

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
DATE 09/10/2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Christie in the Swartz Creek City Council Chambers, 8083 Civic Drive.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmen Present: Adams, Christie, Hurt, Shumaker

Councilmen Absent: Abrams, Porath, Hicks

Staff Present: City Manager Bueche, City Clerk Aguilar, Attorney Figura, Police Chief Rick Clolinger, Ofc. Rick Deshano, and Ofc Szmansky.

Others Present: Tommy Butler, Bob Plumb, Kathleen Smothers, Robert Simpson, Sally Simpson, Robyn Rosenthal, Bud Grimes, Jamie Adams, John Filbert, Lou Fleury, Jim Florence, Ron Schultz, Steve Shumaker, Donald B. Wyatt.

Resolution No. 070910-01

(Carried)

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Christie
Second by Councilmember Hurt

The Swartz Creek City Council excuses the absence of Mayor Abrams and Councilmember Hicks, who are on vacation, and Councilmember Porath who is absent due to work commitments.

YES: Adams, Christie, Hurt, Shumaker
NO: None. Motion declared carried

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MINUTES:

Resolution No. 070910-02

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Shumaker
Second by Councilmember Hurt

The Swartz Creek City Council hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, as corrected, held August 27, 2007, to be circulated and placed on file.

YES Christie, Hurt, Shumaker, Adams
NO: None. Motion declared carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Resolution No. 070910-03

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Adams
Second by Councilmember Hurt

The Swartz Creek City Council approves the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of September 10, 2007, then to be circulated and placed on file.

YES: Hurt, Shumaker, Adams, Christie
NO: None. Motion declared carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager's Report

Resolution No. 070910-04

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Hurt
Second by Councilmember Adams

The Swartz Creek City Council approves the City Manager's Report of September 10, 2007, to be circulated and placed on file.

Discussion took place.

YES: Hurt, Shumaker, Adams, Christie
NO: None. Motion declared carried.

All other reports and communications were accepted and placed on file.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Pro Tem Christie presented a series of Proclamations which were planned before Mayor Abrams left for vacation. Christie presented a proclamation to Lt. Rick Dshano for his work with educating the community's youngsters, a proclamation to Ofc. Kenneth Szmansky for his work educating youngsters on safety, and a proclamation to Ofc. Beth Jaworski for her work with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and bringing Movies in the Park to the City. One more proclamation was held until the recipient arrived.

Bob Simpson, 162 Brookfield, commented that he hasn't yet received a water bill since he returned from Florida in April. He is concerned that he can't get the City to send him a bill. City Manager Bueche stated that there are problems with the system in the park where Mr. Simpson lives. Mr. Bueche stated that the City employees aren't trained to enter under the trailers to shut off the water. Mr. Bueche stated that he doesn't want

City employees to do so because of the fear of causing damage under the trailers. Mr. Bueche stated that he will take a look at Mr. Simpson's case and that he would certainly have more than 5 days to pay his bill. Mayor Pro Tem Christie suggested that the City call Mr. Simpson this week to follow up on this issue.

Bob Simpson also wanted to discuss the traffic signals in front of the SPO plant on Miller Rd. Mr. Simpson suggested that the signals blink until someone tries to exit the plant. City Manager Bueche stated the lights were substantially contributed to by GM and that they are at the point now where they have outlived their life and need to be replaced. City Manager Bueche stated that when the lights are no longer functional, the City would then pay for the engineering work to be done and determine whether or not the signals are still warranted on those locations.

Kathleen Smothers, 9275 Jill Marie Ct., commented on the new traffic light at Fairchild and Miller. Ms. Smothers stated that she feels that light should be set to blink at midnight. Ms. Smothers stated the same for the light between the two Seymour Rds., where the shopping center is. Mayor Pro-Tem Christie stated that the City does have a plan for the light at Fairchild and Miller. City Manager Bueche stated that the light at Fairchild & Miller would go on flash from midnight to 5 am. And that the light in front of the plaza was controlled by the Gen. Co. Road Commission, not the City. City Manager Bueche stated that they would watch it and discuss with the engineers and make a decision from that point on. Ms. Smothers stated that all of the lights should be set to flash after 9 pm when the stores close. Mayor Pro Tem Christie stated that the City would take a look at the light issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Christie stated that Rod Gardner walked in and presented Mr. Gardner with his Proclamation for his work with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, bringing Movies in the Park to the City.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Short Adjournment until Lt. Deshano can return to the meeting.

Summer Police Programs Report

Lt. Rick Deshano gave a brief synopsis on the Summer Police Programs. Ofc. Szmansky passed out handouts for the Community Policing Programs. Ofc. Szmansky praised Chief Clolinger for allowing him the time he needs to be involved in the program. Ofc. Szmansky also praised Lt. Deshano for his hands on help with the program. Ofc. Szmansky stated that the program is centered around 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders because a lot of the programs around don't address that age range. Ofc. Szmansky talked about the bike rodeo and its significance with the bicycle safety for kids. Ofc. Szmansky talked about monies that were donated by the local businesses over the past few years. Ofc. Szmansky talked about internet safety issues. He stated that he will be introducing a program in the 5th grade in the elementary schools. He will be addressing internet use and predators and the type of things to worry about and look for. Ofc.

Szmansky talked about the "Citizen's Academy" success of last year. Ofc. Szmansky spoke of the youth group being started this year. He wants to go around to the local senior citizens and help with leaf raking, gutter cleaning, and basic lawn maintenance.

