

**City of Ypsilanti
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 20 2004**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Farmer called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, One South Huron Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

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

Absent: Council Member Nickels

Council Member Richardson moved to excuse the absence of Council Member Nickels, Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson supported.

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

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

No introductions.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson offered and Council Member Richardson supported a motion to approve the amended agenda.

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

PRESENTATION

A. Presentation of 2002-2003 Audit Report, By David Helisek and Martin Olejnik, of Plante Moran, P.C.

David Heilsek of Plante Moran explained the changes to the 2002-2003 Audit Report due to GASB-34 which requires municipalities to inventory their assets and include

in their audit report. He stated the City of Ypsilanti is in good financial standing.

B. Presentation of Awarding Resolution for the City's \$995,000 Downtown Development Bonds, Series 2004A(General Obligation Bonds), by Attorney Dennis Neiman.

1. **Resolution #2004-02**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Richardson and supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson.

Awarding Resolution (DDA Bonds)
City of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw
State of Michigan

WHEREAS, Tuesday, January 20, 2004, at 3:30 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, has been set as the date and time for opening bids for the purchase of the City's \$995,000 Downtown Development Bonds, Series 2004A (General Obligation 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Award. The bid of Mac Donald Investments Inc., 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.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on January 20, 2004, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

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

C. Presentation of Awarding Resolution for City's \$2,700,000 Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds, Series 2004A, by Attorney Dennis Neiman.

1. **Resolution #2004-03-** attached and made a part hereof offered by Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson and supported by Council Member Richardson.

Awarding Resolution (Revenue Bonds)
City of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw
State of Michigan

WHEREAS, Tuesday, January 20, 2004, at 3:30 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, has been set as the date and time for opening bids for the purchase of the City's \$2,700,000 Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds, Series 2004A (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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Award. The bid of Comerica Securities, 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.
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Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: Nickels Vote: Unanimous

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Steve Pierce of Ypsilanti spoke in regards to the IT Contract to be approved by Council for Wiltec Technologies. He suggested Council should take several precautions to ensure the quality of service.

Robert Doyle of Ypsilanti questioned whether the City could hold a public forum regarding the contract between Biltmore Properties for the Water Street Development community. He questioned whether an explanation could be given by a city official regarding bonds and their purpose due to the frequency of bonds passed.

Tyrone Wilson representing RAID questioned whether Council would take any action to correct the problems in the City Clerk's Office.

Lee Tooson of Ypsilanti questioned whether Council would implement the Michigan Municipal League's suggestions for the Clerk's Office. He mentioned Eugene Rush is no longer employed by the City of Ypsilanti's Police Department and questioned whether an African American would be placed in his position. Mr. Tooson alleged African Americans have been mistreated by the Ypsilanti Police Department and something should be done.

MINUTES

Resolution 2004-04, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Gawlas and supported by Council Member LaRue-That the Minutes of November 8, December 2&4, 2003 and January 6, 2004 be approved with corrections.

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

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE-FIRST READING

- A. Public Hearing to consider ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to provide for the acquisition and construction of additions, extensions and improvements to the existing Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System of the City; to provide for the sale of Revenue Bonds of Junior and Subordinate Standing to the Revenue Bonds now outstanding to pay the cost thereof; to provide for the Retirement and Security of the Bonds herein authorized; and to provide for other matters relative to the System and the Bonds, pursuant to Ordinances Nos. 940-A, 940-B, 940-C, 940-D, 940-E, 940-F, 940-G and 940-H of the City."

Mayor Farmer opened the Public Hearing.

No audience participation.

Resolution #2004-05, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Gawlas and supported by Council Member LaRue to close the Public Hearing.

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

Resolution #2004-06, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Gawlas and supported by Council Member LaRue to approve on First and Final Reading.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to provide for the Acquisition and Construction of Additions, Extensions and Improvements to the existing Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System of the City; to provide for issuance and sale of Revenue Bonds of Junior and Subordinate Standing to the Revenue Bonds now outstanding to pay the cost thereof; to provide for the Retirement and Security of the Bonds herein authorized; and to provide for other matters relative to the System and the Bonds, pursuant to Ordinances Nos. 940, 940-A, 940-B, 940-C, 940-D, 940-E, 940-F, 940-G, and 940_H of the City," be approved on First and Final Reading.

