

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK  
SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
DATE 11/10/2008**

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: Mayor Abrams, Binder, Hicks, Hurt, Krueger, Porath, Shumaker.

Councilmembers Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Bueche, City Attorney Richard Figura, City Clerk Juanita Aguilar, Tom Svrcek, Chief Rick Clolinger.

Others Present: Boots Abrams, Tommy Butler, Ron Schultz, Sharon Klein, David Plumb, Steve Shumaker, Bud Grimes, Larry Bush, Lou Fleury, John Gilbert, Jim Florence, Lloyd Swan, Bruce Beatty, Brent Cole, Chuck Shinouskis, Natalie Dennings.

**OATHS OF OFFICE**

City Clerk Juanita Aguilar administered the Oaths of Office to new Councilmembers Krueger and Binder and to Mayor Abrams.

**Election of Mayor & Mayor Pro-Tem, Process**

**Resolution No. 081110-01**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Mayor Abrams  
Second by Councilmember Krueger

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council adopt the following selection procedure for the Offices of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem:

1. The City Clerk will accept verbal nominations for all candidates of the respective post. Support for the nominee is not required.
2. A roll call vote of each Councilmember will be conducted by the Clerk. Councilmembers will name a single choice for the respective post.
3. Four votes shall be required of a nominee to be selected as Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem.
4. If four votes are not cast for a candidate, the process will be repeated.

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

**Nominations Open.**

Nomination of Councilmember Abrams by Councilmember Hurt.  
Acceptance of Nomination by Councilmember Abrams.

**Nominations Closed.**

**Resolution No. 081110-02                      ELECT MAYOR                      (Carried)**

Councilmember	Shumaker:	Abrams
Councilmember	Porath:	Abrams
Councilmember	Krueger:	Abrams
Councilmember	Hurt:	Abrams
Councilmember	Hicks:	Abrams
Councilmember	Binder:	Abrams
Councilmember	Abrams:	Abrams

Elected (*Minimum 4 Votes Needed*): Abrams

**Nominations Open.**

Nomination of Councilmember Porath by Councilmember Krueger.  
Acceptance of Nomination by Councilmember Porath.

**Nominations Closed.**

**Resolution No. 081110-03                      ELECT MAYOR PRO-TEM                      (Carried)**

Councilmember	Shumaker:	Porath
Councilmember	Porath:	Porath
Councilmember	Krueger:	Porath
Councilmember	Hurt:	Porath
Councilmember	Hicks:	Porath
Councilmember	Binder:	Porath
Councilmember	Abrams:	Porath

Elected (*Minimum 4 Votes Needed*): Porath.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Resolution No. 081110-04                      (Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Krueger  
Second by Councilmember Shumaker

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council hereby approve the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, held October 27, 2008, to be circulated and placed on file.

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

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### **Resolution No. 081110-05**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Shumaker  
Second by Councilmember Hurt

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Agenda, as amended, for the Regular Council Meeting of November 10, 2008 to be circulated and placed on file.

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

Item 11H-Bicycle Disposal was added to the agenda.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

### **City Manager's Report**

#### **Resolution No. 081110-06**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Hicks  
Second by Councilmember Hurt

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council approve the City Manager's Report of November 10, 2008, to be circulated and placed on file.

Discussion Took Place.

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

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

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

John Gilbert, 7459 Miller Road, congratulated the new Council members and also stated that the Navy statue was installed at the Veteran's Memorial today. The ceremony, sponsored by the American Legion, is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

Tommy Butler, 40 Somerset, talked about his current water bill. He wondered if there were changes in the current bill as his bill went up \$4.00. Mr. Butler questioned the bid

award for brush chipping. He stated that he believed that the City did the chipping. City Manager Bueche stated that storm events at this time of year create more brush than the City can handle. Mr. Butler also congratulated all of the new Council members.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**Council Organizational Activities: Designation of Depositories, Adopt Investment Policy**

**Resolution No. 081110-07**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Porath  
Second by Councilmember Hurt

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council adopt the Investment Policy and Designation of Depository for City Funds, as follows:

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK  
INVESTMENT & CASH MANAGEMENT POLICY  
November 10, 2008**

**I. POLICY**

It is the policy of the City of Swartz Creek to invest public funds in a manner that will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the City of Swartz Creek and conforming to all State statutes and local ordinances governing the investment of public funds.