Lt. Deshano introduced Ofc. Beth Jaworski. Ofc. Jaworski spoke about the Family Movie Night in the City. Ofc. Jaworski talked about the progression of the event over the years and the increased success each year. Attendance this year was 200-300 people for each night. Ofc. Jaworski thanked the City for allowing them to participate in Family Movie Night.

Street Usage Permit, Annual Homecoming Football Parade

Resolution No. 070910-05

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Shumaker
Second by Councilmember Hurt

The City of Swartz Creek directs the City Manager to approve the application of the Swartz Creek Student Council to conduct an annual High School Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 21, 2007, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Parade route as follows:

Civic Drive Eastbound to Fortino
Fortino Eastbound to Morrish
Morrish Southbound to Miller
Miller Westbound to Fairchild
Fairchild Southbound to Ingalls

Ingalls Westbound into the south lot of Swartz Creek High
Under the direction and control of the office of the Chief of Police and in accordance with the stipulations and conditions set forth in the permit.

Discussion took place.

YES: Shumaker, Adams, Christie, Hurt
NO: None. Motion declared carried.

Park Usage Fee Waiver Request, Knights of Columbus

Resolution No: 070910-06

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Adams
Second by Councilmember Hurt

The City of Swartz Creek approves a motion to waive fees associated with the use of Elms Road Park pavilion #4 for the Knight of Columbus, Swartz Creek Chapter #6694, a Michigan not-for-profit entity, for Sunday, September 16, 2007, from 9:00am to 6:00 pm., for the purpose of holding their annual family picnic.

Discussion followed.

YES: Shumaker, Adams, Christie, Hurt
NO: None. Motion declared carried.

College Intern Polision

Resolution No. 070910-07

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Hurt
Second by Councilmember Adams

The City Council hereby agrees to continue the employment of a part time college intern position, to be used for administrative assignments related to research and planning, compensation to be set at \$10 per hour, through the end of 2007, and further, to bring back a report with accomplishments and assignments for review by the Council in January 2008.

Discussion followed.

YES: Adams, Christie, Hurt, Shumaker.
NO: None. Motion declared carried.

Condo Association Street Lighting

Discussion Topic

City Manager Paul Bueche discussed the option of the City paying for the street lighting in the Springbrook Association. Springbrook has requested that the city pick up the tab for the street lighting.

Discussion ensued.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Hurt had a couple of questions for the City Manager. Mr. Hurt wanted to know the schedule for chipping. City Manager stated that chipping is generally done every other week. Generally, there really isn't a schedule; however they go around as

often as possible. City Manager Bueche stated that generally a week and a half is the limit for how long brush should be left at the street.

Councilmember Hurt had a question about the light in front of the plaza at Miller and Seymour. He was concerned why the tanning salon, being the only business left in the plaza, deserves a stop light. He suggested getting rid of the light or make it a flashing light. City Manager Bueche stated that the City did a casual count about a year ago and he personally believes a light was not warranted there anymore. Suggestion was made that a light should be shifted from the plaza to the T intersection farther west on Miller Rd at Seymour Rd in front of the Sage Credit Union. City Manager Bueche speculated whether that corner has met the criteria for a light. It is planned to speak to Mr. Daly about the situation.

Mayor Pro Tem Christie commented that he has received compliments on how good Elms Park looks, as far as the mowing, etc. He passed along the compliments to Leedles Lawn Care.

Councilmember Adams had a question about the reservations at Elms Park for the GM picnic. City Manager Bueche stated that he had a number to call for the reservations.

Councilmember Shumaker had comments about the light at Miller & Fairchild. He was curious as to how few buses were using it. City Manager Bueche stated that they are watching it and that it wasn't quite done yet. Councilmember Shumaker was concerned about the curb damage and radius' run over in Winchester sub division by buses. Mr Bueche suggested that in the future they may be able to draft an ordinance concerning the matter. Mr. Bueche was confident that the City could work something out with the school as to the bus routes.

Councilmember Shumaker questioned a letter that Asst. City Manager Adam Zettel sent out in reference to proper re-stripping on Seymour Rd. to reflect street parking. He questioned the regulation on proper street marking to allow for parking on one side or both sides. City Manager Paul Bueche deferred to Lou Fleury for more information. Mr. Fleury stated that right now it is set up where the northbound lane is 19 ft. wide and the southbound lane is 11 ft wide. Mr. Bueche stated that the City is not 100% sure that's the route that it will go yet.

Councilmember Shumaker talked about Elms Rd. overpass; about the construction signs left there on the sidewalk, tipped over. Mr. Shumaker removed the signs from the sidewalks. Mr. Shumaker was also concerned with the state of the weeds on the side of the road just north of Elms Rd Park, near the overpass. He suggested that whoever does the landscaping for the park should clean up that area as well for appearances sake.

Councilmember Shumaker invited everyone for a 911 ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial on 9/11/07.

Mayor Pro-Tem Christie questioned whether there was any work from Marathon on the violation that was sent to them. City Manager Bueche stated that they should have received it a week ago and that there was no response from them so far.

Mayor Pro-Tem Christie stated that the Swartz Creek Chamber of Commerce has split away from the Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no objection, Mayor Pro-Tem Christie declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Jason Christie, Mayor Pro-Tem

Juanita Aguilar, City Clerk