

January 7, 2008

Regular meeting of the Ludington City Council held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Present: His Honor, Mayor John Henderson, Councilors Kaye Holman, Paul Peterson, Greg Dykstra, Brent Scott, David Weston, Pete Engblade, and Gary Castonia.

Absent: None

Also present were City Manager John Shay, City Attorney Roger Anderson, Police Chief Mark Barnett, City Treasurer Mary Reeds-Mortensen, Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Member Shay Rocco, and City Clerk Deborah Luskin. It was noted that City Attorney Roger Anderson was excused from this meeting as he was ill.

Invocation was pronounced by Councilor Pete Engblade.

Pledge to the Flag was given.

Moved by Councilor Castonia, seconded by Councilor Scott, that the Agenda be approved. Motion Carried.

The meeting was opened for public comments. Ray Franks introduced himself as a candidate for State Representative. After no further comments were received, the regular order of business was resumed.

Moved by Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Holman, that the minutes of the regular meeting held 12/17/07 be approved as printed. Motion Carried.

His Honor Mayor Henderson formally thanked all who have applied for appointments to committees and boards. He explained that there are still openings on the Parks Advisory Board, Board of Ethics, and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

His Honor, Mayor John Henderson, recommended that John Shay be reappointed City Manager for 2008. Moved by Councilor Castonia, seconded by Councilor Holman, that the foregoing appointment be made. Motion Carried.

His Honor recommended the reappointment of Gavigan, Anderson, and Andrews as the City's Attorneys to handle the City's civil cases and John Bulger to handle criminal cases. Moved by Councilor Holman, seconded by Councilor Scott, that the foregoing appointments be approved. Councilor Peterson questioned the attorney on tax tribunals as the agreement with Gavigan Anderson and Andrews indicated that they would handle all civil cases as well as tax tribunal appeals. City Manager Shay explained that the firm of Gavigan Anderson and Andrews would handle small tax appeals but on the larger appeals the City uses the firm of Lewis Reed & Allen PC. Motion Carried.

His Honor made the following appointments to the Standing Committees:

Finance: K.Holman, Chrm., P.Peterson, P.Engblade

Personnel, Rules and Resolutions: B.Scott, Chrm., P.Peterson, G.Dykstra

Public Safety/Public Utilities: D.Weston, Chrm. Safety, G.Castonia, Chrm.Utilities, B.Scott

Cemetery, Parks & Recreation/Waterfront: G.Dykstra, Chrm.Cemetery/Parks&Rec,

P.Peterson, Chrm.Waterfront, D.Weston

Building & Licenses/Long Range Planning: P.Engblade, Chrm., G.Castonia, K.Holman

Moved by Councilor Weston, seconded by Councilor Holman, to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Standing Committees for 2008. Motion Carried.

His Honor made the following appointments to the Official Boards.

CITY OF LUDINGTON
OFFICIAL BOARDS

Term Expiring December 31

FIRE COMMISSIONER

Councilor Dave Weston – Public Safety Committee Chairman 2008

Mayor & City Manager

DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD – Formed in 1994

Gilbert Larsen (City Appt.)	2008
Michael Sutton (County Appt.)	2009
D Lynn Pollock (Mutual Appt.)	2009
Marilyn Bannon (City Appt.)	2010
Ivan Anthony (County Appt.)	2010
Laura Thompson (City Appt.)	2011
Robert Kran (County Appt.)	2011

POLICE PENSION BOARD

John Fellows (City Appt.)	2008
Matthew McMellan (Elected by PD)	2008
Rich Pruneau (Elected by PD)	2009
Helen DeBeck (City Appt.)	2010
*City Treasurer	

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Bonnie Vaught	2008
Helen Vanderveer	2008
Wil Fortier	2008
Patricia Johnston	2009
Karen Worten	2009
Margaret Utley.....	2010
Don Allen Jr.	2010
Peg Andersen	2011