**II. SCOPE**

This investment policy applies to all short term operating funds of the City of Swartz Creek and any new fund created by the local unit, unless specifically exempted by the City Council. These assets are accounted for in the City of Swartz Creek's annual financial report.

**III. INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES**

The following investment objectives, in priority order, will be applied in the management of the City of Swartz Creek's funds.

**Safety**

The primary objective of the City of Swartz Creek's investment activities is the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio and the protection of investment principal.

The authorized investment staff will employ mechanisms to control risks and diversify investments regarding specific security types or individual financial institutions.

## **Liquidity**

The investment portfolio will remain sufficiently liquid to enable the City of Swartz Creek to meet operating requirements, which might be reasonably anticipated.

## **Return on Investment**

The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, commensurate with the investment risk constraints and the cash flow characteristics of the portfolio. Return on investments shall be of secondary importance compared to the safety and liquidity objectives above.

## **IV. PRUDENCE**

In managing its investment portfolio, City of Swartz Creek officials shall avoid any transaction that might impair public confidence. Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived.

The above standard is established as the standard for professional responsibility and shall be applied in the context of managing the overall portfolio. Investment officers of the City of Swartz Creek, acting in accordance with State statute, this Investment policy, written procedures as may be established, and exercising due diligence, shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided that deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion, and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

## **V. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

Authority to manage the City of Swartz Creek's investment program is derived from State statutes.

Responsibility for the investment program is hereby delegated to the City Manager, or his designated representative hereinafter referred to as investment officer, who shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with this investment policy. The Investment Officer shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken, and shall establish a system of controls to regulate the activities of subordinate officials.

## **VI. ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Officers and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair--or create the appearance of an

impairment on--their ability to make impartial investment decisions. Employees and investment officials shall disclose to the City Manager any material financial interests in financial institutions that conduct business with the unit, and they shall further disclose any large personal financial investment positions that could be related to the performance of the City of Swartz Creek's portfolio. Employees and officers shall subordinate their personal investment transactions to those of the City of Swartz Creek, particularly with regard to the time of purchases and sales.

## **VII. SAFEKEEPING AND CUSTODY**

1. Authorized Financial Dealers and Institutions - The Investment Officer will maintain a list of financial institutions. In addition, a list will also be maintained of approved security broker/dealers selected by credit-worthiness, who maintain an office in the State of Michigan or who are "primary" dealers or regional dealers that qualify under Securities and Exchange Commission rule 15C3-1 (uniform net capital rule.) No public deposit shall be made except in a qualified public depository as established by State law.

All financial institutions and broker/dealers who desire to become qualified bidders for investment transactions must supply the Investment Officer with the following: audited financial statements for the most recent fiscal year; certification of having read and agreeing to abide by the City of Swartz Creek's investment policy and the pertinent State statutes; proof of National Association of Security Dealers certification; and proof of State registration, where applicable.

An annual review of the financial condition and registration of qualified bidders will be conducted by the Finance Director. Information indicating a loss or prospective loss of capital on existing investments must be shared with the City Manager of the City of Swartz Creek immediately upon notification.

2. Internal Controls - The Investment Officer shall establish a system of internal controls, documented in writing, which is designed to prevent losses of public funds arising from fraud, employee error, and misrepresentation by third parties, unanticipated changes in financial markets, or imprudent actions by employees and officers of the City. The internal control structure shall be designed to provide reasonable assurance that these objectives are met. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that (1) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefit likely to be derived and (2) the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

All securities purchased by the City of Swartz Creek under this section shall be properly designated as an asset of the City and held in safekeeping by a third party custodial bank or other third party custodial institution, chartered by the United States government or the State of Michigan, and no withdrawal

of such securities, in whole or in part, shall be made from safekeeping except by the Investment Officer as authorized herein, or by respective designees.

