#### **OWOSSO CITY COUNCIL**

JULY 1, 2013 7:30 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR BENJAMIN R. FREDERICK

**OPENING PRAYER:** PASTOR DAVID WOODBY

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: MAYOR BENJAMIN R. FREDERICK

PRESENT: Mayor Benjamin R. Frederick, Councilpersons Loreen F. Bailey,

Thomas B. Cook, Michael J. Erfourth, Christopher T. Eveleth and

Burton D. Fox.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pro-Tem Cindy S. Popovitch.

#### **APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Councilperson Eveleth to approve the agenda with the following changes:

Add the following item to the Consent Agenda:

<u>Boards and Commissions Appointments - Addition</u>. Approve the following additional Mayoral boards and commissions appointments:

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires	
Rick McGeehan*	Building Board of Appeals	06-30-2016	
Bradley Kirkland*	Downtown Loan Committee	06-30-2016	
Donald Levi*	Downtown Loan Committee	06-30-2016	

<sup>\*</sup> indicates reappointment

Move Consent Item 7. Bid Award – Jackson Drive Sidewalk Program to Item of Business 3.

Motion supported by Councilperson Fox and concurred in by unanimous vote.

# APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2013

Motion by Councilperson Bailey to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2013 as presented.

Motion supported by Councilperson Eveleth and concurred in by unanimous vote.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2013

Motion by Councilperson Fox to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 24, 2013 as presented.

Motion supported by Councilperson Bailey and concurred in by unanimous vote.

# PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

## **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - CHAPTER 32, TAXATION**

The proposed amendment would contractually oblige the City to abide by the PILOT agreement for the proposed Lincoln House senior housing development.

A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed addition of Section 32-43, <u>Contractual effect</u>, to Chapter 32, <u>Taxation</u>, Article III, *Service Charge in Lieu of Taxes for Certain Housing Development*.

There were no citizen comments.

Whereas, the Council, after due and legal notice, has met and there being no one to be heard, motion by Councilperson Eveleth that the following ordinance be adopted:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 742**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
CHAPTER 32 TAXATION OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
TO PROVIDE FOR A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES
FOR THE LINCOLN HOUSE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Woda Group, also known as the Lincoln House LDHA Limited Partnership, has proposed a 28 unit low income housing development that is to be targeted toward seniors; and

WHEREAS, the project is located at 120 Michigan Avenue, parcel number 050-700-001-008-00, at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Clinton Streets, partially within the former Lincoln School; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso 2012 Master Plan explicitly indicates that this property and structure would be ideally reused as senior housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso City Council has approved the rezoning of this parcel to PUD and subsequently approved the final site plan for the development; and

WHEREAS, the rents for the housing will be controlled for the purpose of creating affordable low income housing for seniors, thereby reducing property revenues; and

WHEREAS, the reuse of this vacant structure and the housing of senior citizens near the downtown has a recognized public purpose; and

WHEREAS, all zoning and site plan approvals required by ordinance have been approved by the city council; and

WHEREAS, additional provisions are required in the ordinance in order to satisfy state requirements for funding this project.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS that Chapter 32, Taxation, Article III, Service Charge in Lieu of Taxes for Certain Housing Developments, Sections 43, of the City of Owosso city code be added as follows:

SECTION 1. ADDITION. That a new Sections 32-43 which reads as follows, shall be adopted:

Sec. 32-43. - Contractual effect.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 15a(5) of the Act (MCL 125.1415a(5), MSA 16.114(15a)(5)), to the contrary, a contract between the city and the sponsor with the authority as third part beneficiary thereunder, to provide tax exemption and accept payments in lieu thereof as previously described is effected by enactment of this article.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. The various sections and provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be severable, and should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any section or provision of this Ordinance other than the section or provision so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 3. INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall become effective July 21, 2013.

SECTION 5. AVAILABILITY. This ordinance may be purchased or inspected in the city clerks' office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Motion supported by Councilperson Erfourth.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilpersons Cook, Eveleth, Fox, Bailey, Erfourth, and Mayor Frederick.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Popovitch.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Marsha Ladd, 735 Lingle Avenue, commented extensively on the proposed historical director position, thanking council and staff for providing her with the information she needed to develop an educated opinion. She indicated that while she was not supportive of a separate tax to cover the wages for the proposed position she was supportive of the concept itself and would be excited to have someone that could work with the schools to better educate our young people on the rich history of Owosso.

