

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
DATE 04/25/2011**

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmembers Present: Abrams, Binder, Hicks, Hurt, Krueger, Porath, Shumaker.

Councilmembers Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Paul Bueche, City Clerk Juanita Aguilar, DPS Director Tom Svrcek, Attorney Dick Figura.

Others Present: Boots Abrams, Tommy Butler, Bob Plumb, Jim Florence, Ron Schultz, Pat Henry, Rick Henry, Sharon Shumaker, Beth Stark, Gary Hicks, Steve Shumaker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 110425-01

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Porath
Second by Mayor Pro-Tem Krueger

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council hereby approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held April 11, 2011, to be circulated and placed on file.

YES: Binder, Hicks, Hurt, Krueger, Porath, Shumaker, Abrams.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 110425-02

(Carried)

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Krueger
Second by Councilmember Hurt

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Agenda, as amended, for the Regular Council Meeting of April 25, 2011 to be circulated and placed on file.

YES: Hicks, Hurt, Krueger, Porath, Shumaker, Abrams, Binder.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager’s Report

Resolution No. 110425-03

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Shumaker
Second by Councilmember Hurt

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council approve the City Manager’s Report of April 25, 2011, to be circulated and placed on file.

YES: Hurt, Krueger, Porath, Shumaker, Abrams, Binder, Hicks.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

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

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

Boots Abrams shared that City Attorney Dick Figura is a new grandfather.

Council Business

2011-2012 FY Budget

(Discussion Topic)

City Manager Bueche went over the proposed 2011-2012 FY Budget.

Resolution No. 110425-04

(Carried)

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Krueger
Second by Councilmember Hurt

I Move that the Swartz Creek City Council invite the communities on the west side of Genesee County to meet with the Swartz Creek City Council to explore areas to cooperate in needs that we have in common.

Discussion Took Place.

YES: Krueger, Porath, Shumaker, Abrams, Binder, Hicks, Hurt.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

Proposed Sewer Use Ordinance

(Discussion Topic)

Attorney Figura made a brief presentation on the County’s proposed Sewer Use Ordinance.

Bid Award, Waste & Recycling Collection

Resolution No. 110425-05

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Hicks
Second by Councilmember Hurt

I Move the City of Swartz Creek accept the low bid of Tri-County Refuse Service Inc., doing business as Republic Waste of G-3328 Torrey Road Flint, total approximate five-year costs of \$1.19 million option #1 or \$1.27 million option #2, contingent upon the successful negotiation of a contract and its approval by the City Council, and further, direct the Staff to prepare a contract and bring it back to the Council for review and decision.

Discussion Took Place.

YES: Porath, Shumaker, Abrams, Binder, Hicks, Hurt, Krueger.
NO: None . Motion Declared Carried.

Veteran’s Memorial, Accept Marine Statue

Resolution No. 110425-06

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Binder
Second by Councilmember Hurt

WHEREAS, The Veteran’s Memorial Committee has collected funds for the purchase of all the bronze statues on display within the memorial, the latest of which is a life size statue of a U.S. Marine Soldier; and

WHEREAS, production of the U.S. Marine Soldier statue has been completed and the statue is set to be shipped from the manufacturer, being Atlas Bronze Casting of Kearns Utah; and

WHEREAS, the Veteran’s Memorial Committee desires to dedicate the statue to the City for placement in the memorial, and further, to carry the same insurance coverage as all of the improvements and bronze statues within the City’s Memorial.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Move the City of Swartz Creek accept the statue for placement with the City’s Veterans Memorial and placement on the City’s general casualty and property loss policies.

Discussion Ensued.

YES: Shumaker, Abrams, Binder, Hicks, Hurt, Krueger, Porath.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

Steve Shumaker, 7446 Country Meadow, wanted to address the Council on the cooperative issue with the Secretary of State. Mr. Shumaker asked if a request could be made to the State to put one of their new machines in one of our buildings to make it more convenient for those who don't want to go downtown to deal with their business.

REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Hicks spoke about a consolidation meeting. Ms. Hicks stated that a mediator is needed to keeping emotions down during the meetings.

Councilmember Porath spoke to the consolidation issue, stressing that the people involved need to come in with an open mind.

Mayor Pro-Tem Krueger asked if City Manager Bueche knows what the Governor is asking for with his "governmental dashboard" that he wants everyone to have. Mr. Bueche stated that it is a template. Mr. Krueger spoke about the State of Michigan being \$50 billion dollars in debt.

Mayor Abrams spoke about the two issues that are really in the forefront, being public safety and infrastructure. Mr. Abrams stated that the City may have to consider a millage. Mr. Abrams announced that he will not be at the next council meeting as he will be in Virginia for the birth of his new great granddaughter.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 110425-07

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Hurt
Second by Mayor Pro-Tem Krueger

I Move the City of Swartz Creek adjourn the Regular Session of the City Council meeting at 9:20 p.m.

YES: Unanimous Voice Vote.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

Richard Abrams, Mayor

Juanita Aguilar, City Clerk