

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 4, 2016

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.

Excused: Kathleen Abdo, Sylvia Makowski.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

16-001 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 28, 2015. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

3. Petitioner: None

4. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Choate** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

5. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming community events. He also announced the State of the City Address will be held on January 12, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the RAC. Tickets are \$20.00 per person with all proceeds to be donated to the Sounds of Downtown. The Mayor's Fitness Challenge begins Monday, January 11th at the RAC and lasts for nine weeks; for additional information, contact the RAC at 734-942-2223.

16-002 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and approve the re-appointment of Cathy Freitag, David Paul, and Michael Prybyla to the City of Romulus Planning Commission with a three-year term to expire on January 31, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-003 5B. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Choate** to concur with the administration and authorize the reallocation of the remaining \$3,500.00 for additional repairs at the Romulus Civic League, repairs to include the addition of gutters and downspouts, the replacement of interior ceiling tiles, the replacement of a door, and other minor building repairs. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6A. Clerk's Report:

City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg announced that the Romulus Library is having a book sale on January 14, 15, and 16 during regular business hours: Monday – Thursday 10-8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 10-5 p.m., Sunday closed. She made a clarification regarding the tax-foreclosed properties list from the Property Disposition Committee which was under the Clerk's report at the last Council meeting. There were only two homes on the list, the rest was vacant land. Wayne County gave the City a final chance to purchase properties from the list and the Committee made the recommendation not to purchase any of the parcels as none of them were close to city-owned property.

16-004 6A1. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Choate** to schedule a study session for Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the restated City of Romulus Employee Pension Ordinance. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-005 6A2. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Choate** to concur with the Executive Advisory Commission and City Assessor, Julie Albert, to re-appoint Reverend Edward Thomas, Jr. to the Board of Review with the term to expire on December 31, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Stacy Paige announced that property taxes are due on February 16, 2016.

7. Public Comment:

Resident commented on Councilman Wadsworth's remarks regarding the Compensation Commission and thanked him for not accepting a raise in pay and asked the other Council members to do the same.

8. Unfinished Business:

Councilman Wadsworth forwarded a note from a resident to the mayor regarding a pot hole on Wild Fox Court. Councilman Wadsworth expressed gratitude for donations to the Animal Shelter.

9. New Business

10. Communication:

Councilwoman Roscoe announced the Romulus Cemetery Fundraiser to purchase a Victorian gate for Romulus Memorial Cemetery. There will be a Euchre Card Tournament on March 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with ticket prices of \$20.00 per person. Councilman Crout said he is against raises in salary for elected officials.

11. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 4, 2016.