Carolyn Mitchem, 1204 Orchard Street, sought clarification on whether the City Manager had the authority to answer her request regarding the removal of a city tree she feels is interfering with her sewer line. She said she felt he had nothing to do with the situation. Mayor Frederick explained the City Manager is the hired administrator for the City and as such his opinion was welcomed, and frequently sought after, by Council.

Eddie Urban, 601 Glenwood Avenue, noted the DNR had recently made changes to their policy for discounting hunting and fishing licenses for disabled veterans making the licenses free to those vets. He indicated he objected to this change as he felt it would reduce the cost of hunting and fishing licenses for people like him at the expense of others.

Mayor Frederick said he was honored to address the assembled fire delegations at the Michigan Fire Fighters Association Annual Meeting held in the City over the weekend. He said he had really enjoyed the atmosphere of camaraderie and cooperation they showed between the teams.

Councilperson Fox provided an update on the Firemen's Memorial saying the pumper truck had recently been delivered to Baker College for mechanical restoration and he was proud to say that upon initial inspection it was felt the truck could be restored to a drivable condition soon.

Councilperson Cook thanked the City of Corunna for once again hosting their 4<sup>th</sup> of July events. He also thanked those that donated to the Capital Area Community Services recently, allowing them to maintain their regular office hours despite the federal sequester. Lastly, he asked if construction of the splash pad was moving forward once again in light of the fact a large stump had been located beneath the surface of the soil in the area of the build. It was noted City crews had removed the stump this morning and work is once again taking place.

Councilperson Bailey indicated it had been great fun attending the splash pad ground breaking ceremony and she was very excited to see the project moving forward.

Councilperson Fox said he had heard a lot of grumbling about how long construction of the splash pad was taking. He reminded everyone that the work was being done by citizens and business that were volunteering their time and materials for the project and as such the project would proceed on their schedule. He encouraged everyone to be patient so as not to discourage the volunteers

City Attorney Brown paid tribute to former City Attorney Lewis Benson on the occasion of his passing, saying he had the privilege of working with him the last 3 or 4 years of his career and he was a true gentleman that would be missed. He said he regretted the fact that young attorneys in the area would no longer have his mentorship.

Mayor Frederick thanked the 15 people that had volunteered their time to serve on various boards and commissions (to be addressed as a part of the Consent Agenda).

# **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Intern Sue Montenegro highlighted key items on the project status report.

Mayor Frederick said he was excited to see progress on many of the items listed, saying it was no small feat.

Councilperson Eveleth inquired about the status of the sidewalk alongside Jumbo's on Comstock Street. DPW Superintendent Sedlak indicated the matter was being looked into currently.

Councilperson Fox indicated he was extremely pleased to see the bathroom renovation project at Bentley Park moving forward as it was greatly needed.

Councilperson Bailey inquired whether a map of the sidewalks that would be replaced was available. It was noted that work would be concentrated in the northwest portion of the city and maps for the work proposed were available in the engineering office.

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Councilperson Eveleth to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

<u>Set Public Hearing-Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption</u>. Set a Public Hearing for July 15, 2013 to receive citizen comments regarding application from Wesener, LLC for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for their property at 104-108 North Washington Street as follows:

# **RESOLUTION NO. 68-2013**

SETTING PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR AN OBSOLETE PROPERTY REHABILITATION EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 104-108 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso received application for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate on June 21, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso approved a request to establish a Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District, on March 1, 2004, described as: S 2/3 OF LOT 5 & N 1/3 OF LOT 6 (EX E 22' OF LOT 6) BLK 21 ORIGINAL PLAT; and

WHEREAS, it must be determined that approval of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Certificate would be beneficial to the city of Owosso, as well as local and regional economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the city council of the city of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: the Owosso City Council sets public hearing for July 15, 2013 at or about 7:30

p.m. in the council chambers for the purpose of hearing comments for those within the district, and any other resident or taxpayer, of the city of Owosso; and

SECOND: the city clerk gives the notifications as required by law; and

THIRD: the city staff is directed to investigate and determine if the qualifications of the act

are satisfied and report findings at the hearing.

