

**City of Ypsilanti  
City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 20, 2003  
7:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Farmer 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, Mayor-Pro Tem Swanson, Council Member Richardson, Council Member LaRue, Council Member Schulze and Council Member Gawlas.

Absent: Council Members Nickels

Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson moved to excuse the absence of Council Member Nickles; Council Member Richardson supported. Council Member Nickels arrived at the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor 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**

There were no introductions.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Council Member Gawlas offered and Council Member Schulze supported a motion to approve the Agenda.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: Nickels Vote: Unanimous

**PRESENTATION**

There were no presentations.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Tyrone Wilson, representing RAID, urged Council to keep the Recreation Department open. He questioned the timeliness of finding \$35,000 and questioned why it was not presented in the first Budget Proposal.

Reverend S. L. Roberson spoke about the proposed closing of Parkridge Community Center and the Senior Citizen Center. He said that he was against the centers closing.

Paul Schreiber expressed his concern over closing Parkridge Community Center and the possibility of raising a milage to cover the cost of Recreation Department or partnering with other municipalities or organizations.

Lee Tooson of Ypsilanti stated that a milage is not the answer to keeping the Recreation Department when there was \$11,000 wasted in the City Clerk's Office. He stated that seniors and children are the ones who will suffer when the Recreation Department closes.

Denise Washington of Ypsilanti spoke on the positive impact Parkridge Community Center has made on her sons. She stated that if Parkridge closes the children will need positive places in the community to go.

Carol Leyshock representing the Normal Park Neighborhood Association and Recreation Park Restoration Committee urged Council to look at another solution to solve the budget by looking into partnering with the surrounding townships, county, schools and other groups in the community.

David Marcum of Ypsilanti spoke about neighborhood blight and requested assistance from Council to find out a remedy to the problem.

Janice Anchuetz of Ypsilanti stated that the Senior Citizen Center is more than a Recreation Program. The Senior Citizen Center offers many programs to meet a wide variety of needs. There would be a lot of people who would go hungry if the center would close.

Stephanie Holmes of Ypsilanti spoke about the high taxes in Ypsilanti and the lack of services for children and seniors. She urged Council to look for money to keep the Recreation Department open.

Robert Hunter of Ypsilanti spoke about being shorted on his time in Audience Participation on May 13, 2003. He questioned why Council accepted the City Manager's proposed plan to eliminate the Recreation Department.

Kailyn Fitzgerald of Ypsilanti spoke in favor of keeping the Recreation Department open.

Lisa Zuber of Ypsilanti expressed disappointment over hearing about the possibility of closing the Recreation Department. She stated that a new Recreation Commission should be put in place to find funding.

Janeen Robeson of Ypsilanti stated that people may move due to the closing of the Recreation Department and spoke about the possibility of a milage to save the Department.

Maurice Holmes of Ypsilanti stated that taking away the Recreation Department will only create problems by putting pressure on the Police.

Julia Touchberry spoke about keeping the Recreation Department open and stated that this is a quality of life issue.

John Rice of Ypsilanti stated that the elimination of the Recreation Department would be tragic for the City of Ypsilanti. He favored a milage as a possible solution to keep the Recreation Department open.

David Harding stated that is unthinkable to eliminate the Recreation Department and cuts should be made in other areas. He stated that the city should hire a grant writer to look for funds for the Recreation Department.

Ronnie Peterson, Washtenaw County Commissioner, offered to work with the City and County Administrators to assist the City of Ypsilanti in anyway.

## **MINUTES**

**Resolution 2003-91**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Gawlas and supported by Council Member LaRue- That the Minutes of May 6, 2003, be approved with corrections.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Unanimous

## **MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **Resolution 2003-92**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Schulze and supported by Council Member LaRue.

