

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 25, 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: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
Stacy Paige, City Treasurer

1. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

16-114 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 11, 2016. Motion Carried Unanimously.

16-115 2B. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Makowski to approve the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on Monday January 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Study Session, Restated City of Romulus Employee Pension Ordinance. Motion Carried Unanimously

3A. Petitioner:

Petitioner, Charles Miller addressed the council with his concerns regarding homes in Romulus that have lead pipes and testing of the water that comes out of the tap in homes. He also commented on the Flint Water Crisis. Mr. Miller shared with council information regarding water filters and test kits. Mr. Miller asked the Mayor if he could make available a pamphlet with general information for residents regarding lead testing and water filters. *Keith Boc, DPW Assistant, S-1 Certified, reported that the testing in Romulus which was done at the tap has had good results. The testing results are published in the annual water report.

4. Chairperson's Report:

Mr. Barden commented on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration. *Councilman Crout requested a Memorial Resolution for Willie Watson. Mayor Burcroff, and Council members, Crout, Barden and Wadsworth shared their memories of Willie Watson.

16-116 4(a). Moved by Crout, seconded by Makowski to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Willie Watson. Motion Carried Unanimously

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

5. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Burcroff asked Council to adopt a resolution to recognize February as Black History Month for the City of Romulus. Dennis Davidson announced community events for the City of Romulus for February and March.

16-117 5(a) Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to adopt a resolution recognizing February as Black History Month. Motion Carried Unanimously.

16-118 5A1. Moved by Makowski, supported by Roscoe, to award Bid ITB 15/16-06 for the acquisition of a 13.9/14 yard tandem axle dump truck for the City of Romulus Department of Public Works to Wolverine Freightliner-Westside, Inc. in the amount of \$133,043.00 for the purchase of the base vehicle as specified in the bid documents (\$127,766) along with both Options #1 (\$1,237-DC Box vibrator) and #2 (\$4,040 - Heated body kit installed). Motion Carried Unanimously

6A. Clerk's Report

16-119 6A1. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout, to approve second reading, final adoption of the Restated City of Romulus Employee Pension Ordinance. This Ordinance was introduced at the Council meeting of January 11, 2016. Motion Carried Unanimously

16-120 6A2. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe, to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 15/16-14. This budget amendment was introduced at the Council meeting of January 11, 2016.

Table with 6 columns: FUND/DEPT., ACCOUNT NO., ACCOUNT NAME, CURRENT BUDGET, AMENDMENT, AMENDED BUDGET. Rows include General Fund Revenue and Expense.

To increase the cost recovery contractual cost with offsetting revenues. - Note: This has no effect on the General Fund's fund balance Motion Carried Unanimously.

6B. Treasurer's Report:

16-121 6B1. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo, to approve the City of Romulus Investment Policy. Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Public Comment

Resident, Jan Lemmon commented on the water crisis in Flint Michigan and announced the Euchre Tournament Fundraiser which will benefit the Romulus Cemetery. *Resident, Virginia Williams commented on the Flint Water Crisis and thanked everyone who made a donation to purchase water for Flint residents and added that anyone interested in donating may contact her at 734-673-8396. *Resident, Ed Buczkowski thanked the Fire department for their prompt response to his call.

8. Unfinished Business

Councilman Wadsworth mentioned that residents were pleased with the clean-up of debris from a house that had burned down a year ago on Middlebelt and Pennsylvania. * Councilman Wadsworth met with about 10 residents that live near the flea market located on Middlebelt Road concerning a big barn located on the property that is in poor condition and about to come down. 60% of the roof is gone; children has been seen playing on top of the roof. The residents provided Mr. Wadsworth with pictures of the building. Mr. Wadsworth gave pictures to the Mayor and asked if the Ordinance department could go and investigate. *Councilman Wadsworth commented about a house located on Taft Street that is deplorable condition; it has a blue tarp on the roof; no one lives in the house; it is a negative eye-sore for the residents that live nearby. Mr. Wadsworth asked the Mayor to send Building department to investigate. *Councilwoman Abdo mentioned that her students are collecting money for water. Their goal is to raise \$100 and asked if anyone would like to match the \$100 in order to purchase a pallet of water.

9. New Business:

Councilwoman Makowski spoke about the various programs at the Romulus Library and thanked everyone who participated in the Library Fundraiser.

10. Communication

16-122 11. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to pay Warrant 16-02 in the amount of \$2,784,631.04. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Wadsworth 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 25, 2016.