

**DUNDAS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 27, 2017
7:00 p.m. Dundas City Hall**

Present: Mayor Glenn Switzer (arrived 7:08 pm); Councilors John Cruz, Larry Fowler, Grant Modory, Chad Pribyl

Staff Present: City Attorney Paula Callies, City Engineer John Powell, Administrator/Clerk John McCarthy, Deputy Clerk Linda Ripka

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Acting Mayor Pribyl called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

PRESENTATION/PUBLIC FORUM – No one spoke.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Modory, second by Cruz, to approve the agenda. MCU

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Fowler, second by Cruz, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2017;

Resolution 2017-04 Accepting Donation from Waterford Warrior Snowmobile Club, Inc.

Special Action Claims: MN Secretary of State - \$25.00;

Expenditures- \$81,251.80

OLD BUSINESS - No items

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS – No items

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approve Expenses to Attend LMCIT Safety and Loss Control Conference

Motion by Modory, second by Fowler, to approve normal and customary expenses for staff and Council to attend the 2017 LMCIT Safety and Loss Control Workshop in Rochester on April 12. MCU

Consider No Parking on West Side of Cannon Road

Motion by Pribyl, second by Modory, to approve a “No Parking” area along the west side of Cannon Road from the intersection of CSAH#1 to the northern City limits. Administrator McCarthy reported parking along the Cannon Road in the area of the Dundas Dome has become a public safety and road maintenance concern. He referred to congestion occurring when vehicles are parked on both sides of the road. He reported edges of the roadway and shoulders are being damaged. Both the Chief of Police and Public Works Director recommend “No Parking” on the west side of Cannon Road. Councilor Fowler asked about the status of the proposed reconstruction and McCarthy stated it is currently scheduled for 2018. Councilor Cruz requested owner of the Dundas Dome be notified. (Mayor arrived 7:08 p.m.) **MCU**

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

City Engineer – John Powell

Powell reviewed various activities he is currently involved with. He stated the staff has been very helpful with the transition and plans.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES (con't)

City Administrator – John McCarthy

Financial: McCarthy reviewed January's financial data for the major funds.

Rice County Transportation Planning: McCarthy reported a meeting will be held on March 30 to discuss Decker/Garrett Avenue corridor, and there will be a public hearing March 14 for the County's ten-year plan. He reviewed the county roads in the Dundas area which are listed in the plan.

Application for Off-Sale Liquor License: McCarthy indicated an off-sale liquor license has been applied for and should come before Council in the coming month. He reported legislature passed the Sunday off-sale liquor legislation.

Life Station and Force Main Project: McCarthy stated the project has been moving along with the lift station and adjoining valve box installed.

Meeting with Zanders: McCarthy reported he and the Mayor met with John and Dan Zanders. It remains the intent of the Zanders to have the concrete panels removed by the end of June. He referred to a discussion involving a difference in understanding of the responsibilities of the neutral building official. He reported they discussed if and how the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a load out facility could be modified if desired, and clarified it is not part of the Settlement Agreement. McCarthy stated there appears to be a need for a clearer understanding from both parties on how long certain property use restrictions will remain, what the restrictions apply to and how the use of neutrals apply will continue.

Boards and Committees

Park and Recreations Advisory Board: McCarthy reported the Board met on February 14 and elected Larry Fowler as Chair, Ashley Gallagher as Vice Chair, and Mike Sherman as Secretary. He stated there is still an open position on the Board.

Dundas Planning Commission: McCarthy reported the Planning Commission held a public hearing on February 16 to consider a lot line adjustment, which would create a property with a non-conforming use. He stated the Commissioners voted to request staff prepare Findings of Fact to deny the application and present to the Commission for further review. McCarthy informed the Council the applicant has since informed the City he will remove all the accessory structures; therefore, only the lot line adjustment is being requested.

NAFRS: McCarthy reported the McGrath Administrative Audit recommends the JPA hire a full-time fire chief. He stated the format for reporting of committees has not been put to use and several questions from the City have only been partially answered. Discussion followed on other non-profit organizations are using the building.

WORK SESSION

Community Solar Garden Proposal

McCarthy reviewed a proposal for the City to subscribe to the output of a Community Solar Garden. The proposal suggests the City could save \$118,000 over a period of 25 years. Mayor Switzer asked about termination of the contract with McCarthy stating the City subscription could be allowed to be resold if there is a buyer. He stated there is a potential for savings and will allow reducing carbon footprint. A discussion of the benefits and risks followed with staff being instructed to discontinue further work on the proposal.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cruz, second by Pribyl, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:08 p.m. MCU

Submitted by:

Attest:

John McCarthy, Administrator/Clerk

Glenn Switzer, Mayor