

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
DATE 07/12/2010**

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, Hurt, Krueger, Porath, Shumaker.

Councilmembers Absent: Hicks.

Staff Present: City Manager Paul Bueche, Deputy City Clerk Mary Jo Clark.

Others Present: Boots Abrams, Tommy Butler, Sharon Shumaker, Shirley Oliver.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 100712-01

(Carried)

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Porath
Second by Councilmember Hurt

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council hereby approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 28, 2010, to be circulated and placed on file.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 100712-02

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Krueger
Second by Councilmember Hurt

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Agenda, as amended, for the Regular Council Meeting of July 12, 2010 to be circulated and placed on file.

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

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager’s Report

Resolution No. 100712-03

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Shumaker
Second by Councilmember Hurt

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council approve the City Manager’s Report of July 12, 2010, to be circulated and placed on file.

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

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

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

City Manager Bueche introduced Blake Thorne who has recently been assigned to the City of Swartz Creek by the Flint Journal.

Jim Thompson, 8196 Miller Road, thanked the City Council for what they do for the city residents. Mr. Thompson stated that the residents are safe, the City is clean, and the City is the best place that he knows of to raise children. Mr. Thompson mentioned that there are churches in the city that have a Community Food Basket. On Sunday, August 1, 2010, there will be a concert to benefit the Community Food Basket. The concert will be at 3:00pm at the Mary Crapo auditorium. The price for admission is canned goods or other items that will help people in need.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

U.S. Military Community Covenant & Partnership Program

Resolution No. 100712-04

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Binder
Second by Councilmember Hurt

WHEREAS, the Community Covenant Program is a formal commitment of support by state and local communities to Active, Guard and Reserve Soldiers and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Community Covenant Program is designed to foster and sustain effective state and community partnerships with the United States Armed Forces to improve the quality of life for soldiers and their families, both at their current duty stations and as they transfer to other states or foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, the strength of service members comes from the strength of their families, and the strength of families is supported by the strength of the community; and

WHEREAS, the strength of the community comes from the support of employers, educators, civic and business leaders as well as its citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that local communities across America be aware of and recognize the sacrifices of soldiers and their families; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army is the founder of the Community Covenant Program but due to its success, it is fitting that the program be extended to all branches of the United States Armed Forces in recognition that many community efforts support all service members and their families regardless of the uniform they wear; and

WHEREAS, the City of Swartz Creek recognizes with sincere appreciation the commitment and sacrifices service members and their families are making every day;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the City of Swartz Creek declares its commitment to building partnerships that support the strength, resilience, and readiness of service members and their families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Swartz Creek City Council supports the signing of the Military Community Covenant in partnership with all Federal, State, County and Local Governments.

Discussion Took Place.

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

Renew Police Fang Assignment

Resolution No. 100712-05 **(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Hurt
Second by Councilmember Binder

WHEREAS, the City of Swartz Creek has assigned an Officer to the Flint Area Narcotics Group from June 2004 through June 2007, under the specifications set forth in the original Resolution #040223-10, as follows:

Flint Area Narcotics Group (FANG) Position

Resolution No. 040223-10 **(Carried)**

*Motion by Councilmember Shumaker,
Second by Mayor Pro-Tem Christie,*

The Swartz Creek City Council approves the assignment of one police officer to the Flint Area Narcotics Group, subject to a minimum 50% funding contribution from or through the Flint Area Narcotics Group, for a term not to exceed three years and/or subject to termination at the discretion of the City Council, in accordance with the membership agreement between the City of Swartz Creek and the Flint Area Narcotics Group and operating rules set forth by the Executive and/or Operation Boards of the Flint Area Narcotics Group.

Discussion ensued.

YES: Abrams, Adams, Christie, Hurt, Porath, Shumaker.

NO: None. Motion declared carried.

And; **WHEREAS**, on February 12, 2007, June 23, 2008, and September 14, 2009, the Swartz Creek City Council extended the assignment for an additional years, expiring in June 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City of Swartz Creek finds it feasible, economical and in the interest of the safety and well being of the community to continue and extend this assignment for a period of one year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Swartz Creek hereby approve the re-assignment of one police officer to the Flint Area Narcotics Group, subject to a minimum 50% funding contribution from or through the Flint Area Narcotics Group, for a term not to exceed one year, expiring in June 2011, and further, such assignment shall be subject to termination at the discretion of the Swartz Creek City Council, in accordance with the membership agreement between the City of Swartz Creek and the Flint Area Narcotics Group and operating rules set forth by the Executive and/or Operation Boards of the Flint Area Narcotics Group.

YES: Porath, Shumaker, Abrams, Binder, Hurt, Krueger.

NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

Property Forfeit, 3350 & 3386 S. Dye Road

(Discussion Topic)

City Manager Bueche spoke about Ms. Gail M. Ricketts wanting to turn over two lots that she owns to the City and the pros and cons of doing so. The matter was referred to the Planning Commission.

Proposed Condominium Association Streets

(Discussion Topic)

Councilmember Shumaker expressed concerns about the fact that there was no bonding to have the roads in the Association completed, as well as whether there are certain deficiencies in the existing water system. Mr. Shumaker stated that he most concerned that there is not adequate fire protection for the existing units.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

Shirley Oliver, 4413 Springbrook, questioned when Meijer would be open. She was advised that construction schedule would be reviewed in September.

Tommy Butler, 40 Somerset, spoke about a news story that he read about someone wanting to build a convention center in Genesee County. Mr. Butler asked about a handgun law that states that you can carry a handgun on your belt, and questioned how it would affect Swartz Creek.

REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Shumaker asked whether the improvements at the Public Safety Building were completed. City Manager Bueche advised that it is completed and appears to be working fine. Mr. Shumaker questioned a letter from City Manager Bueche to the Genesee County Land Bank in reference to the property at 7026 Miller Road, the abandoned Marathon station.

Councilmember Krueger spoke about the next Council meeting being held at the Elms Road Park. Everyone is to congregate at 6:00pm for food first and then the meeting would begin at 7:00pm.

Mayor Pro-Tem Porath commented on the gentlemen from the Army that attended the meeting. Mr. Porath stated that the families that are left behind when the servicemen go overseas need help in various ways and if anyone is interested in helping, that would be a good cause.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 100712-06

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Hurt
Second by Councilmember Krueger

I Move the City of Swartz Creek adjourn the Regular Session of the City Council meeting at 8:13 p.m.

YES: Shumaker, Abrams, Binder, Hurt, Krueger, Porath.
NO: None. Motion declared carried.

Richard Abrams, Mayor

Mary Jo Clark, Deputy City Clerk