Internal controls will also encompass at a minimum the additional issues:

separation of functions including transaction authority from accounting and record-keeping, delegation of authority to subordinate staff members written confirmation of telephone transactions, specific guidelines regarding securities losses and remedial action, documentation of decisions made at the committee level and avoidance of physical delivery securities. Further all confirming written transactions shall be signed by the Investment Officer or Finance Director.

3. Delivery vs. Payment – all trades will be executed by delivery vs. payment to ensure that securities are deposited in an eligible financial institution prior to release of funds. Securities will be held by a third-party custodian as evidenced by safekeeping receipts.

The City of Swartz Creek will execute third party custodial agreement(s) with its bank(s) and depository institution(s). Such agreements will include letters of authority from the City of Swartz Creek, details as to responsibilities of each party, notification of security purchases, sales, delivery, repurchase agreements and wire transfers, safekeeping and transactions costs, procedures in case of wire failure or other unforeseen mishaps including liability of each party.

## **VIII. AUTHORIZED AND SUITABLE INVESTMENTS**

1. The City of Swartz Creek is empowered by State statute (1988 Public Act 239, M.C.L. 129.91) to invest in the following types of securities:

a. Bond, securities, and other obligations of the United States, or an agency or instrumentality of the United States including securities issued or guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association;

b. Certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a bank which is a member of the federal deposit insurance corporation or a savings and loan which is a member of the federal savings and loan insurance corporation or a credit union which is insured by the national credit union administration, but only if the bank, savings and loan or credit union is eligible to be a depository of surplus funds belonging to the state under section 5 or 6 of Act No. 105 of the Public Acts of 1855, as amended;

c. In United States government of federal agency obligation repurchase agreements.

d. In banker's acceptances of United States banks;

e. Mutual funds registered under the investment company act of 1940, title I of chapter 686, 54 Stat. 789, 15 U.S.C. 80a-1 to 80a-3 and 80a-4 to 80a-64, with the authority to purchase only investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by the City. This authorization is limited to securities whose intention is to maintain a net asset value of \$1.00 per share.

f. Investment pools through an inter-ocal agreement under the urban cooperation act of 1967, 1967 (Excess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 to 124.512. All of the pools are limited to investments described in Sections a-f.

g. Investment pools organized under the surplus funds investment pool act, 1982 PA 367, 129.111 to 129.118. All of the pools are limited to investments described in Sections a-f.

2. The Investment Officer is restricted to investments that meet the statutory restrictions above and limitations on security issues and issuers as detailed below:

a. Repurchase agreements shall be negotiated only with dealers or financial institutions with whom the City has negotiated a Master Repurchase Agreement or with the City of Swartz Creek's primary bank. Repurchase Agreements must be signed with the bank or dealer and must continue provisions similar to those outlined in the Public Security Association's model Master Repurchase Agreement.

b. Certificates of Deposit shall be purchased only from financial institutions, which qualify under Michigan law and are consistent with Opinion No. 6168, Opinions of the Attorney General (1982).

c. To the extent possible, the investing officer will attempt to match investments with anticipated cash flow requirements. Specific City Council approval is necessary for investments exceeding eighteen months. Unless matched to a specific cash flow requirement, the City of Swartz Creek will not directly invest in securities maturing more than 10 years from the date of purchase. No more than 25 percent of the City of Swartz Creek's total investment portfolio shall be placed in securities maturing in more than 10 years. No more than 50 percent of investment vehicles maturing in any given month shall be of non-liquid nature (non-negotiable CD's, commercial paper, etc.)

d. No more than 50 percent of any one fund's surplus operating cash may be invested in commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the 2 highest classifications established by not less than 2 standard rating services and which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; Commercial Paper held in the portfolio which subsequently receives a reduced rating shall be closely

monitored and sold immediately if the principal invested may otherwise be jeopardized.

e. Investments will be diversified by security type and institutions. With the exception of U.S. treasury securities and authorized investment pools (as a long-term investment program), no more than 50 percent of the total investment portfolio will be invested in a single security type or with a single financial institution. With the exception of using affiliates of the major Banking Institute and upon receipt of written confirmation that funds are fully insured when held by the affiliates.

Excluding the Property Tax Bank Account, with 100 percent of funds being deposited with the City of Swartz Creek's major Banking Institute with monies in the checking and Municipal Governmental Cash Investment Fund to be liquid and transferable to the respective taxing agencies on a biweekly basis during the tax collection period.