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

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. **Resolution #2004-07**, attached and made part hereof, offered by Council Member LaRue and supported by Council Member Gawlas.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti terminated the technology support services contract with DCP Computer Clinic on October 23, 2003 and hired Plante Moran to provide interim technology support services; and

WHEREAS, Request for Proposals for technology support services was made public and posted on the City web site and Plante Moran's web site on December 2, 2003; and

WHEREAS, January 8, 2004, the City conducted a bid opening and received seven (7) bids for service; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing analysis of the proposals by Plante & Moran, Wiltec Technologies was deemed the most qualified firm based on the rating criteria established. Their hourly rates are \$50.00 for end user, \$80.00 for hardware repair, and \$110.00 for network support; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the City of Ypsilanti approves the bid award for technology support services to Wiltec Technologies. Council further authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and sign the service contract

on behalf of the City contingent upon completion of reference checks and final review and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

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

B. **Resolution #2004-08**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Schulze and supported by Council Member LaRue.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, bids were duly advertised for the Ypsilanti Police Department Women's Locker Room Expansion Project; and

WHEREAS, two contractors submitted bids; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Dunn Construction Associate, Inc., 479 Mansfield Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, in the amount of \$31,300.00 best meets the project specifications and is in the best interests of the city; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City Council approves the recommended bid for the Ypsilanti Police Department Women's Locker Room Expansion Project; and

FURTHER, that the funds for this project be expended from the following account number: 101-265-818

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: Nickels Vote: Unanimous

C. **Resolution #2004-09**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson and supported by Council Member Richardson.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City Council has evaluated City Manager, Edward B. Koryzno, Jr. for his performance over the last year, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Koryzno rated 4.5 out 5.0 for his performance, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Koryzno has been rated well over 4.0 since he was first employed by the City of Ypsilanti, and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to acknowledge Mr. Koryzno's performance with a

salary increase of 2%, representing a new annual salary of \$95, 703; and

WHEREAS, a 2% salary increase is consistent with the recent raise for nonunion employees in the City of Ypsilanti; and

WHEREAS, given the tight economic times, it is appropriate that the leadership set a standard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council approves a 2% salary increase for Mr. Koryzno retroactive to July 1, 2003.

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

COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Council Member Schulze stated several members of the community questioned the Tax Increment Finance Plan at the last Depot Town DDA Meeting. She stated it was difficult for the public to understand how the City can approve a TIF Plan during budget cuts. Schulze questioned the Committee on the Clerk's Office regarding the progress of implementing changes in the Clerk's Office. She questioned the percentage of budget cuts in the Clerk's Office and whether there will be fewer elections.

Council Member LaRue stated he received a call regarding the rezoning of Lincoln Street. He questioned whether there had been any concerns raised from property owners in the area. LaRue mentioned the Committee on the Clerk's Office has been delayed due to the holiday closing and Council Member Nickels absence.

Council Member Gawlas spoke about a recent incident involving the Ypsilanti Police Department responding to a party where a few Police Officers received injuries. He mentioned a letter was also written to Council addressing the issue. Gawlas stated he was glad the resolution was quick and with minimal force.

Council Member Richardson questioned the status of the Clerk's Office regarding the Michigan Municipal League study.

Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson stated the Martin Luther King Program on Friday, January 16, 2004 was nice. She thanked the Treasurer's, Clerk's Office and Harry Hutchison for their contributions to the program. She explained the reason for the Committees delay was due to the holiday season. Swanson stated the committee will be contacting Heather Van Poucker regarding a final report of the meeting held on January 16 with the Clerk's Office staff.

LIAISON REPORT

No Liaison Reports.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Koryzno inquired if Council had any feedback or additions to the Proposed Goals and Action Plan.

Closed Session per Section 8(c) (Collective Bargaining), of the Open Meetings Act.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

A. **Resolution #2004-10**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member LaRue and supported by Council Member Gawlas.

RESOLVED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That, the following individual be appointed to the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions as indicated below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
James Nelson 1942 Roosevelt Ypsilanti, MI 48197	DDA	3/1/05
William Kinley 121 Pearl Street Ypsilanti, MI	DDA	3/1/06

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

Resolution 2004-10A, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Richardson and supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT Council Member Sandie Schulze be appointed to fill the position of the City Appointee to the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study, Planning Advisory Board recently vacated by Council Member Gawlas; and

THAT Council Member Gawlas be thanked for his long and faithful service on the board.

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

Mayor Farmer questioned whether the Charter could be changed to make the City Clerk's Office under the jurisdiction of the City Manager. She inquired whether this could be placed on the ballot for the November Election.

Council discussed the pros and cons of possibly changing the Charter to make the City Clerk's Office under the jurisdiction of the City Manager instead of City Council.

Mayor Farmer questioned whether zoning could affect the ability of a property owner to convert a house into a parking lot. She questioned whether zoning requirements under R1 as opposed to R2 or R3 would prevent homeowners from converting homes into parking lots. She also questioned the number of owners of the Eastern Michigan Parking lot on Pearl Street. Mayor Farmer inquired if a report had been given by the Eastern Michigan Foundation regarding in-kind contributions allegedly given by the City.

She also questioned Council Member Gawlas about the Washtenaw Metro Alliance regarding whether the information presented to Council January 6, 2004 required an action.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #2004-11, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson and supported by Council Member Richardson to adjourn the meeting.

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

Adjourned at 9:53 p.m.