

City of Stanton
Regular Meeting
October 25, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Tissue-Daws.

Commissioners present: Kroneck, Timiney, Burris, Petersen and Burns. Absent Smucker.,

A motion was made to approve the minutes to the September 27, 2010 minutes with corrections and be re-submitted at the November 8th meeting. 5 yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

October 11, 2010 meeting –No Quorum

A motion was made by Kroneck and supported by Burris to approve the minutes to the Special Meeting on October 14, 2010 meeting as submitted. 5 yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments:

Denise Stemic, Mid Michigan Compassion Club member talk in support of the purchase of the old Ford Garage.

Judy Guevara discussed dumpsters in the South city parking lot.

Carl Yoder discussed sewer backup.

David Overholt stated he was glad there was new participation in City government.

Terry Blum discussed resolution to investigate the DPW.

Ron Blum also discussed investigation.

Ken Burris address commission regarding allegations from Krantz that he could not be a member of the committee.

Judy Blum addresses the commission regarding the investigation and charter.

Todd Barkley questioned why the fire dept can't maintain the fire hydrants.

Terry Blum wants new building.

Todd Barkley, discussed traffic on Pine St. and Mill St.

Teresa Stearns regarding traffic on E First St.

Terry Blum discussed resolution again.

Judy Blum discussed ball fields.

Loren Krantz stated clerk told him he couldn't be on committee.

Judy Blum discussed Loren being on the committee.

Valerie Gibbons asked that Loren Krantz be on the committee.

Jennifer Blum discussed DPW investigation.

Judy Guevara discussed dumpsters in south parking lot.

Dave Overholt discussed finances.

Jerry Johnson stated Janet's not qualified, discussed brush pick up.

Mike Stearns discussed recreational fires.

Judy Blum discussed hydrant flushing.

Terry Blum discussed copy machines.

A motion was made by Kroneck and supported by Petersen to approve the Clerk/Treasurer report. 5 yes. 0 NO. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kroneck and supported by Petersen to pay bills.

A motion was made by Kroneck and supported by Petersen to set public hearing for proposed amended Ordinance 179, fire charge ordinance.

Kroneck stated that the investigation is going to move ahead.

Citizens Comments:

It was reported that the Fund Balance for the General Fund was \$1,143,101.12

A motion was made and supported to have trick or treat on Sunday October 31, 2010 from 5:00- 7:00 pm. 5 yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Petersen and supported by Kroneck approve following resolution.

Whereas, that in accordance to Stanton City Charter VII Section 7.1 regular meetings the City Commission shall provide by resolution for the time and place of its regular meeting and shall hold two such meetings each month and

Whereas, the Commissioners want the starting time for the meeting moved from 5 pm to 7pm and

Whereas, the effective date for this change will be Monday, November 8, 2010 and

Whereas, we give this reason for the change, many of our tax payers and citizens are still working at 5pm;

Now, Therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Commissioners of the City of Stanton: That the City clerk advertises the new time on the internet and in the Greenville Daily News.

4 yes. Timiney No. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Burriss and supported by Kroneck to approve the following resolution.

I offer the following resolution to request the City attorney submit a legal judgment of our City Charter, Chapter VII Section & 7.7 Investigations:

Whereas, that this resolution is in accordance to the City Charter, chapter V Section 5.8 the City attorney shall report to and be under the supervision of the commission and shall perform all other duties prescribed by law, ordinance, or the mayor and

Whereas, commissioners requested that the City attorney has the written legal opinion available for review at the next regular scheduled meeting on November 8th 2010 at 7 PM. The meeting is held in the community room at the City Hall and

Whereas, the commission wants a discussion regarding City Charter, Chapter VII Section 7.7 and

Now, Therefore,

Be it resolved that the City Commissioners may retain special legal counsel assist the city attorney or to handle any matters in which the city has an interest.

5 Yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Burriss and supported by Petersen to adopt the following resolution:

I offer the following resolution to remove Janet Davis from the position of Director of Public Works.

Whereas, that this resolution is in accordance to the City Charter, Chapter 5 Section 5.6 and

Whereas, November 8th, 2010 will be her last day as the director of public works and

Whereas, the commission does not want Janet or anyone else who already has several appointive positions with the city to be in charge of the DPW and

Whereas, actions by Janet with the DPW employees in the last few weeks has shown ample proof that she is not qualified to direct this department and

Whereas, she should have never been appointed to that position, her clerk/treasurer job did not qualify her to become, Director of Public Works and

Whereas, her removal will allow the city to hire a more qualified DPW Director who has done this type of work before and

Whereas, a more qualified person will improve DPW services to the city and

Now, Therefore

Be it resolved that the City Commissioners are removing Janet Davis as Director of the Department of Public Works

Be it Further Resolved that the City Commission will establish compensation for any newly hired city employee, according to Chapter 5 Section 5.6

3 Yes. Burns and Timiney No. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments:

Karl Yoder discussed sewer backup.

David Overholt discussed budget

Judy Blum discussed a dog running loose.

Ron Finegood suggests a petition be done for a dangerous dog.

Terry Blum would like copy of ordinance at library.

Judy Guevara discussed dumpsters. A motion was made by Petersen and supported by Burris to have the staff look at the fence and replace the fence around the dumpster. 5 yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

Teresa Stearns wanted notice before hydrants are flush.

A motion was made by Petersen and supported by Kroneck to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourning at 6:55 pm. Next meeting will be held on November 8, 2010 at 7:00 pm immediately following the Public Hearing on the Fire Charge Ordinance.

Monica Tissue-Daws, Mayor
Janet Davis, Clerk