules.
- (e) ~~Distribute registration forms to the schools.~~ Appoint committees as found necessary.
- (f) Approve all expenditures and purchases.
- (g) ~~Handle all income and deposits and shall provide the board with accountability of the same.~~—Resolve disputes between Director(s), Coaches, Parents, Players and Committees.

Secs. 2-151-2-155. Reserved

SECTION XI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

This ORDINANCE and the several sections, sub-sections, clauses and parts thereof are hereby declared to be severable. If any part or clause thereof is declared or adjudged invalid by present of future legislation or court decree, the balance of the ORDINANCE shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION XII. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES 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 inconsistencies, are hereby repealed.

SECTION XIII. COPIES AVAILABLE.

This ORDINANCE may be purchased or inspected in the City Clerk's Offices, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

SECTION XIV. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ORDINANCE shall take effect pursuant to the Corunna City Charter, immediately upon publication hereof.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

TASER PRESENTATION: Chief Williams advised Sgt. Jeff Harkness from the sheriff's department was at the meeting for a taser presentation. Sgt. Harkness advised he initiated the taser program at the county and is an instructor. He played a 10 minute power point on what a taser is capable of doing. He explained how a taser operates and advised it does not affect the heart as some people assume. Ms. Lawson asked Officer Chiros if he was trained on tasers. Officer Chiros advised no they were not out when he worked for Genesee County but he wished they were because they had to use other equipment to subdue people. Ms. Lawson asked Officer Chiros if he would recommend the tasers. Officer Chiros advised yes. Sgt. Harkness advised two of the Corunna officers have already had taser training. There would be no training costs or recertification fees to the city. He further advised the initial time needed to train an officer is eight hours. There have not been any lawsuits or complaints on taser usage. Councilperson Corey asked if the City of Owosso currently has tasers. Sgt. Harkness advised he believed they do. Chief Williams advised the only police agencies that do not have tasers are Corunna and Durand. He further advised he talked to the sheriff who indicated that training will be scheduled whenever Corunna is ready at no cost to the city. He also advised Corunna has four officers that are not taser trained. Councilperson Corey asked if the intent is to have the taser on an individual or in the car. Chief Williams advised his intent is to provide each officer with a holster which will stay right on their gun belt. The taser gun would be handed over to the next officer on duty. Sgt. Harkness advised the sheriff's department went this route because the taser gun holster had to be removed from one gun belt and put on another. Officer Chiros explained he has been involved with several taser situations. He was involved with a person on McNeil Street who was twice his size. The county sergeant came with his taser and no one got hurt. Two weeks ago, he was dispatched to Walmart at 1:30 a.m. A person was tearing up the store and attacking people in the store. Luckily, a sheriff deputy became available. As they entered the store, a large man came running at them and the deputy pulled his taser and put the beam on him and ordered him to the ground. The man in the store stopped, put his hands up and went to the ground. Officer Chiros further explained it is a deterrent. Once the beam is put on a person, the person gives up right away because they have seen how a taser works on the television and they do not want to be tasered. He would rather put a beam on someone and have them give up instead of fighting with the person. Councilperson Corey asked Sgt. Harkness how many taser deployments there have been in the last two years. Sgt. Harkness advised three because people know when an agency has a taser in place. It is also a good tool for the jail because instead of having an officer push through the jail cell the person can be tasered before an officer enters the jail cell. Councilperson Corey advised he is torn about this and is against tasers in general. There is a huge area for abuse but a decision should not be based upon a minority that may abuse it versus the benefits. Sgt. Harkness advised if an officer follows the city's policy and the training he receives, there should not be any problem. Officer Saylor advised he used to be an instructor and has been trained and he would be around to answer any questions an officer might have. Sgt. Harkness advised it does not matter if someone is under the influence of drugs or alcohol because the taser is going to work the same as it would on someone who is not under the influence. Pepper spray works on some people and not on others. Officer Chiros advised the biggest problem with pepper spray is the officer is getting sprayed at the same time. Sgt. Harkness advised the taser gun has worked well for the

sheriff's department and it will work for this police agency too. Councilperson Jessen asked if money is available in the budget. Chief Williams advised yes. Ms. Lawson advised \$2,800 is available in capital acquisitions.

Jessen moved, Hall seconded to authorize Chief Williams to purchase a taser gun and any needed accessory equipment.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Carol Spaniola advised once the Committee to Save the Community Center receives its grants and donations, the committee will have the money to pay the construction costs. The first \$10,000 check from the Downtown Development Authority will be coming shortly, which will be put into their account. She wanted council to know that they do not have to worry about not getting its money back.

Jeff Hetfield thanked the city council for acting the way they did with MAGNET and with the taser gun. He advised since the doctor issue in the county which he knows is a sore subject with some people, he has not had to do CPR on a patient or jump start a person. He also advised a taser gun is great because it is better to subdue a person than planning a funeral for the officer.

Shane Perdue stated the taser gun is a great idea. He encouraged the city to contact its insurance company to see if they will pay for it. Ms. Cowdrey advised she did and they will not pay for it.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Councilperson Mehigh advised the ambulance service purchased a new ambulance, which should be here in a month. He further advised the ambulance service is doing well financially.

Councilperson Jessen advised he had nothing to discuss.

Councilperson Corey advised he had a visit from Gene Sanderson and was asked to relay an issue that he has with the city which has to do with snow plowing and shoveling. Mr. Sanderson asked him why some sidewalks are plowed by the city and others are not. Councilperson Corey advised he explained to Mr. Sanderson that if the city is on its way to plow something for the city like going to the park then it is policy to plow the sidewalk along the way. He also explained to Mr. Sanderson that the section on N. Shiawassee that the city maintains going to K-Mart is also plowed. Mr. Sanderson was not happy with what he was told. He also he felt the area that the department of public works plow and is pushed into the street should be shoveled by the department of public works.

Councilperson Haskins advised it was reported at the fire board meeting that there were 16 calls in September which involved five in the city and 11 in the township and the fire department's accounts are in good shape. He further advised a civil air patrol seminar was held over the weekend in Kalamazoo. Emergency service training was held which included

search and rescue. He reported that there are currently 22 members of the civil air patrol in Owosso and six cadets. He encouraged everyone to get involved in it because it is a good program.

Councilperson Hall advised she had nothing to discuss.

Councilperson Johnson agreed with Mr. Hetfield about the taser gun and advised she has been beat up in the back of an ambulance and wished there was someone that could have helped her out.

ADJOURN: Jessen moved, Mehig seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hall, Mehig, Jessen, Corey, Johnson, Haskins.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:40 p.m.

Dawn Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem

Nichole L. Cowdrey, City Clerk/Treasurer