RECREATION BOARD

Greg Dykstra (Chrm. Parks & Recreation).....	2008
Mary Jo Pung (School Board Member)	2008
Jerry Erickson (City Appt. / At-Large)	2008
Dan Neil (School Board Appt. / At-Large)	2008
Gene Jorissen (PM Township Appt.)	2008
Mary Acker (Summit Township Appt.)	2008
Nancy Sniegowski (Hamlin Township Appt.).....	2008
Gary Castonia (City Council Member).....	2009
Rob Killips (City Appt. / At-Large)	2009
Steve Brockelbank (School Appt. / At-Large)	2009

BOARD OF REVIEW

Fred Hackert	2008
Tim Heinrich	2008
Dave McCarthy	2008
Dave Germain	2008
Robert Bachman	2008

CONSTRUCTION & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE APPEAL BOARD

Robert Bradshaw	2008
Bill Roy	2009
Frank Sagan	2010
Dennis Dunlap	2011
Jim Nordlund	2012

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Joe Moloney (Planning Commission Liaison)	2008
Bill LoForte.....	2008
Tom Tyron	2009
Bonnie Vaught	2009
Brian Purtee	2010
Roger Starr	2010
Kirk Josvai.....	2010
VACANCY (Alternate)	
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LUDINGTON MASS TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Kim Halladay.....	2008
Mike Nekola	2008
Harold Madden	2009
Russell Peterson	2010
Robert Overholt	2010
City of Scottville Appointment (Scottville Senior Center Director)	

MUNICIPAL MARINA BOARD

Dick Boes.....	2008
Jack Bulger.....	2008
Councilor Kaye Holman (Finance Committee Chairman.....	2008
Avery Benedict.....	2009
Howard Hansen.....	2009

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT STEERING COMMITTEE (CDBG)

Mike Nekola	2008
Gilbert Larsen.....	2009
Judy Ewing.....	2010
Mike Klemm.....	2011
Dennis Walunus	2012
*Community Development Director	

CABLE ADVISORY BOARD

Kirk Josvai	2008
Dave Flickinger.....	2008
Robert Garrett.....	2009
Dave Weston	2009
Sharon Petzak	2009
John Fellows	2010
Caroline Johnson.....	2010

BOARD OF ETHICS (Appointed 07/00)

Jim Carey.....	2008
VACANCY.....	2008
Thom Hawley.....	2009
Marianne Dila Strickland.....	2009
Chuck Hagerman	2010
VACANT (Alternate)	
VACANT (Alternate)	

BUILDING AUTHORITY

John Shay	2008
Jack Bulger	2008
Milan S. (Budde) Reed.....	2009
Tim Hansen.....	2010
Deborah Luskin	2010

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Formed January 2008)

Planning Commission Member Bob Garrett.....	2008
Kirk Josvai.....	2008
Kevin Spuller.....	2008
Kathie Bachman.....	2008
Roger Starr.....	2008
Jim Pinkerton.....	2008
VACANCY.....	2008

MISC APPOINTMENTS

Term Expiring December 31

MICHIGAN WORKS

Brent Scott	2008
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MASON COUNTY SOLID WASTE

Gilbert Larsen 2008

WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Gary Castonia 2008

The following were appointed at the December 17, 2007 City Council Meeting

PLANNING COMMISSION

Gary Schnitker..... 2008
Joe Moloney..... 2008
Kaye Ferguson-Holman (City Council Liaison)..... 2008
Chris Gamble..... 2009
Chris Pontz..... 2009
Clay Olmstead..... 2009
Mike Nekola..... 2010
Bob Garrett..... 2010
Tom Coleman..... 2010

DOWNTOWN LUDINGTON BOARD – DLB (Newly Established - January 2004)

(This Board also functions as the Downtown Development Authority.)

Julie Payment..... 2008
Aleksy Urich..... 2008
Wayne Brown..... 2008
Andy Thomas..... 2009
Darla Keillor ... 2009
Nick Tykoski..... 2009
Terry Murphy..... 2010
Les Johnson..... 2010
Gail Lyons..... 2010
Chris Pontz..... 2011
Kathy MacLean..... 2011
Jim Lindsay..... 2011

Mayor John Henderson

*Ex-Officio Members

Community Development Director, Chamber of Commerce Director, Mason County Growth Alliance Director & Planning Commission Representative.