<u>Boards and Commissions Appointments</u>. Consider the following Mayoral boards and commissions appointments:

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Ronald Schlaack*	Planning Commission	06-30-2016
David Bandkau*	Planning Commission	06-30-2016
Robert Teich, Jr.*	Shiawassee District Library Board	06-30-2017
Bill Farrell*	City Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees	
Kent Telesz*	Building Board of Appeals	06-30-2016
Christopher Brummel	Building Board of Appeals - Alternate	06-30-2015
Tim Alderman*	Parks & Recreation Commission	06-30-2015
James Eaton*	Downtown Historic District Commission	06-30-2016
Vincent Gonyou*	Downtown Historic District Commission	06-30-2016
Lance Omer*	Downtown Historic District Commission	06-30-2016
Kent Telesz*	Zoning Board of Appeals	06-30-2016
John Horvath*	Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate	06-30-2016

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates re-appointment

<u>Boards and Commissions Appointments - Addition</u>. (Added to the agenda). Approve the following additional Mayoral boards and commissions appointments:

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires	
Rick McGeehan*	Building Board of Appeals	06-30-2016	
Bradley Kirkland*	Downtown Loan Committee	06-30-2016	
Donald Levi*	Downtown Loan Committee	06-30-2016	

<sup>\*</sup> indicates reappointment

<u>Traffic Control Order No. 1287 Amendment</u>. Approve amendment to Traffic Control Order No. 1287 to reflect the request to change the venue for the Friday Night Car Cruise and approve the closure of Washington Street between Comstock Street and Water Street from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on July 12, August 9, September 13, and October 11, 2013.

<u>Cruise to the Castle Car Show Permission</u>. Authorize waiving the insurance requirement, approving the application of Owosso Main Street for use of downtown streets and parking lots on Sunday, July 28, 2013 from 6:00 am to 4:00 pm for the Cruise to the Castle Car Show, and authorizing Traffic Control Order No. 1296 formalizing the request.

<u>Bid Award – Refuse Services</u>. Approve the bid of Waste Management of Michigan, Inc. for refuse service to the City's main facilities for the 2013-14 fiscal year in the amount of \$19,706.36 and further approve payment up to the contract amount as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 69-2013**

# AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR REFUSE SERVICE WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT OF MICHIGAN, INC.

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has determined that the collection and disposal of waste generated at the main city facilities is advisable, necessary and in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso sought bids for the collection of the dumpsters at the main city facilities for fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15; a bid was received from Waste Management of Michigan, Inc.; and it is hereby determined that Waste Management of Michigan, Inc. is qualified

to provide such services and that, with local preference being considered, has submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bid.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: The City of Owosso has heretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary

and in the public interest to employ Waste Management of Michigan, Inc. of Lennon for the collection and disposal of waste from the main City facilities in the

amount of \$19,706.36 for 2013-14 fiscal year.

SECOND: The mayor and city clerk are instructed and authorized to sign the document

substantially in the form attached as exhibit A, Contract for Services between the

City of Owosso, Michigan and Waste Management of Michigan, Inc.

THIRD: The above expenses shall be paid from the General Fund.

Bid Award - Portable Toilets. Approve the bid of Jay's Septic Tank Service for the supply and service of nine portable toilets for the City's parks for the 2013-14 fiscal year in the amount of \$1,055,00 per month and further approve payment up to the contract amount as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 70-2013**

#### **AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR** THE SUPPLY AND SERVICE OF PORTABLE TOILETS WITH JAY'S SEPTIC TANK SERVICE

WHEREAS, the city of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, owns and operates numerous parks and these parks do not have permanent bathroom facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso sought bids for the supply and service of portable toilets for fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15; a bid was received from Jay's Septic Tank Service; and it is hereby determined that Jay's Septic Tank Service is qualified to provide such services and that it has submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bid;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: The City of Owosso has heretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary

and in the public interest to employ Jay's Septic Tank Service for the supply and service of portable toilets for the city park system for the fiscal years 2013-2014.

SECOND: The mayor and city clerk are instructed and authorized to sign the document

substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A, Contract for Services Between the

City of Owosso, Michigan and Jay's Septic Tank Service with a bid of \$1055.00/month for fiscal year 2013-2014 and a bid of \$1055/month for fiscal

year 2014-2015.

THIRD: The above expenses shall be paid from the General Fund.