Excluding amounts pooled in the Commercial Sweep Account and held for less than 91 days which will remain liquid and transferable to meet financial obligations associated with daily operations.

## **IX. CASH MANAGEMENT**

The City of Swartz Creek's Policy regarding cash management is based upon the realization that there is a time-value to money. Temporarily idle cash may be invested for a period of one day to an excess of one year depending upon when the money is needed. Accordingly, the Finance Director shall prepare a written cash management procedure which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

Cash Forecast: At least annually, a cash forecast shall be prepared using expected revenue sources and items of expenditure to project cash requirements over the fiscal year. The forecast shall be updated from time to time to identify the probable investment balances that will be available.

Pooled Cash: Except for cash in certain restricted and special accounts, the investment officer may pool cash of various funds to maximize investment earnings. Investment income shall be allocated to the various funds based upon their respective participation.

## **X. INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE AND REPORTING**

All investment transactions shall be recorded in the various funds of the City of Swartz Creek in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as declared by the Government Accounting Standards Board.

The Investment Officer shall submit a semi-annual investment report to the City Manager that provides the principal and type of investment, annualized

yield, earnings for the period, market price and a summary report of cash and investments maintained in each financial institution.

Performance of the portfolio shall be reported periodically and submitted to the City Manager. Reports shall include details of the characteristics of the portfolio as well as its performance for that period. Reports shall be submitted at a minimum on an annual basis. Material deviations from projected investment strategies shall be reported immediately to the city manager.

## **XI. INVESTMENT POLICY ADOPTION**

The City of Swartz Creek investment policy shall be adopted by resolution of the City of Swartz Creek legislative authority. Modifications made at any time or when necessitated by State statutory revision must be approved by the legislative authority of the City of Swartz Creek. Investments conforming to the investment policy guidelines prior to any amendatory act are hereby validated.

## **XII. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORY**

The Swartz Creek City Council designates the following banking-financial institutions and their affiliates as depositories for City funds:

Ann Arbor Commerce Bank  
Bank of America  
Bank of Holland (Michigan)  
Bank of Northern Michigan  
Blissfield State Bank  
Byron Center State Bank, Michigan  
Chelsea State Bank  
Chemical Bank  
Citizens Bank  
Comerica Bank  
Community Shores Bank – Muskegon  
Dart Bank  
Fifth Third Bank  
Federated Investors  
First National Bank Howell  
Financial Plus Federal Credit Union  
Flagstar Bank – Troy  
Founders Bank & Trust  
H & R Block Financial Services  
Hillsdale County National Bank  
JP Morgan Chase  
Macatawa Bank  
MBIA “Class” Client Services  
Mercantile Bank  
Merrill Lynch  
Multi-Bank Securities

National City Bank  
Portage Commerce Bank  
Sagelink Credit Union  
Smith Barney Citigroup  
Sterling Bank & Trust Co.  
Sturgis Bank & Trust Company  
Tri-County Bank  
West Michigan National Bank & Trust  
Wolverine Bank

Discussion Took Place.

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

**Council Organizational Activities: General Council Operating Procedures**

**Resolution No. 081110-08**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Hurt  
Second by Councilmember Hicks

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council adopt the Designation of Publication and the General Council Operating Procedures, as follows:

**DESIGNATION OF PLACE OF PUBLICATION**

The Swartz Creek City Council designates The Flint Journal, The Swartz Creek News and the Advisor as newspapers in general circulation for publication of legal notices of the City of Swartz Creek. Additionally, the City designates the City website at [www.cityofswartzcreek.org](http://www.cityofswartzcreek.org) as electronic posting locations for City Publications.

**GENERAL COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES**

**MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

All Council meetings except otherwise allowed by law shall be open to the public and shall be subject to the provisions of Act 267 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

**REGULAR MEETINGS**

The Council shall hold regular meetings at least two times per month. A twelve-month schedule of meetings preceding each fiscal year shall be adopted by the Council, on or before the last meeting in June.

