

City of Northville
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2014

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m. in the City of Northville Municipal Building, City Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Christopher Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem James Allen, Councilmembers Nancy Darga, Ryan McKindles, and Sam Ekong

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Patrick Sullivan and City Clerk Dianne Massa.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Citizens Comments None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Johnson disclosed that he is a member of the Northville Educational Foundation. He would request recusal if City Council determined his membership was a conflict of interest pertaining to the Support Resolution for the Northville Educational Foundation to obtain a Charitable Gaming License from the State of Michigan. City Council did not see this as a conflict of interest.

Motion Darga, seconded by Allen to adopt the agenda and consent agenda as presented:

Approve City Council Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting of October 6, 2014

Receive Bills List: Checks #90207 to #90361, EFT #500184, Checks #90362 to #90468, Checks #90469 to #90636, EFT's #500185, #500186

Receive Board and Commission Minutes:

- Beautification Commission: 9/9/14

- Housing Commission: 5/14/14, 6/11/14, 7/15/14, 8/4/14

Receive Departmental Reports:

- Youth Assistance: 10/14

Board and Commission Appointments:

- Historic District Commission: Appoint Mario Tartaglia to fill a vacancy with a term expiration of 01/01/15

Support Resolution / Northville Educational Foundation / Charitable Gaming License

Request to Place Signs and Conduct Food Pick Up Program / Cub Scouts

Proclamation / Childhood Cancer Awareness Week / November 23-29, 2014

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Mayor and Council Communications

Darga voiced concern with the Hutton Street paving project. Items of concern pertained to:

- Low fee for engineering professional services that appears to not cover the necessary inspections and oversight needed for this project. The lowest bidder was not good for this project.
- No vigilant inspections.
- No sub-grade material used in the watermain and sewer portion of this project.
- Existing grade, no new base, evidence of cracked and heaved asphalt base course.
- Sidewalks must go through driveways according to ADA codes.
- Concern with 8% cross pitch near Ford Field. This could have been regraded and flattened. Must not exceed 2% per ADA codes.
- Crosswalks do not align; there is no way for handicapped to safely cross.
- Guard rail in the middle of a walkway.
- No expansion joint near the telephone pole. Concrete will crack and break apart.
- Concern with watermain break that occurred during the project as the pavement no longer touches the ground and is “wavy.”
- Near the bridge, the pavement is stony and pock-marked. It appears the pavement was not completely rolled out.
- Concern the road will not last more than 10 years.

While everything is fixable, there will be an additional cost to do so. Most of the problems should have been addressed by the inspector before the pavement was laid. The engineer should be held financially responsible for non-ADA compliance by Ford Field. The City Manager was directed to bring these concerns to the attention of the Director of Public Works.

Allen questioned why the City requires new house construction to install sidewalk, yet the City does not have an ordinance to require new house construction to install street trees (at the builder/homeowner’s expense) if street tree is not already on the right-of-way. Most communities do require this. Novi was cited as a community with an ordinance that bases the street tree installation on lot width.

B. Staff Communications None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment: 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Massa, CMC
City Clerk

Christopher J. Johnson
Mayor

Approved as submitted: 11/3/14