Warrant No. 465. Authorize Warrant No. 465 as follows:

Vendor	or Description		Amount
Michigan Municipal League Worker's Compensation Fund	Workers' Compensation Insurance-1 <sup>st</sup> Installment FY 2013/2014	General	\$26,698.00
ERES International, Inc.	Pavement Condition Survey- Payment for Professional Services – Additional work August 31, 2012 – June 1, 2013	Street Improvement Bond Fund	\$ 2,059.55

Motion supported by Councilperson Fox.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilpersons Eveleth, Erfourth, Cook, Bailey, Fox, and Mayor Frederick.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Popovitch.

#### **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

#### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CONTRACT

Motion by Councilperson Eveleth to approve the following intergovernmental agreement between the Owosso Public Schools and the City of Owosso for the provision of two School Resource Officers for a five year period ending June 30, 2018:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 71-2013**

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OWOSSO, SHIAWASSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, APPROVING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PROVISION OF POLICE OFFICERS TO SERVE AS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

WHEREAS, Michigan Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, Act No. 7 of 1967, et. seq., provide that public agencies may enter into intergovernmental agreements for the provision of services, or joint or cooperative action, Section 3.1 General Powers, subsection B, of the *City Charter of the City of Owosso* authorizes the City to enter into intergovernmental agreements with various public agencies, including school districts, and Section 11a(4) of the Revised School Code, MCL 380.11a(4) authorizes general powers school districts to enter into agreements and cooperative arrangements with other entities, public or private, as part of performing its functions; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement will enhance the public safety of the City of Owosso and the Owosso Public School District through the provision of police officers to serve as School Resource Officers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Owosso as follows:

The City Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City, an intergovernmental agreement\* between the City and the Owosso Public School District, for the provision of police officers to serve as School Resource Officers.

Motion supported by Councilperson Bailey.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilpersons Eveleth, Bailey, Cook, Fox, and Mayor Frederick.

NAYS: Councilperson Erfourth.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Popovitch.

\*Full text of this agreement is on file in the Clerk's Office.

# **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT** – FIREWORKS

The proposed amendment would change the current ordinance to reflect the change in State law naming hours in which fireworks are allowed.

There was discussion regarding whether the amendment would be effective upon passage and whether the amendment to the State law would allow further restrictions. It was noted the ordinance would become effective immediately should the Council declare it an emergency. It was also noted the State law does not allow for further restrictions on the use of fireworks within the City limits.

City Attorney William C. Brown indicated the section of code referenced in the amendment should be corrected to read (a)(7), not (a)(9).

Mayor Frederick also noted some minor language changes he wished to see to further clarify the amendment, specifically the placement of "may" and "shall be" in the proper locations within the text.

Motion by Councilperson Eveleth to declare the ordinance amendment in question to be emergent in nature and to approve the following emergency amendment to Chapter 19, Offenses, Article VII, Offenses Against Public Safety, Section 19-127(b)(3), Discharge of fireworks or explosives, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso, Michigan to reflect the change in State law naming the hours in which fireworks are allowed, to be effective immediately. (This item requires a super-majority for passage.)

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 743**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 19-127 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OWOSSO, MICHIGAN REGULATING FIREWORKS WHEREAS, the state of Michigan has enacted Act 65 of 2013 amending the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, MCL 28.451 et seq., as amended, which preempted the current provision in the city of Owosso Code of Ordinances;

WHEREAS, the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, MCL 28.451 et seq., as amended allows local units of government to regulate the ignition, discharge and use of consumer fireworks according to the amended Act:

WHEREAS, because Act 65 of 2013 was approved and signed by the Governor June 19, 2013, and with the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday quickly approaching sufficient time did not exist to amend the City's ordinance under normal procedures causing the Council to declare the amendment emergent in nature.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the city council of the city of Owosso, Michigan, that the following amendment to Chapter 19, Offenses, of the Code of the City of Owosso be recommended to regulate the use of fireworks within the city limits:

THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. ADDITION. That Section 19-127(b)(3) shall be amended to add additional language so that Section 19-127(b)(3) shall read as follows:

#### Sec. 19-127. - Discharge of fireworks or explosives.

- (b) Ignition, discharge and use of fireworks.
  - (3) Consumer fireworks on private property. No person(s) shall ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks on private property in the city except on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday as so defined under (a)(7) of this section and subject to the approval of property owner and may be ignited only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. and shall be prohibited between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subdivision, sentence or attachment to this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or to be unconstitutional, such a decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance or attachment.

