

# City Council Meeting Summary

December 4, 2012

## CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of December 4, 2012, as presented.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ◆ Adopted Resolution No. 2-12 expanding Industrial Development District No. 53.
- ◆ Adopted Resolution No. 4-12, approving the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the Bowers Manufacturing Company at 6565 Sprinkle Road (for six years on the real property and three years on the personal property) in the total amount of \$2.81 million; and approved the tax abatement agreement and affidavit between the City of Portage and Bowers Manufacturing Company.

## PETITIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Ed Halcomb, 9834 Woodlawn Drive, requested Fire Station No. 3 be manned with firefighters and fire equipment twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, provided a review of his life experiences as a firefighter for the City of Portage and listed some of his credentials as support for his position.

## REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Accepted Rezoning Application #12-01 for first reading and set a public hearing for January 8, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard, to consider approving Rezoning Application #12-01 and rezone 9136 Shaver Road to B-3, general business, subsequent to the public hearing.
- ◆ Approved the contract with Kalamazoo County for household hazardous waste collection during the 2013 calendar year in the not to exceed amount of \$26,000 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Set a Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, beginning at 5:30 p.m. to interview board and commission applicants.
- ◆ Referred the request from Mr. Roger L. Schiefler regarding the property at 117 East Centre Avenue to the Administration, who would refer the matter directly to the Ad Hoc Property Committee for review and recommendation.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- ◆ Received the communication from Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners Administrative Assistant Tina Becker regarding current vacancies on county-wide boards and commissions and placed it on the city website.
- ◆ Referred the communications from several Portage Central High School students regarding environmental initiatives to the Environmental Board for review and recommendation.

## BID TABULATIONS

- ◆ Accepted the proposal submitted by J.P. Morgan Chase Bank for comprehensive banking services for a period of up to five years and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this contract on behalf of the city.

## STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL

- ◆ Councilmember Pearson gave tribute to Christine Berro, Portage District Librarian, who is retiring and recognized her as a very active volunteer in the community. Mayor Strazdas concurred.
- ◆ Councilmember Campbell noted the Portage Northern High School versus Portage Central High School 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Hockey Classic, Monday, December 10, 2012, at 6 p.m. which serves as a fundraiser for the Portage Rotary Club. Discussion followed.
- ◆ Councilmember Urban cited good weather at the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Saturday, December 1, 2012, and told the Mayor he was missed.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Reid listed some of the volunteer opportunities on some of the Kalamazoo County Boards from the communication from Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners Administrative Assistant Tina Becker regarding current vacancies on county-wide boards and commissions. She also concurred with Councilmember Urban and indicated there were large crowds of people in attendance at the tree lighting ceremony.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas expressed his excitement over the new development in the industrial sector of the city and conjectured it is a signal for an economic turn-around.

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