**SPECIAL MEETINGS**

A. Special meetings may be called by the City Clerk on the written request of the Mayor, City Manager, or any two (2) Councilmembers, by providing each

Councilmember and the City Manager with eighteen (18) hours written notice served personally or left at his usual place of residence, or as applicable by The Open Meetings Act or other such statute.

- B. The written notice shall include the date, hour, meeting place, and the purpose for which the Special Meeting was called, and shall include related material where possible.
- C. Any special meeting at which all members of the Council are present or have waived notice thereof in writing shall be a legal meeting for all purposes.
- D. Business transacted at any special meeting shall be limited to subjects recited in the notice of such meetings.

### **QUORUM OF COUNCIL**

Four members of the Council shall be a quorum for the transaction of business at all Council meetings. In the absence of a quorum, any number of members less than a quorum may adjourn any regular or special meeting to a later date or may compel the attendance of absent members (ref City Charter, Chapter 5, Section 5.5(c))

A majority of the full Council, or a  $\frac{2}{3}$  "super" majority, where required, shall be necessary for the passage of any question before it (i.e. four (4) votes being a majority, or five (5) votes being a "super" majority where required. Ref City Charter Chapter 5, Section 5.12(c)).

### **MAINTAINING ORDER**

Councilmembers shall preserve order and shall do nothing to interrupt or delay the proceedings of Council.

### **COUNCILMEMBER'S RIGHT TO SPEAK**

- A. Right to Speak - The Mayor, or in his/her absence, the Mayor Pro-Tem, will have the responsibility to recognize a Councilmember's right to speak before the body.
- B. Discussion - A Councilmember may discuss any one subject in its order on the agenda for a maximum of five (5) minutes. After all Councilmembers who wish to speak have exercised their right to speak on the subject, a Councilmember may be heard a second time for a maximum of five (5) minutes. With the consent of a majority of Council, a Councilmember may be permitted to speak for a longer period of time.
- C. Privilege of Closing Discussion - The Councilmember moving the adoption of an Ordinance or Resolution shall have the privilege of closing the discussion after all Members wishing to speak on the subject have had the opportunity.
- D. The City Manager may speak on any subject before Council. He may answer questions about the administration of the municipality or he may ask another administrative officer to answer for him. All questions about internal operation of the municipal corporation shall be directed to the City Manager.

- E. Right to Appeal - Councilmember shall have the right to appeal from a decision of the Chair. A majority of Council will determine the matter.

### **RIGHT TO SPEAK UNINTERRUPTED**

A Member duly recognized shall be allowed to speak on the topic under discussion for the prescribed time and may be interrupted if a point of order is raised. If the Councilmember is judged to be out of order, he must change his remarks or surrender his right to continue speaking.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The order of business at regular council meetings is as follows. Deviation is permissible when special circumstances warrant so.

1. Call to Order:
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:
3. Roll Call:
4. Approve Minutes, Previous Meeting:
5. Approve Agenda:
6. Reports & Communications To Council:
7. Meeting Opened to the Public:
8. Business:
9. Meeting Opened to the Public:
10. Remarks by Councilmembers:
11. Adjournment:

Note: Each Report on the Agenda, where necessary, will have an abstract after the title.

### **PREPARATION OF AGENDA**

- A. The Agenda will be prepared by the City Manager with the assistance of the City Clerk.
- B. Material for the Agenda will be submitted to the City Clerk by Wednesday prior to the regular meeting.
- C. The finished Agenda for a regularly scheduled meeting, with associated material, shall be delivered to each Councilmember no less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS**

- A. All Motions and Resolutions, whenever possible, shall be pre-written and in the positive, meaning yes is approved and no is defeated. All motions shall require support. The Mayor will assign, by rotation, the reading of motions & resolutions. A Councilmember whom reads/moves for a motion may oppose, argue against or vote no on the motion.
- B. To Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn is out of order under the following conditions:

1. When a vote is being taken.
2. If a person is speaking.
3. If the previous questions are ordered.
4. If repeated without the intervention of additional business.
5. Prior to midnight if all items on the agenda have not been completed.

An unqualified motion to adjourn shall not be debatable.

#### C. To Lay Question on the Table

A motion to lay on the table is not debatable and precludes amendments or debate on the subject under consideration. A motion to lay on the table cannot be reconsidered. A motion to take a subject from the table is not debatable.