SECTION 3. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. All existing ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE. This amendment shall become effective immediately upon adoption on July 1, 2013.

SECTION 5. INSPECTION. This ordinance may be purchased or inspected in the city clerks' office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Motion supported by Councilperson Cook.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilpersons Eveleth, Cook, Erfourth, Fox, Bailey, and Mayor Frederick.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Popovitch.

Mayor Frederick directed the new ordinance be placed on the City's website as soon as possible.

Councilperson Cook noted there is a clear chart of permitted fireworks located on the State's website.

## **BID AWARD - JACKSON DRIVE SIDEWALK PROGRAM**

Councilperson Erfourth inquired as to the source of the funds for the project saying he was wary of taking funds that could be used to patch potholes and repair streets in order to construct new sidewalks. It was noted the funds would come from the Major and Local Street Funds and the project was a budgeted expense.

Motion by Councilperson Erfourth to approve the bid of Mike & Son's Asphalt, Inc. for the placement of sidewalks on vacant lots along Jackson Drive in the amount of \$36,395.00 and further approve payment up to the contract amount upon satisfactory completion as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 72-2013**

# AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE 2013 JACKSON DRIVE SIDEWALK PROGRAM WITH MIKE & SON ASPHALT, INC.

WHEREAS, the city of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has determined that placement of new sidewalks on vacant lots in Jackson Drive in the City is advisable, necessary and in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the city of Owosso sought bids for the placement of these sidewalk as part of the 2013 Jackson Drive Sidewalk Program; a bid was received from Mike & Son Asphalt, Inc.; and it is hereby determined that Mike & Son Asphalt, Inc. is qualified to provide such services and that it has submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bid;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: The City of Owosso has heretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary

and in the public interest to employ Mike & Son Asphalt, Inc. for the placement of

sidewalk as part of the 2013 Jackson Drive Sidewalk Program.

SECOND: The mayor and city clerk are instructed and authorized to sign the document

substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A, Contract for Services Between the city of Owosso, Michigan and Mike & Son Asphalt, Inc. with a \$36,395.00 bid.

THIRD: The above expenses shall be paid from the Local Street Maintenance Fund.

Motion supported by Councilperson Cook.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilpersons Eveleth, Fox, Bailey, Cook, Erfourth, and Mayor Frederick.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Popovitch.

# **COMMUNICATIONS**

Richard C. Williams, Finance Director. Revenue & Expenditure Report – May 2013 Historical Commission Minutes. Meeting of June 10, 2013. Downtown Development Authority/Main Street. Minutes of June 5, 2013.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Marsha Ladd, 735 Lingle Avenue, inquired whether the proposed historical director position would be full time or part time. She went on to indicate she felt it was very important for potential director candidates to possess local knowledge, saying she didn't feel the public would be accepting of someone outside the community. Lastly, she noted that as a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission she felt the same frustrations as those expressed by the Historical Commission members. She said she was frustrated by her role as a fund raiser and didn't feel that any of her ideas would be considered unless she had money behind them.

Joni Forster, 1221 Adams Street, echoed Ms. Ladd's comments, saying she felt that information and ideas do not seem to filter through to Council without the blessing of the City Manager. She said she didn't feel that Council was aware of what was going on with the volunteers that work so hard to benefit the city. Though she was very appreciative that Council made the effort to understand the mission of the Historical Commission and the properties they oversee.

Eddie Urban, 601 Glenwood Avenue, said he hoped to see the Shiawassee County Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America reactivated saying their first meeting was scheduled for the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Bill Young, car show promoter, thanked Council for approving the permits necessary for the events he is planning. He also thanked Main Street for their assistance saying they had been instrumental in helping get the events up and running.

Councilperson Erfourth thanked Marsha Ladd for inspiring his recent PowerPoint presentation on the Historical Commission. In response to her question regarding candidates with local knowledge he said he hoped to have some very qualified individuals coming forward if the position comes to fruition.

# **NEXT MEETING**

Monday, July 15, 2013

# **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS**

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate, term expires 06-30-2015 (candidate must possess construction knowledge)
Planning Commission – Term expires 06-30-2016

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion supported by	Councilperson Baile	v and concurred in b	v unanimous vote