

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

September 6, 2011

## PROCLAMATIONS

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued a National Gymnastics Day Proclamation and a National Moment of Remembrance, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9-11 Proclamation.

## CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of September 6, 2011, as presented.

## REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Approved a one-year contract extension with The Hartford for employee basic life, basic accidental death and dismemberment, contributory life, contributory accidental death and dismemberment, dependent life and long-term disability insurance and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the extended one-year lease of 54 Hewlett Packard replacement computers from Capital Advantage Leasing of Grand Rapids, Michigan, at a price of \$10,690.40 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action.
- ◆ Set a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, beginning at 5:15 p.m. to interview board and commission applicants.

## BID TABULATION

- ◆ Awarded a contract to GreenPlus Landscaping, Incorporated, of Bryon Center, Michigan, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$11,437.03 for landscaping improvements at the 12<sup>th</sup> Street/Texas Drive/West Milham Avenue intersection and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this matter on behalf of the city.

## STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Caryl Tregerman, 1413 Edington, spoke in opposition to a city invoice in the amount of \$264.97 for mowing her back yard, asked that the invoice be nullified and objected to the fact that the complaints against her property are allowed to be anonymous. Mayor Strazdas referred the matter to the City Manager for review and report.

## STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember Randall wished everyone a great and safe school year.
- ◆ Councilmember Bailes reminded everyone that the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual PCOC Peacock Strut takes place Saturday, September 17, 2011, at 8 a.m. with the 5k and 10k event registration options, including registration on line.
- ◆ Councilmember Reid reported on the National Community Action Agency Council Conference in San Francisco, California, where she obtained good information for the Community Action Board regarding networking, training and strategizing. She also reminded everyone of the Council of Governments Meeting, Wednesday, September 7, 2011, at 3:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce where a Representative of the Land Information Access Association, a non-profit organization, will be present as a facilitator in the collaboration efforts in the area. She announced that the 2011 Kalamazoo Area Foot Chase will be held at Celery Flats, Portage, Saturday, September 10, 2011, at approximately 9:00 a.m. with registration from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. She indicated that this is a 3.5-mile fun run patterned after a police foot chase in pursuit of a fleeing suspect and proceeds go to assist families of fallen police officers.
- ◆ City Manager Evans reminded everyone that the new traffic signal on South Westnedge Avenue at McCamley Field is now activated and motorists should remember to observe caution and use due diligence while driving by the schools. Mayor Strazdas concurred.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Sackley announced the CommUniversity Night, Saturday, 4 p.m., and the football game between Western Michigan University Broncos and Nicholls State University Colonels at 7 p.m. He also indicated that the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9-11 would be observed at 1 p.m. at the Overlander Bandshell, Portage, and 4 p.m. in Bronson Park, Kalamazoo.

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