

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 14, 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

Excused: Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Makowski** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-169 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 7, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

3. Petitioner: None.

4. Chairperson's Report:

Chairperson, Cemetery Board of Trustees, Jan Lemmon thanked everyone who participated in making the Euchre Tournament Fundraiser, a success. The tournament was held on Friday, March 11, 2016, and raised \$2040.00, which will go towards the purchase of a gate for the Romulus Cemetery.

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

5. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Burcroff asked for a moment of silence for all the young residents who have passed away this year. Dennis Davidson gave an update on the events that took place over the weekend and upcoming events in the City of Romulus. Mayor Burcroff commented on the success of the Mayor's Ball, which raised funds for the Romulus Boys and Girls Club. He thanked Mayor Conley, Mayor of Belleville, Robert McLaughlan, who coordinated the event, Joe Covell, Director of the Romulus Boys and Girls Club and all those involved in making the event a success.

16-170 5A1. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout**, to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Brandon Mahon. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

16-171 5A. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Crout**, to concur with the Administration and approve the re-appointments of Reverend William Kren and Al Hindman to the DDA Board with terms to expire on December 31, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-172 5B. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo**, to award ITB 15/16-16 to Jack Doheny Companies, for the acquisition of a sewer inspection video camera system for the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$8,898.00. Discussion: Councilwoman Makowski asked the Director of DPW, Roberto Scappaticci, if location was the reason for selecting the third lowest bidder, and if so then that criteria should be part of the bid specs. Director Scappaticci replied that he was not part of the bid process but according to the letter written by Assistant Director Keith Boc, there would be added costs due to shipment and possible warranty costs, so location was the deciding factor. Director Scappaticci also offered to find out if location was in the bid specs. Councilwoman Makowski replied it wasn't necessary. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-173 5C. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe**, to award ITB 15/16-14 to the only bidding company, Contractor's Connection, for the acquisition of a hydraulic post driver and a gas power unit for the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$9,514.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-174 5D. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Choate**, to authorize payment for the Senior Alliance 2016 Fiscal Year match – for 2015 statistics in the amount of \$1,838.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6A. Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg acknowledged and thanked Jan Lemmon for all of her hard work organizing the Euchre Tournament on Friday, March 11, 2016, proceeds to benefit the Romulus Cemetery. Clerk Bragg gave a post-election report, thanking everyone who helped with the Primary Election on Tuesday, March 8th 2016. Clerk Bragg also requested Council adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mack Green.

16-175 6A1. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth**, to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 15/16-16, General Fund. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-176 6A2. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Abdo**, to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 15/16-17, Motor Vehicle. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-177 6A2(a). Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Abdo**, to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mack Green. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. Treasurer's Report

7. Public Comment:

A resident spoke about Romulus being a tax free zone for businesses. A resident thanked the Administration for all the work they have done in the City and also thanked the voters for coming out to vote on Election Day and voting yes on the millage. A resident commented on the closing of some businesses in downtown Romulus due to small businesses not being able to compete with big chains such as Lowes.

8. Unfinished Business:

Mayor Burcroff commented that the City has no authority to wave taxes for businesses. Those decisions are determined at the State level. The Mayor also commented on the importance of supporting the businesses we have in Romulus, and that the City is working hard to encourage economic growth in order to bring new businesses into the city. Councilman Wadsworth asked if the plans for the supermarket were still moving forward. Mayor Burcroff answered yes. Councilman Wadsworth also asked about a small store that looked like it was getting ready to open. The Mayor responded he didn't know.

9. New Business

10. Communication:

Councilwoman Abdo spoke about the Romulus High School Honor Society sponsoring a bowling fundraiser for the ChadTough Foundation to find a cure for Pediatric cancer. The fundraiser will be held at Romulus Lanes on April 10, 2016. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased through Councilwoman Abdo.

16-178 11A. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout** to pay Warrant 16-05 in the amount of \$6,095,107.82. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-179 11B. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout**, to pay Warrant 16-05E in the amount of \$10,455.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

12. 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 March 14, 2016. **Publish:** April 7, 2016