#### D. Motion Asking for Previous Question

This motion is not debatable. When the previous question is called for there shall be no further amendments or debate and pending amendments shall be taken in their order before the main questions. A  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote is required.

#### E. To Postpone To Another Time

This motion is debatable and may be amended as to time. All debate must be confined to its merit only and cannot go into the main question except for debate of the immediately pending question.

#### F. To Refer to Committee or Individual

This is debatable.

#### G. Amendments

##### 1. Ordinance

An Ordinance may be amended when not in the hands of a City Board or Commission. If any section of an ordinance is amended after reading, the amended section will be read again.

##### 2. Amendments

An amendment may be amended, but further amendments are out of order. Any amendment must be germane to original motion.

#### H. Motion to be Stated by the Chair.

When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Chair before debate. All main motions shall be in written form if requested by a Member of the Council.

#### I. Withdrawal of Motion

1. A motion may be withdrawn by the person making the motion with the consent of the person seconding the motion if debate has not begun.

2. A motion may be withdrawn after debate with consent of the majority of Council.

## **PUBLIC ADDRESS OF COUNCIL**

The public shall be allowed to address the Council under the following conditions:

1. Each person who wishes to address the Council will be first recognized by the Mayor and requested to state his / her name and address.
2. Individuals shall be allowed five (5) minutes to address the Council, unless special permission is otherwise requested and granted by the Mayor.
3. There shall be no questioning of speakers by the audience; however, the Council, upon recognition of the Mayor, may question the speaker.
- 4. No one shall be allowed to address the Council more than once unless special permission is requested, and granted by the Mayor.**
5. One spokesperson for a group attending together will be allowed five (5) minutes to address the Council unless special permission has been requested, and granted by the Mayor.
6. Those addressing the Council shall refrain from being repetitive of information already presented.
7. All comments and / or questions shall be directed to and through the Mayor.
8. Public Hearings. The Mayor may invoke the circulation and posting of the following rules for public hearings when, at his / her discretion, time or attendance numbers warrant its use:

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK**

Public Hearings are held for the purpose of allowing community input on a specific piece of City legislation being considered for adoption by the City Council and/or Planning Commission. Citizen's comments will be considered by the Council/Commission in their deliberations following the closure of the public hearing.

Procedure shall be as per the following:

Public remarks shall be limited to 5 minutes. An extra minute may be allowed by the chair for that person to conclude their statement.

No person may delegate his or her time or the balance of his or her time to another individual.

Remarks shall be restricted to the topic of the hearing.

No person may speak again until all others wishing to speak have had their turn.

Remarks must be directed to the Council/Commission and not to the public body.

Speakers need not to be a citizen of the City of Swartz Creek.

Questions asked of the Council/Commission are not usually answered at this time, as it is the public's occasion to speak. However, the chair may rule that either a member of the Council/Commission or a member of City Staff may make a response, following the query.

Decorum shall be maintained.

Crude, lewd and/or profane speech is not permitted. Removal of the individual using this type of language will be immediately.

## **MAYOR**

The Council, at its first regular meeting following a regular city election, shall elect one of its members mayor for a term of two (2) years. The mayor shall preside at meetings of the Council, shall be the chief executive officer of the City insofar as required by law, and for all ceremonial purposes and shall have a vote on all matters, but no administrative duties or veto power. The Mayor shall sign ordinances, deeds, bonds, contracts and other such instruments as may require authentication under the provision of law and when authorized by the Council to do so. The Mayor shall perform only such duties as shall be specifically conferred or required by law.

## **MAYOR PRO-TEM**

The Council shall choose one of its members Mayor Pro-Tem who shall act in the temporary absence or disability of the Mayor.

The Mayor Pro-Tem shall succeed to the office of Mayor in the case of a vacancy in the office of Mayor. The senior member of the Council from the standpoint of continuous service shall then act as Mayor Pro-Tem. As between persons of equal seniority, the person who received the highest number of votes at the time of his last election shall sit.

