

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK  
SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
DATE 01/23/2017**

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmembers Present: Cramer, Florence, Gilbert, Hicks, Krueger, Pinkston, Porath.

Councilmembers Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Adam Zettel, City Clerk Connie Eskew, Director of Public Services Tom Svrcek.

Others Present: Bob Plumb, Lania Rocha, Steve Shumaker, Tommy Butler, Boots Abrams, Richard Abrams, Rebecca Thiell, Faye Porath, Bud Grimes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Resolution No. 170123-01**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Porath  
Second by Councilmember Gilbert

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council hereby approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday January 9, 2017 to be circulated and placed on file.

YES: Florence, Gilbert, Hicks, Krueger, Pinkston, Porath, Cramer.  
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 170123-02**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Cramer  
Second by Councilmember Gilbert

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Agenda as presented for the Regular Council Meeting of January 23, 2017, to be circulated and placed on file.

YES: Gilbert, Hicks, Krueger, Pinkston, Porath, Cramer, Florence.  
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

**City Manager's Report**

**Resolution No. 170123-03**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Florence  
Second by Councilmember Gilbert

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council accept the City Manager's Report of January 23, 2017, including reports and communications to be circulated and placed on file.

Discussion Ensued.

YES: Hicks, Krueger, Pinkston, Porath, Cramer, Florence, Gilbert.

NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

**MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:**

Steve Shumaker resides at 7446 Country Meadow, commented he would rather not see a dragon on the water tower. He also commented on the Finance Officer position and would of rather the city look outside for potential clients.

**Swartz Creek School Choice Week**

**Proclamation**

Mayor Krueger presented a proclamation commemorating school choice week. This week is celebrated all across the nation.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**Resolution No. 170123-04**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Hicks  
Second by Councilmember Cramer

**WHEREAS**, Act 621 of P.A. 1978 provides for a uniform budgeting system for local units of government; and

**WHEREAS**, Act 275 of P.A. of 1980 further prohibits deficit spending by local units of government; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has reviewed the City's 2016 – 2017 Revenue and Expenditure Report through December 2016, specifically as it relates to the transfer of police services to the Metro Police Authority of Genesee County, and finds that it is not in deficit; however, certain department activity line items may be in deficit; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has received a Budget Amendment Summary and Revenue and Expenditure Reports reflecting proposed changes in budgeted items; and

**WHEREAS**, new budget amounts necessitate adjustments to the original adopted budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said supplemental documentation shows the new proposed revenue and expenditures by fund.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Swartz Creek City Council hereby authorizes and directs the city manager to make all necessary mid-year budget adjustment amendments to Fund 101 (General) in accordance with the supplemental documentation (pages 32 to 35 ) attached.

Discussion Ensued.

YES: Krueger, Pinkston, Porath, Cramer, Florence, Gilbert, Hicks.

NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

## **SUPERVISORS AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

**Resolution No. 170123-05**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert  
Second by Councilmember Hicks

**WHEREAS**, the City Clerk/Finance Director informed the city of her retirement plans in 2015, and;

**WHEREAS**, the city pursued a succession plan that included the promotion of a staff member to the position of Clerk in 2016, and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Director retired from the city on December 31, 2016, and;

**WHEREAS**, the city has been engaged in a reorganization of staff duties and a retooling of city administrative processes and services to align with the reduction of staff, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager negotiated with the current City Treasurer to amend the job description to include the remaining duties of the Finance Director, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Swartz Creek entered into a labor agreement with the Swartz Creek City Supervisor's Association on July 25, 2016, for the purpose of setting terms and conditions of employment and to promote orderly and productive labor relations between the Employer and the Association, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Employer and Supervisors Association agree to amend the Agreement, Sections 3, 6, 11, & Appendix E (job descriptions), so as to effect this appointment.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the City of Swartz Creek City Council hereby affirms the amended and restated 2016-2017 Collective Bargaining Labor Agreement between the City and the Swartz Creek Supervisor's Association, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Discussion Ensued.

YES: Pinkston, Porath, Cramer, Florence, Hicks, Krueger.  
NO: Gilbert. Motion Declared Carried.

### **Street Update**

### **Discussion**

Adam Zettel, City Manager commented the bids are in and lower than expected. We will be able to do everything we wanted to do. Council should consider appointing or reappointing a street committee. We will also need to be pretty aggressive with a public awareness campaign in regards to resident's access to their homes, dust, debris, noise and waste collection during this construction process. In addition we still will be having preventative maintenance bids coming in.

### **SeeClickFix**

### **Discussion**

Adam Zettel, City Manager made the council aware of this app which is a new method for the public to engage with government on city issues/problems such as potholes, dead trees or water main break. It uses GPS and pictures can be uploaded. This is something the council can take a look at and consider.

### **Water Tower**

### **Discussion**

Adam Zettel, City Manager discussed the bid supplied. They did supply a bid for a logo if they city is interested in one. Councilmember Hicks would like the tower to stay with current wording and no logo.

### **Resolution No. 170123-06**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Porath  
Second by Councilmember Hicks

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council hereby approve we paint the city tower with the "City of Swartz Creek".

YES: Porath, Cramer, Florence, Hicks, Krueger.  
NO: Gilbert, Pinkston. Motion Declared Carried.

### **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

Dick Abrams resident at 5352 Greenleaf Drive commented on the logo on the water tower. He also wanted to commend councilmember Gilbert for his attendance at the GAIN meetings.

Tommy Butler resident at 40 Somerset Drive, commented on the painting of the water tower.

**CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER PROPERTY TRANSATION/LEASE (ROLL CALL VOTE)**

**Resolution No. 170123-07**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Pinkston  
Second by Councilmember Porath

**WHEREAS**, the City of Swartz Creek has potential business concerning the transaction or lease of real property, and;

**WHEREAS**, the MCL 15.268(d) permits a governing body to enter a closed session to consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that property is obtained.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the City of Swartz Creek City Council exit the regular session of the city council and enter into a closed session for the purpose of discussion related to the consideration of the purchase or lease of real property.

YES: Cramer, Florence, Gilbert, Hicks, Krueger, Pinkston, Porath.  
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

**REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Councilmember Porath suggested when having the next closed session to finish all the business and then go into closed session. He commented on the water tower. The swearing in of the authority officers will be Tuesday at Mundy Township.

Councilmember Cramer remarked on a possible logo on the water tower in the future.

Councilmember Florence commented about the lane markings at the intersection of Elms/Miller. He also commented about the police cars not having their running lights on.

Councilmember Hicks mentioned the women's march she attended in Lansing.

Councilmember Gilbert mentioned that the parking lot behind Hank & Don's is cracked. He attended the GAIN meeting and mentioned that for Oct-Dec they recovered \$794,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Pinkston is really happy with the street bids.

Mayor Krueger is happy with police authority and hopes everything works out. Happy to see bids come in under budget for the streets and the water tower. He thinks we are really moving in the right direction in Swartz Creek.

**Adjournment**

**Resolution No. 170123-08**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert  
Second by Councilmember Hicks

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council adjourn the regular meeting at 9:04 pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote.

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**David A. Krueger, Mayor**

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**Connie Eskew, City Clerk**