Resolution of the City of Ypsilanti accepting Anderzack-Pitzen Construction, Inc.'s bid for the Norris Subdivision Paving and Water Main Improvement Project.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, a request for bids were duly advertised for The Norris Subdivision Paving and Water Main Improvement Project, reserving the right any bid, or waive irregularities in the bids; and

WHEREAS, nine (9) bids were received and publicly opened on January 28, 2003 and reviewed for compliance with bidding qualifications and project specification; and

WHEREAS, the administration has reviewed the qualifications of the bidders to satisfactorily carry out work required, including past performance of work of a similar nature and recommended Anderzack-Pitzen Construction, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder for the project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Anderzack-Pitzen Construction, Inc. is the lowest, responsible bidder with a bid amount of \$1,527,620.31, best meets the project specifications, and it is in the best interest of the City to accept said bid, all for the reasons set forth in the Administrative Recommendation and Report;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council accepts the recommended bid for Paving and Water Main Improvements in the Norris Subdivision Area Submitted by Anderzack-Pitzen Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,527,620.31; and

FURTHER, that the funds for this project be expended from the following account numbers:

441-912-973-00	Paving	\$445,794.10
466-912-973-00	Water Main Replacement	\$1,081,826.21

FURTHER, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the necessary contract documents, and that the City Manager is authorized to sign any change orders, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: Farmer Vote: Unanimous

B. **Resolution 2003-93**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Richardson and supported by Council Member Nickels.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, a request for bids were duly advertised for The Ainsworth Park Paving and Water Main Improvement Project, reserving the right any bid, or waive irregularities in the bids; and

WHEREAS, nine (9) bids were received and publicly opened on January 28, 2003 and reviewed for compliance with bidding qualifications and project specification; and

WHEREAS, the administration has reviewed the qualifications of the bidders to satisfactorily carry out work required, including past performance of work of a similar

nature and recommended Anderzack-Pitzen Construction, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder for the project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Anderzack-Pitzen Construction, Inc. is the lowest, responsible bidder with a bid amount of \$1,790,075.76, best meets the project specifications, and it is in the best interest of the City to accept said bid, all for the reasons set forth in the Administrative Recommendation and Report;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council accepts the recommended bid for Paving and Water Main Improvements in the Ainsworth Park Area Submitted by Anderzack-Pitzen Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,790,075.76; and

FURTHER, that the funds for this project be expended from the following account numbers:

441-911-973-00	Paving	\$621,711.65
466-911-973-00	Water Main Replacement	\$1,168,364.11

FURTHER, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the necessary contract documents, and that the City Manager is authorized to sign any change orders, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: Farmer Vote: Unanimous

C. Budget Presentations for 2003-04 Fiscal Year Operating Budget:

1. Planning and Development

a) Community Development Block Grant

Megan Gibb, Planning and Development Director gave a presentation on the Community Development Block Grant on the various budgets including; CBDG Loans, Coordinated with the Parks and Recreation Department on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, NPP Grant, Cross Street Study and active in the community with Speaking engagements. The proposed budget for Planning and Development does not include any staff elimination due to the CBDG Loan we are able to use a portion of the loan for administrative cost. Conferences, workshops, memberships and dues were cut for this upcoming fiscal year.

There was discussion on what is included in dues and memberships.

Council Member Gawlas asked about temporary wages and what that includes.

Megan Gibb stated that temporary wages include the Historic District Commission Intern and Planning Intern.

There was also discussion on the increase in wages and the additional money brought in due to the CBDG Loan.

- b) Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Land Revolving, Capital and Economic Development Corporation

Megan Gibb, Planning and Development Department Director presented the various budgets under the Planning. She stated the primary source of revenue is through the (EDC) Economic Development Corporation. Their sole responsibility is operating the Huron Trade Center. She discussed the CMI Water Front Grant, MUSTFA reimbursement as well as money for purchasing land for the Water Street Redevelopment Project under the Land Revolving Fund.

- 2. Building and Ordinance Enforcement Department

Charles Boulard, Director of Building and Ordinance Enforcement Department presented the 2003-04 fiscal year budget. He informed Council that there had been a 10% reduction per City Manager Koryzno request and one position of Building Inspector was eliminated.

- 3. Five Year Plans

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- 4. Revenue

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No #2003-94**, offered by Council Member LaRue and supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: 7   Nays: 0   Absent: 0   Vote: Unanimous

Adjourned at 11:31 p.m.