Moved by Councilor Holman, seconded by Councilor Peterson, to approve the Mayor’s appointments to the Official Boards other than the Police Pension and LMTA Boards for 2008. Councilor Weston questioned why Dennis Walunus is continuing on the Community Block Development Grant Board as he no longer lives in the City. His Honor Mayor Henderson stated that Mr. Walunus is welcome to send a letter requesting to be taken off the committee and His Honor will grant this request. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Engblade, seconded by Councilor Scott, to approve the LMTA appointments for 2008. Councilor Castonia abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Dykstra, seconded by Councilor Holman, to approve the Police Pension appointments for 2008. Councilors Engblade, Weston, and Castonia abstained as they are retired police officers. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Dykstra, seconded by Councilor Peterson to nominate Councilor Castonia as Mayor Pro Tem for 2008. Councilor Castonia accepted the nomination. Motion Carried. Moved by Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Holman, to approve the appointment of Councilor Castonia as Mayor Pro Tem for 2008. Carried.

Moved by Councilor Holman, seconded by Councilor Dykstra, that the 2008 meeting dates be set for 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month except for the months of January and May, which shall be held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays and that the January 21st meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. at Peterson Auditorium Ludington High School. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Holman, seconded by Councilor Peterson, that the Finance Report with total expenditures in the amount of \$406,095.94 for this period be approved and orders drawn according to the City Charter. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Weston, seconded by Councilor Holman, to approve the Summary of Investments, Designation of Depositories, for 2008 as presented by City Treasurer, Mary Reeds-Mortensen. The City Treasurer explained that the amounts listed on the Summary of Investments are the maximum amounts that can be invested in each financial institution. Councilor Scott questioned if Shelby State Bank were to contact the City would we use them as a depository. The City Treasurer responded that Shelby State Bank has not contacted the City yet but if they were to make contact then the list could be updated during the year. Councilor Engblade questioned if we favor the local banks. The Treasurer mentioned that the local banks have been very fair with competitive interest rates during this past year and she will continue to use these local banks if this continues. Motion Carried.

Councilor Peterson suggested that Council receive the financial general ledger on a quarterly or semiannual basis rather than on a monthly basis. His Honor Mayor Henderson suggested that the Finance Committee review this at their next meeting and make a recommendation.

Moved by Councilor Weston, seconded by Councilor Castonia, to approve the 2007 Water Treatment Plant Annual Report. Water Plant Superintendent Kurt Malzahn was available to answer questions and to present highlights of this report and progress on the 2007 goals. He recognized his competent staff and stated that without them the Water Plant would not have been able to accomplish the goals. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Castonia, seconded by Councilor Dykstra, to approve the 2007 Wastewater Treatment Plant Annual Report. Wastewater Plant Superintendent Rob Allard was available to answer questions and to present highlights of this report and progress on the 2007 goals. He also recognized his competent staff as the reason that the plant was able to accomplish their goals. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Weston, seconded by Councilor Scott, to accept the 2007 Utility Maintenance Department Annual Report. Utility Maintenance Superintendent Jon Kortge was available to answer questions and to present highlights of this report and progress on the 2007 goals. He also recognized his competent staff as the reason that the department was able to accomplish their goals. Motion Carried.

City Manager Shay explained that all three of these departments require teamwork and cooperation as they work together on similar projects and are proactive in long range planning to accomplish the goals. Also, all three departments do their own repairs and are always looking for ways to save money for the City and they should be commended for this.

Councilor Castonia thanked all three superintendents for their excellent thorough reports and expressed pleasure in the way that each recognized and commended their employees for their work during the past year.

Councilor Peterson asked to be excused from the next meeting as he would be out of town.

His Honor Mayor Henderson reminded all Councilors to be at Peterson Auditorium and seated by 12:30 p.m. on Monday, January 21, 2008, for the next city council meeting.

Moved by Councilor Engblade, seconded by Councilor Weston, that the meeting be adjourned. So carried at 8:20 p.m.

Deborah L. Luskin, City Clerk