

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Jim Rundborg called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Dave Hunsaker, Ray Knick, Jim Lancaster, Tony Stoker, and Sheryl Strouse
Council Members Excused: Sue Erickson

STAFF:

Lisa Grysen, Larry Jerue, Dan Matson, and Chris Olson

AUDIENCE: Kyle Jonas, Karen Jonas, Kevin Feuka (C2AE), and Randy Roost (LBWL)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Knick, seconded by Lancaster and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the agenda be approved as presented.**

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Kyle Jonas Proclamation: Mayor Rundborg presented Kyle Jonas a Certificate of Recognition for his achievements and service completed for the rank of Eagle Scout.

2. Water Distribution Master Plan-Lansing Board of Water and Light: Randy Roost from the Lansing Board of Water and Light (LBWL) was present to discuss the attached water system annual report to Council. The contract between the LBWL and the City requires that the LBWL annually appear before Council and provide an update on the water system condition

In each report the LBWL makes recommendations regarding infrastructure improvements. The LBWL is not suggesting any critical changes or modifications to the water distribution system this year. Highlighted items include:

- Sufficient flow and pressure for firefighting needs
- Annual Hydrant inspection and maintenance
- Customer Service Calls
- Cross connection controls / Backflow Preventers
- Water quality
- Infrastructure review

Motion by Stoker, seconded by Hunsaker and carried by unanimous vote of the **Council to receive and file the 2009 Water Distribution Master Plan Update prepared by Lansing Board of Water and Light**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Strouse , seconded by Hunsaker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the minutes for the March 2, 2010 Regular City Council Meeting be approved as presented.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Chris Olson, City Administrator, reported on the following:

Board of Review – there were 28 persons who came to the Board of Review sessions. The present taxable valuation is \$143,469,608, slightly higher than what Gail predicted.

Clinton County Road Commission – I attended a meeting at CCRC about their millage proposal on March 4. CCRC plans to utilize millage proceeds for the resurfacing of the County's primary roads. They presented a PASER report which showed that their roads are in 60% good-to-fair condition, with 40% in poor shape (our roads are 70%/30%). The millage as proposed would raise about \$2 million per year for County roads and about \$575,000 for cities and villages. I anticipate that there will be more information forthcoming from the Road Commission as they define their communications. I believe there is a need, but the timing of the request is difficult.

SCCMUA – I participated in the interviews of 5 candidates for the operations director position. SCCMUA is proceeding with its hiring process.

Sign Policy for Parks – Clay Summers of DARA has looked at a sponsorship/sign sales for outfield fences as a means to raise alternative funds for recreational programming. This is something he did at Kentwood and enjoyed some success. In discussions with Clay and Rod Taylor, the Township is also looking at this as a means to bring in funds to offset its parks expenses. In the discussions, the issues of sign appropriateness, aesthetics, fees, fund-sharing (between DARA and the respective local unit where the signs are located), etc., are being examined. As a policy matter, there is a question as to whether this would be desirable for the parks, and the impact on zoning (off-site advertising). I can provide further detail at the meeting on this if there is a desire to examine this potential new revenue source.

DPS Community Education/Recreation – It is my understanding that there is some desire by DPS to transfer some of their community education/recreation/events to the City and Township via DARA. There are conversations and information exchanges at different levels that need to occur. I am currently looking at the fiscal ramifications, although we do not have very good cost information on a program basis from the school system to see if this is viable. I will provide further information as this becomes available.

Wildflower Meadows – Rob Nesbitt, Kevin Feuka and I met to go over the remaining issues at Wildflower Meadows in light of the plat approval and stormwater management matters. Additionally, Dan Matson is looking into the various easement issues.

Census – Citizens will be receiving information on the 2010 census count. City Hall has a number of items that were provided by census personnel. This is important to the City in terms of revenue-sharing.

DDA/Michigan Main Street – The City's letter of interest for the MMS Associate-level program was accepted by the Michigan Main Street staff and a six page, 33-item application form was sent out. It is due by May 7 for the Associate level program.

811 Elmwood – LBWL is meeting with Rich and I at 4 pm on March 16 to discuss the process issues on water service installations.

Code Enforcement matters – These matters are all “caught up” with the building owners at this point. A letter will be going out to Mr. Nottage and his structural engineer relative to being more specific with the timetable as well as apprising them of the DDA’s upcoming façade grant program.

Downtown Design Guidelines – Last call for document changes!

Street work grant application – due to MDOT bidding requirements, it looks like this project will not occur until Fall, if the funding is approved. Design plans are still underway.

MML Capital Conference – the MML has announced the annual Spring program to meet with legislators is set for April 13-14. Please let Sue Williams know if you would like to be registered.

MML Regional meeting – May 19, at the Retreat Center here in DeWitt.

Other Work – Several other smaller projects, follow-ups and other work mentioned in prior reports is still ongoing. The series of annual reports from boards and commissions will continue.

March/April Dates to Keep in Mind

Tuesday, Mar. 16 – SCCMUA meeting, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, Mar. 16 – Council meeting, 7 pm

Tuesday, Mar. 23 – Special Council (Finance Committee) meeting, if desired.

Thursday, Mar. 25 – Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm

Tuesday, Apr. 6 – Council meeting, 7 pm

Tuesday, Apr. 13 – DDA meeting, 7:30 am

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Master Plan Rejection:** An amended resolution which re-affirms the Council’s desire to reject the August 2009 draft of the master plan has been prepared. The prior resolution had addressed specific objections to aspects of the master plan, but did not come out and directly state that the August 2009 master plan was rejected in its entirety due to those objections.

At the prior Council meeting, the vote to affirm this resolution was 3-2 in favor of affirmation, but not the 2/3 major necessary for approval.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Strouse and failed by roll call vote of the Council to **approve the attached resolution which specifically rejects the August 2009 master plan.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Knick	Yes	Hunsaker	Yes
	Lancaster	No	Stoker	No
	Strouse	Yes	Erickson	Excused

NEW BUSINESS:

None

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS:

- DARE Graduation will be on March 24, 2010 at 1:00 pm. This will be held at Herbison Woods School.
- The Oaks pond has vegetation starting to grow on the sides of the pond.
- Receiving 2 laptop computers for use on Election Day (electronic poll books) from a HAVA grant.
- Still in the running for the North Bridge Street and Riverbank Stabilization grants.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Knick, seconded by Stoker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **this meeting be adjourned at 8:09 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Gysen
City Clerk-Treasurer

James Rundborg
Mayor