

**City of Ypsilanti  
Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 17, 2002  
7:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

City Clerk, Robert Slone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, One South Huron Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Present: Mayor Farmer, Council Member Richardson. Council Member Gawlas, Council Member, LaRue, Council Member Nickels and Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson.

Absent: Council Member Schulze.

Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson offered and Council Member Gawlas supported a motion to excuse the absence of Council Member Schulze.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: Schulze Vote: Carried

**Invocation**

Mayor Cheryl Farmer asked for a moment of silence

**Pledge of Allegiance**

"I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands. One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

**INTRODUCTIONS**

No introductions.

**PRESENTATION**

- A. Presentation of Awarding Resolution for the purchase of the City's \$400,000, 2002, General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds (Limited Tax), by Attorney Dennis R. Neiman.

Mr. Dennis R. Neiman answered question from Council.

Resolution No. 2002-174, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson and supported by Council Member Richardson-That the resolution to Award \$400,000, 2002, General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds be approved on First Reading.

WHEREAS, Tuesday, September 17, 2002, at 4:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, has been set as the date and time for opening bids for the purchase of the City's \$400,000 2002 General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds (Limited Tax) (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, said bids have been publicly opened and read; and

WHEREAS, the bids attached hereto as Exhibit A have been received; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the City Council to award the sale of the Bonds to the bidder whose bid meets the requirements of law and which has been determined to produce the lowest interest cost to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Award. The bid of Citizens Bank, as attached hereto as part of Exhibit A, is determined to produce the lowest interest cost to the City, and the bid is hereby approved and accepted.
2. Return of Good Faith Checks. Checks received from the unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to each bidder's representative or by registered mail or overnight courier as set forth in the Official Notice of Sale as published.
3. Repealer. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: Schulze Vote: Carried

#### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

City Manager asked that a resolution be added to designate City Clerk Robert Slone, Finance Director Marilou Uy and Kim Teamer City Treasurer to open up a bank account at The Bank of Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti Branch. Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson offered and Council Member Richardson supported a motion to approve the amended Agenda.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: Schulze Vote: Carried

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Tyrone Wilson representing RAID said, I am here with my brothers and sisters from the African American community and the other communities in general in a peace protest that started at your house Madam Mayor. We were protesting your use of power and authority to harass and discriminate against African American business owners in this community. He criticized City Clerk Robert A Slone, Jr., for Ronnie and Gloria Peterson not going on the ballot as precinct delegates and for the County Commissioner write-in of Ann Kettles needing to be recounted.

Lee Tooson of Ypsilanti stated, "No Justice, No, Peace!" We all are familiar with that old saying. Unless we get justice there will be no peace. He referred to the conflict between the City and Mr. Carl Hearn's concerning his property on Lincoln Street and didn't think the Mayor should have gotten involved. Lee Tooson didn't understand why Mr. Barr recommended the Mayor for an ethics award and criticized the Clerk's Office.

Meiosha Jones, from the City of Ypsilanti. I don't know if I am supposed to be asked this question. As a young citizen in the city of Ypsilanti and registered voter. I am a little surprised to hear about the things happening. I just wanted to know why do you have the conflict with Mr. Hearn's building?

Mayor Farmer, this is not an opportunity for question and answer. This is an opportunity for you to present, but I do have office hours every Thursday afternoon, and I have a phone and all members of Council are available for you to speak with also.

Gary Hann, I am very disappointed I have spoke with all of you about the stalking and other crimes being committed against me. I have not gotten any relief at all. He criticized Mr. Barr for the way he dealt with his Human Relations complaints. He said assessments on the Southside are being raised.

Bridgett Tubbs, of Ypsilanti, I was sitting here looking at you, and you appear seem as if you don't care when people talk. You probably feel like your going to get re-elected anyway. But as long as we stand together you will not be re-elected and you will be living on the Southside in a former drug dealers house if everyone in this room has something to do with it.

Greg Cannon, a friend of Mr. Hearn's. I am a business owner and I work long hours. We are responsible for taking care of families. The time he is spending down here he should be planning his day for tomorrow. It takes a lot to be a minority small business owner. You have no idea how it feels to pay your staff and if there is any money if you might be able to pay yourself. Mr. Hearn's should be commended for being in business as long as he has in the area and trying to improve the Southside.

Mildred Ferguson, my husband works for Mr. Carl Hearn's. They try so hard to make this city a nice place to live. They are not tearing anything down there building it up. They are making it look better. These men are not shooting people or doing drugs but making an effort to make this city look nice. This man should be commended for his hard work.

## **MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A: **Resolution #2002-175**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Richardson and supported by Council Member Nickels, approving the bid from Michigan Cat, for one Wheel Loader.

Whereas, the recommendation from the Administration for the bid(s) received for one (1) Wheel Loader.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approves the attached letter of agreement; and

FURTHER, That the bid from Michigan Cat of Novi, Michigan in the amount of \$103,900.00 after trade-in be accepted; and FURTHER, that the funds be expended from account 641-932-987-10.

Ayes: 6                      Nays:                      0                      Absent: Schulze      Vote: Carried

B:        **Resolution #2002-175a**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member LaRue and supported by Council Member Gawlas, approving the opening of a bank account with the Bank of Ypsilanti.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the following persons are authorized to sign on all city bank accounts:

Marilou T. Uy, Finance Director

Kimberly D. Teamer, City Treasurer and

Robert A. Slone, Jr., City Clerk, in the event that either of the above are unavailable or no longer in the employ of the City.

Further, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign all bank account resolutions, subject to the approval of the city attorney.

Further, that all checks, warrants, drafts, notes, or orders drawn against the City accounts shall be signed by two signators.

Ayes: 6                      Nays:                      0                      Absent: Schulze      Vote: Carried

### **COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS**

Council Member Gawlas recently had a meeting with Meagan Gibb, Community Economic Development Director about different measures to calm traffic in the city. I was also disturbed when one person at the end of audience participation was left out. It is the Mayor discretion to extend an opportunity for that one person to speak. City Council Meeting are not run by Members of the audience. I trust your judgement in deciding whether to reopen Audience Participation.

Council Member Richardson commented on the condition of Ometha Smith Park with the absence of trees to provided shade to the citizens who take their children to the park to play. I received complaints that the swings are loose and there is not enough benches to watch their children while they play.

Council Member Nickles complimented DPW on the trees trimming and the return of the speed limit signs on Mansfield. I also ask that we not tolerate some of the comments made by the audience that are personal in nature and have nothing to do with city business.

Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson thanked DPW for covering the meters for a funeral.

Council Member Richardson reported that streetlights were now up on Monroe and Madison.

**Liaison Report**

Council Member LaRue, a Board Member for the Riverside Arts Center, just announced that the Center received an award for \$37,000 from the state, towards improvement to the Center.

**Communications from the City Manager**

City Manager Koryzno, Congratulated Mayor Farmer on her recent award from the Michigan Municipal League for Civility and Ethics. November 16, 2002 our first goal setting session of the year, will be held at 9:00. I am also pleased to report the United Way Day of Caring volunteers made needed repairs and painting at Parkridge.

**Communication from the Mayor**

Mayor Cheryl Farmer will be meeting with City Clerk Robert Slone for an Election Committee Meeting regarding a plan for the upcoming November election.

**Resolution No #2002-176** Offered by Council Member Gawlas and supported by Council Member LaRue, approving the adjournment of the meeting

Ayes: 6      Nays:            0      Absent: Schulze      Vote: Carried

Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