## **COMMITTEES**

- A. The Mayor, with the advice and consent of Council, may appoint temporary committees whose membership may include persons not on Council.
- B. Committees will be appointed to study specific matters and a time limit shall be placed on the length of the study. The committee will make a report to the Council at the predetermined time. All committee reports upon which action is expected shall be in written form and copies shall be available to each member of Council.

## **VOTING RECORD OF COUNCIL**

A vote upon all proposed ordinances and resolutions shall be taken by "YES" and "NO" vote and the vote of each Councilmember entered upon the journal, except that where the vote is unanimous it shall be necessary only to so state.

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

A Councilmember shall not vote on any question in which the Councilmember shall have a direct personal financial interest, other than as a citizen of the community,

but on all other questions the Councilmember shall vote, unless excused there from by a vote of at least six (6) of the members of Council.

### **MEETING MINUTES**

A record shall be kept of all meetings and the actions taken at these meetings. The names of members present and those absent shall be part of the minutes. There shall be a journal of proceedings of all Council meetings, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and to which the Public shall have access at all reasonable times.

### **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

The Chief of Police shall act as Sergeant-at-Arms at Council meetings if so requested to by the Council or City Manager.

### **AMENDMENTS TO RULE OF COUNCIL**

The rules of Council may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of Council. Amending action will become final at the meeting following introduction of the amendment if voted on favorably.

## **TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS:**

A representative of the City is expected to use good judgment regarding the nature and extent of expenses incurred while traveling. Expenses for members of one's family or guests who may accompany, are not reimbursable.

The provisions of this policy shall apply for travel expenditures of all individuals traveling on behalf of the City.

Approved travel for all City Employees shall be at the discretion of the City Manager; provided, funds in the appropriate budget category are available for such purpose. Travel expenses shall be subject to the City's Purchasing Ordinance.

Travel of Councilmembers and Members of City Boards or Committees may be approved by the City Manager; provided, funds in the appropriate budget category are available and budgeted for such purpose. Travel expenses shall be subject to the City's Purchasing Ordinance.

Travel of the City Manager shall be approved by the City Council.

One engaged in travel for benefit of City has a responsibility to keep accurate, substantiated cost records and to submit requests for reimbursement promptly upon return.

### **EXPENSES APPROVED FOR REIMBURSEMENT:**

The following expenses are authorized for reimbursement when an expense report has been submitted which itemizes the actual and necessary expenses related to the travel:

1. Use of personal car shall be reimbursed at the current rate of mileage for the miles driven; except in the instance of the City Manager whose car allowance shall be the remuneration for use of personal vehicle.
2. Use of City car - Expenses incurred such as gas, oil, and repairs.
3. Lodging - Hotel accommodations shall be reimbursed when receipts for all lodging costs are secured. If family members or guests accompany, the reimbursable lodging cost shall be that of a single room.
4. Meals - Reasonable expenses for meals will be reimbursed at actual cost. Receipts for meals are not required, but should be secured when available. Alcoholic beverages are specifically excluded from reimbursable expenses.
5. Local Transportation - Local transportation costs, such as taxi fare (including tips) shall be reimbursed. Parking expense for a personal or City car shall also be included.
6. Registration Fee - Fees for registration at any meeting or convention attended are allowed for reimbursement. A receipt for the registration fee is required.
7. Gratuities - Reasonable expenses for tips are reimbursable and should be reported by day.

Discussion Took Place.

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

**Police Department Donation, Swartz Creek Women's Club**

**Resolution No. 081110-09**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Binder  
Second by Councilmember Hurt

**I Move** the City of Swartz Creek accept a donation of \$400, from the Swartz Creek Women's Club, \$300 to be used for police youth projects and \$100 to offset the cost of the August Bicycle Rodeo's banner advertisement costs.

Discussion Ensued.

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

**Boards & Commissions, Appoint Citizen Representative to Fire Board**

**Resolution No. 081110-10**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Krueger  
Second by Councilmember Shumaker

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Mayors appointment of Rick Clolinger, 8100-A Civic Drive, 635-4401, as the City's Citizen Representative, to the Swartz Creek Area Fire Board, two-year term to run from November 10, 2008 through November 8, 2010.

YES: Hurt, Krueger, Porath Shumaker, Abrams, Binder.  
NO: Hicks. Motion Declared Carried.

