

COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 10, 2008

A meeting of the Council was held on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following were present: Councilmember Clark, Denner, Robson, Theokas, Grano and Mayor Heenan

Also present: Dale Krajniak, City Manager, Jane M. Blahut, Finance Director/Clerk and Herold McC. Deason, City Attorney

Excused Absence: Councilmember Kennedy

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 11, 2008

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the minutes of February 11, 2008 be approved as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Councilmember Grano to approve the minutes of February 11, 2008 be approved as presented.

AYES: Councilmember Clark, Denner, Robson, Theokas, Grano and Mayor Heenan

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Kennedy

LIVING FENCE ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION

Mr. Louiselle presented a draft ordinance for a “living fence” to be reviewed and considered for adoption.

City Manager indicated the Planning Commission recommended additional language to clarify Section 27-131 which applies to maintaining lake front/water view yard as unobstructed and could be clarified to include plant materials.

Motion by Mayor Heenan, supported by Councilmember Clark to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance regarding living fences pertaining to water front properties only.

Councilmember Clark indicated this issue has been discussed in the past and it affects both neighbors. It’s a balance for the neighbor who doesn’t particularly want a 6 foot fence; they plant arborvitaes that can eventually grow quite tall. Lots having water frontage are unique and prohibition limitation should be on lake front properties only.

AYES: Councilmember Clark, Denner, Robson, Theokas, Grano and Mayor Heenan

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Kennedy

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT

Director Hiller presented to Mayor and Council the Public Safety Annual Report for 2007. He indicated index and non-index crimes have been reduced over the past year.

Director Hiller indicated car thefts have risen and indicated the Action Task Force has been aggressively arresting car thieves in our neighborhood and made quite an impact.

Councilmember Clark indicated safety and security of our residents is the most valuable of public services. Training is productive and the results are apparent within the department.

Councilmember Denner indicated the response time in an emergency situation is outstanding.

Councilmember Grano and Robson complimented Director Hiller for a great report.

PUBLIC SAFETY AUTO REPLACEMENT

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the acquisition for replacement vehicles for the Public Safety Department.

The quoted prices are obtained through the Oakland County Purchasing Authority and reflect the lowest quoted prices. We will again participate in the Ford Motor Financial plan that allows for a two year lease on the vehicles.

Three patrol vehicles @ \$20,800	\$62,400.00
Two year lease payment	32,318.83
Overhead light bar/graphics	4,000.00

Motion by Councilmember Denner, supported by Mayor Heenan to approve the lease of the public safety vehicles as presented.

AYES: Councilmember Clark, Denner, Robson, Theokas, Grano and Mayor Heenan

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Kennedy

FINANCE REPORT – FEBRUARY 2008

Councilmember for Finance Theokas presented to Council for consideration the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of February 2008.

City Manager indicated the Foundation has pledged \$175,000 for the Zero Depth Pool at Windmill Pointe Park.

Motion by Councilmember Theokas, supported by Councilmember Clark to approve the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of February 2008 be approved as presented in accordance with Section 2.249 of the Charter.

AYES: Councilmember Clark, Denner, Robson, Theokas, Grano and Mayor Heenan

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Kennedy

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SESSION

Mayor Heenan requested that an Executive Committee Session be held immediately following the regular meeting pursuant to pending litigation.

AYES: Councilmember Clark, Denner, Robson, Theokas, Grano and Mayor Heenan

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Kennedy

With no further business the meeting convened to closed door session.

The meeting reconvened to open door session.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Director Hiller indicated there has been an issue relating to unruly teenagers at Pierce Middle School. He indicated an ordinance is required to better address this issue.

Mayor Heenan directed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance immediately.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.