COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 25, 2014

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, August 25, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Also present: Dale Krajniak, City Manager, Jane M. Blahut, Finance Director/Clerk, and Dennis J. Levasseur, City Attorney, and David Hiller, Director of Public Safety

MINUTES – JULY 28, 2014

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the minutes of July 28, 2014 for approval, as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Denner, supported by Councilmember Theokas, to approve the minutes of July 28, 2014, as presented.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Denner, Robson, Theokas, and Grano, and Mayor Heenan

NAYS: None

CLINTON RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the Clinton River Watershed Council Agreement for Services for storm water education for MS4 storm water permit as presented.

City Manager stated the City is required to participate in the Clinton River Watershed Council as required by the NPDES for the storm/sewer separation. He noted the agreement is for a five year period at $1,800.00 per year.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Robson, to approve the agreement with the Clinton River Watershed Council for a period of five years for $1,800.00 per year.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Denner, Robson, Theokas, and Grano, and Mayor Heenan

NAYS: None

ROCK SALT

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the pricing for rock salt for the 2014/15 winter season.

City Manager stated the State of Michigan Joint Purchasing Program’s salt purchase price is $58.95 for approximately one thousand (1,000) tons this year.
City Manager stated last year the rock salt was acquired at $35.00 per ton and due to the high demands and shortages from 2013/14 winter season; the prices have increased ranging from $58.00 to $82.00 per ton based upon location. Council is asked to approve the salt acquisition through the State program for the upcoming winter season at a price range of $58.00.

Motion by Councilmember Grano, supported by Mayor Heenan, to approve the rock salt bid provided by the State of Michigan Rock Salt Purchasing Program in the amount of $58.00 per ton.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Denner, Robson, Theokas, and Grano, and Mayor Heenan

NAYS: None

BEDFORD FLOODING

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the issue regarding the rain event that caused flooding on Bedford Road.

City Manager stated on August 11, 2014, there was significant rain fall over an extended period of time. Also on August 19, there was 1-1/2 inches of rain fall in a period of 90 minutes. There were homes throughout the city that experienced flooding.

City Manager stated there was a blockage on Bedford and as soon as the lines were jetted, it lowered the levels of water in the impacted basements. He noted the public works televised the line and found the line to be in very good condition.

City Manager stated every house has drain tiles that are located on the outside of their home and when a significant rainfall occurs the water is routed into the sewer lines.

Bedford resident stated he received close to two feet of sewer water in his basement. He immediately submitted a claim to the City’s insurance carrier and received a phone call six hours later stating the insurance claim was denied.

Westchester resident stated he was very involved in the process of the sewer separation that occurred almost twenty years ago. He noted that drain tiles contribute very little to the system. He stated that the greatest contributor to overflow is when downspouts are contributing to the rainfall that gets deposited into the system. With the rainfall that occurred on August 19, 2014 depositing 1-1/2 inches within one hour plus the rainfall from the gutters dumping into the line overtaxed the system and the flow had nowhere else to go but up the drains.

Resident inquired how did the storm line got sewer water into them.

City Manager stated the drain tiles and downspouts are connected to the sewer line. If there is a blockage, the flow has nowhere to go but up the drains.

Bedford resident expressed her disappointment with the possessions which had sentimental value that she lost in the flood that can never be replaced. She urged the City do whatever precautionary maintenance necessary so this never happens again.
City Manager stated he will make sure that the 1000 and 1100 blocks of Bedford are televised regularly to prevent this from happening in the future.

City Manager stated the storm line is and the sewer line are both in very good condition. There is nothing unique about these lines that should have caused the backup, other than a blockage.

City Manager stated the best preventative step is to disconnect your downspouts and snake your lines annually.

Councilmember Arora stated the survey should be completed by an independent engineer.

City Attorney stated he will review case law and the insurance policy held by the City.

Resident inquired if there are emergency funds the City can distribute to assist in the losses the Bedford residents experienced.

City Attorney said that is why homeowners may have flood insurance as a part of their policy and that homeowners should review their policies with their agents.

FINANCE REPORT – JULY, 2014

Councilmember for Finance Theokas presented to Mayor and Council for consideration the invoices exceeding $5,000 for the month of July, 2014, for approval as presented.

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Motion by Councilmember Theokas, supported by Councilmember Robson to approve the invoices exceeding $5,000 for the month of July in accordance with Section 2.249 of the Charter as presented.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Denner, Robson, Theokas, and Grano, and Mayor Heenan
NAYS: None

NEW / OLD BUSINESS

KERCHEVAL:
Lakepointe resident stated the residents should be involved in the development process when it affects residents of the City and those who wish to participate should be permitted to do so.
Mayor Heenan stated Grosse Pointe Park officials are working with Detroit officials to come up with a Master Plan for a conceptual agreement to accomplish our goals collectively. Detroit has offered some possible suggestions.

Lakepointe resident stated their committee would like to be involved in the process.

Mayor Heenan stated the Council was elected to make decisions in the best interest of the City. He stated to please allow the Council to do their job and work with Detroit for the best resolution.

Councilmember Grano stated that once a preliminary plan is put together collectively with Detroit officials, it will be presented to the Planning Commission.

Owner of Shaw’s Books asked if Kercheval will open to direct traffic from Detroit and if the market booth in front of his building going to be removed.

Wayburn resident asked the owner of Shaw’s Books why he is never open yet complains. She indicated in 21 years she has never seen the store open.

Mayor Heenan stated that negotiations are currently underway with Detroit officials and he is not going to commit to anything while negotiations are underway.

Lakepointe resident expressed his appreciation for everything the Council is doing for the Park on Kercheval. He urged the Council to move forward and make sure everyone keeps their promises.

Councilman Spivey of Detroit stated Mayor Duggan does what he says he’s going to do and collectively the two cities can accomplish creating a Master Plan that will be beneficial for both communities.

Lakepointe resident inquired if the planning of the Kercheval development included traffic issues and noted that semi-trucks travel down the side streets at 4:00 in the morning.

Nottingham resident expressed concern of the traffic with the larger trucks traveling down Vernor.

Councilmember Arora indicated the Planning Commission was going to encourage participation without delaying the process.

Councilmember Clark stated that is what the Planning Commission does. This issue will be presented to the Planning Commission and those who are interested in expressing their opinions and ideas may attend those meetings. They are listed on the City website with dates and times.

Balfour resident expressed gratitude to the Council for the great job they are doing. He stated there are over 10,000 residents in the City and those complaining about the Kercheval market represent a very small percentage. He stated they should let the Council do their job.

Mayor Heenan thanked everyone for their comments.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.