**Boards & Commissions, Appoint Citizen Representative to Fire Board**

**Resolution No. 081110-11**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Porath  
Second by Councilmember Hurt

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Mayors appointment of Ray Thornton, 5367 Greenleaf Drive, 635-9205, as the City's Citizen Representative, to the Swartz Creek Area Fire Board, two-year term to run from November 10, 2008 through November 8, 2010.

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

**Boards & Commissions, Appoint Council Representative to Fire Board**

**Resolution No. 081110-12**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Shumaker  
Second by Mayor Pro-Tem Porath

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Mayors appointment of Councilmember C. David Hurt, 9214 Chesterfield Drive, 635-7706, as the City's Council Representative, to the Swartz Creek Area Fire Board, two-year term to run from November 10, 2008 through November 8, 2010.

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

**Boards & Commissions, Appoint Citizen Swing Representative to Fire Board**

**Resolution No. 081110-13**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Hicks  
Second by Councilmember Hurt

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Mayors appointment of A. Boots Abrams, 5352 Greenleaf Drive, 635-9224, as the City's Citizen Swing Representative, to the Swartz Creek Area Fire Board, for the remainder of a one year term vacated by the re-appointment of Ray Thornton, original term of April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009, term to run from November 10, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

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

**Bid Award, Tree Removal & Trimming Services**

**Resolution No. 081110-14**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Binder  
Second by Councilmember Hurt

**I Move** the City of Swartz Creek accept the low bid of Mitchell's Tree Removal, of Lennon Michigan, for the removal and trimming of trees upon City property and rights of way, pricing in accordance with the bid specifications and returns as attached, and further, authorize a contractor's agreement with Mitchell's for all such work.

Discussion Ensued.

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

**Bid Award, Brush Chipping Services**

**Resolution No. 081110-15**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Hurt  
Second by Councilmember Binder

**I Move** the City of Swartz Creek accept the low bid of Clear View Tree Service, of Gaines Michigan, for brush chipping services that exceed the capabilities of the City's Staff, pricing in accordance with the bid specifications and returns as attached, being \$60 per hour, and further, authorize a contractor's agreement with Clear View for all such work.

Discussion Took Place.

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

**Disposal of Bicycle Impound Inventory, Police Department**

**Resolution No. 081110-16**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Hurt  
Second by Councilmember Krueger

**I Move** the City of Swartz Creek approve the bicycle impound inventory disposal as proposed in the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 memorandum from Lt. Rick Deshano to Chief Rick Clolinger.

Discussion Ensued.

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

**MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

Bruce Beatty, 1118 S. Morrish Road, congratulated the new council members. Mr. Beatty was just elected Clayton Township Supervisor. He introduced Chuck Shinowskis as Clayton Township Trustee and Natalie Dennings who is the Treasurer for Clayton Township. Mr. Beatty stated that they are looking forward to working with the Council in the future.

**REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Councilmember Hurt welcomed the new Council members. He stated that the City Manager's suggestion for the elected official's cabinet program through the MML is a very effective program and he urged the new members to get into it.

Councilmember Binder advised the Council that she would not be at the November 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting due to a prior commitment with the Fair Winds Girl Scout Council.

Councilmember Hicks also welcomed the new members.

Councilmember Shumaker urged the new members to take the MML classes. Mr. Shumaker welcomed the new members.

Councilmember Krueger thanked everyone who worked on the elections. He stated that he was very proud of how efficient it was. Mr. Krueger stated that he appreciated being able to go door to door during the election process and meet people. Mr. Krueger encouraged all of the councilmembers to go door to door and meet the residents.

Mayor Pro-Tem Porath agreed with Councilmember Krueger about going out and meeting the residents. Mr. Porath congratulated the new Clayton Township board members.

Mayor Abrams gave his appreciation to everyone who voted for him and to the Council for electing him Mayor again. Mayor Abrams gave kudos to City Clerk Aguilar for all of her work on the election.

City Clerk Aguilar thanked everyone who helped on the election. She stated that she could not have done it without everyone who contributed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no objection, Mayor Abrams declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Richard Abrams, Mayor

Juanita Aguilar, City Clerk