

Zilwaukee City Council Meeting
June 2nd, 2014
Zilwaukee City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Eugene Jolin

Members Present: C/Bohnsack, C/Comstock, C/Luplow and M/Jolin
Absent: C/Boese

The clerk offered the invocation and pledge

A motion was made by Luplow and supported by Bohnsack to accept the minutes of the May 5th, 2014 meeting and the May 9th Special Meeting. The motion passed. Voting aye: Bohnsack, Comstock, Luplow and M/Jolin. Voting nay: none

Bohnsack made a motion to approve the bills for the month of May. Comstock supported the motion. The motion passed. Voting aye: Bohnsack, Comstock, Luplow and M/Jolin. Voting nay: none.

A motion was made by Luplow and supported by Bohnsack to approve the agenda. The motion passed. Voting aye: Bohnsack, Comstock, Luplow and M/Jolin. Voting nay: none

Special Guests: Brian Wendling, Saginaw County Public Works. Mr. Wendling gave an overview of the projected work that needs to be done on the Universal Drain. The system except for the pumps is at least 40 years old. There will be a board consisting of the City of Zilwaukee, Carrollton and Saginaw Townships and the Drain Commission to determine what needs to be done.

Audience Participation

Chuck Stack, 2nd District County Commissioner – reported that the Animal Control issue has been settled. He also mentioned that the County Budget was 1.2 million dollars in the red and there was a freeze on all hiring.

Jean Burkhart – 505 Schust – complained that her neighbors grass was not being cut and that there was trash laying in the yard. She was asked to file a complaint form in the City office.

Tom Martin – 4690 Venoy, Eric Campbell – 891 Tittabawassee, Brian Chapman – 4468 spoke against rezoning of the property as requested by Steve Thayer. Reasons were the business would not be conducive to the neighboring properties; it would not be attractive when people enter the city and there was concern that the property would not be kept clean.

Department Heads

Police Dept – Chief King – The Chief gave a report on the incidents handled by the department during the month of April. The Chief per request from Mackinaw Middle School talked about stranger danger and safe walking. He also attended an L.E.I.N seminar and the Department participated in the Zilwaukee School 5K run by closing roads and providing personnel.

Fire Department – Asst Chief Wegner – Reported on runs made by the Department during May. Training for the month of June will be engine and pump operations on both engines. The diesel powered trailer mounted pump is scheduled for repair this month.

DPW Director – Eric Mahan – Installed lever sensors and data loggers for I&I study. Stage II water samples were taken also continuing working on getting the pool open with scheduled date of June 11. Completed city wide brush pick up. Began replacing old and non-registering meters and monthly O&M and SASWA meetings were attended.

AGENDA

Rezoning Request

The Zilwaukee Planning Commission forwarded a request from Steve Thayer, owner of STV Sales for rezoning of property that he owns from AE-1 to B-1 with a recommendation of denying the request. A motion was made by Luplow and supported by Bohnsack to table the request until the July meeting. The motion passed. Voting aye: Bohnsack, Luplow and M/Jolin. Voting nay: Comstock.

Assessor Contract

The contract of Assessor Tim Gnatkowski has expired. The Administrator is recommending the hiring of Michael Faust for a three year period from 2014/15 through 2016/17 pending approval of our attorney. A motion was made by Luplow and supported by Bohnsack to hire Michael Faust as the City Assessor. The motion passed. Voting aye: Bohnsack, Comstock, Luplow and M/Jolin. Voting nay: none

Election Clerk Resolution

Michigan Election Law requires the Election Inspectors be appointed by the Election Commission. According to the City Charter the City Council is the Election Commission. The Clerk read a resolution appointing the Election Inspectors for the Primary Election to be held on August 5th and also delegating certain election duties to the Clerk. A motion was made by Bohnsack to adopt the resolution. The motion was supported by Luplow. The motion passed. Voting aye: Bohnsack, Comstock, Luplow and M/Jolin. Voting nay: none.

5 Year Capital Improvement Plan

The Planning Commission presented the Council with a 5 year Capital Improvement Plan to be added to the Community Master Plan 2003-2020. Some of the suggestions include a decorative lighting district, development of a farmers market, creative gateways to the city, development of a community garden among others. A motion was made by Luplow and supported by Bohnsack to adopt the plan. The motion passed. Voting aye: Bohnsack, Comstock, Luplow and M/Jolin. Voting nay: none

A motion was made by Comstock and supported by Bohnsack to adjourn. The motion passed. Voting aye: Bohnsack, Comstock, Luplow and M/Jolin.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. DeLong, Clerk