

February 23, 2009

Regular meeting of the Ludington City Council held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Monday, February 23, 2009, at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Also present were City Manager John Shay, Police Captain Rich Pruneau, Fire Chief Jerry Funk, and City Clerk Deborah Luskin.

Invocation was pronounced by Councilor Pete Engblade.

Pledge to the Flag was given.

Moved by Councilor Castonia, seconded by Councilor Holman, that the Agenda be approved as presented. Motion Carried.

The meeting was opened for public comments.

Greg DeJong, 201 S. Lakeshore Dr., commented on a sewer problem that arose on the corner of Loomis Street and Lakeshore Drive. He explained that late last summer his neighbor to the east of him on Loomis Street received a letter from the City regarding a sewer leak in her yard. The neighbor hired a contractor who stated that the problem was not the neighbor's but rather his problem and the neighbor was left with a \$300 sewer maintenance bill. Mr. DeJong explained that the sewer line runs on an angle from his property across to the neighbor's property. He asked the City for some help on this and requested copies of as built drawings so he knows exactly where the sewer runs and for copies of responsibilities. This was received in the form of Section 62.3 of the City Code which explains what the owner of every house that connects to the City sewer is responsible for. He explained that he had no problem with the sewer system until June 12th, the date of the big storm. His neighbors had sewage in their basement but he did not. He is thinking that it is the sewer line from his house that was affected by the storm of June 12<sup>th</sup>, but he is not able to find drawings of the sewer lines so he cannot be sure. His neighbor is seeking reimbursement for the \$300 that she paid for the sewer work from him, and he does not think that this sewer backup is her fault. He is looking for some direction from the City Council on addressing the sewer problem as this area has never had a problem for 10 years. He is asking if the City would open his sewer line to see if it is broken and then he could fix it. His Honor Mayor Henderson requested that this be moved to the Public Utility Committee and asked that the Supervisor look into this matter.

After no further comments were received, the regular order of business was resumed.

Moved by Councilor Weston, seconded by Councilor Holman, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting 2/9/09. Motion Carried.

His Honor, Mayor Henderson, recommended the appointment of Roger Anderson as the City's Attorney to handle the City's civil cases. Moved by Councilor Castonia, seconded by Councilor Scott, to approve the foregoing appointment. Councilor Dykstra stated that it does not make sense to have an attorney present unless there is a particular issue that the City needs legal advice on and he suggested that this be brought back to the Personnel Committee for discussion. His Honor Mayor Henderson stated that there were three attorneys who were interviewed by the Personnel Committee and everyone interviewed stated that Roger Anderson was the best municipal civil attorney in the business. Councilor Scott stated the Personnel Committee felt that in committee meetings as well as council meetings where Roger Anderson would participate, that communication by teleconference was acceptable. Councilor Dykstra stated that the teleconference does work well. Councilor Weston stated he was against this appointment at first because he felt that the attorney should be present at all meetings, but now is in agreement with this appointment along with the contact by teleconference. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Engblade, seconded by Councilor Scott, to approve West Shore Pregnancy Care Center's request to hold the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Walk-For-Life Event on Sunday, May 17, 2009. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Holman, seconded by Councilor Peterson, that the Finance Report with total expenditures in the amount of \$345,566.70 for this period be approved and orders drawn according to the City Charter. Motion Carried.

## 2008 SUMMARY OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS #1

NAME/ACCOUNT	CODE	BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET
Total General Fund Revenues	403-693	\$5,200,200	\$5,370,100
General Fund Prior Year Balance		0	0
Mayor & City Council	101	38,400	38,800
Manager's Office	172	229,000	221,000
Clerk's/General Accounting	215	293,000	301,900
Board of Review	247	2,700	2,700
Treasurer's Office	253	147,600	144,500
Assessor's & Bldg Inspector	257	300,500	287,300
Elections	262	33,600	36,300
City Hall & Grounds	265	94,500	97,300
City Attorney	266	58,200	63,000
City Property-Downtown	268	98,000	113,400
City Property-Other	269	3,400	5,400
Cemetery	276	194,400	178,700
Board of Ethics	290	200	200
Police Dept.	301	1,360,800	1,350,100
Police Clerical	302	67,500	64,500
Special Police	303	1,100	1,400
Fire Dept.	336	159,800	152,100
DPW-Municipal Services	441	281,700	373,100
Sidewalk Construction	444	91,200	88,000
Street Lighting	448	98,000	123,900
Garbage & Rubbish	528	617,100	610,500
Planning Commission	721	6,700	6,300
Economic & Community Dev.	728	72,900	64,900
Parks	751	297,600	338,700
Lifeguards	752	26,700	23,700
Launching Ramps	756	93,900	106,000
Insurance & Bonds	851	58,200	60,100
Miscellaneous Contributions	960	450,400	494,700
Miscellaneous	961	23,100	17,300
TOTAL GEN FUND EXPENSES		\$5,200,200	\$5,365,800
Major Streets Revenue	202	\$ 483,900	\$ 478,700
Major Streets Expenses	202	417,400	460,000
Local Street Revenue	203	\$ 647,200	\$ 642,500
Local Street Expenses	203	647,200	615,300
Recreation Revenues	208	\$ 149,400	\$ 153,000
Recreation Prior Year Fund Balance		6,400	0
Recreation Expenses	208	155,400	151,100
Senior Center Revenues	211	\$ 143,700	\$ 151,900
Senior Center Prior Year Fund Balance		1,600	5,700
Senior Center Expenses	211	145,300	157,600
Waterfront Playground Revenues	215	\$ 1,000	\$ 800
Waterfront Playground Prior Year		0	0
Waterfront Playground Expenses	215	1,000	500
Movies In The Park Revenues	216	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Movies In The Park Expenses	216	2,000	1,300
Ludington Skate Plaza Revenues	218	\$ 76,900	\$ 84,000
Ludington Skate Plaza Prior Year		80,000	136,900
Ludington Skate Plaza Expenses	218	156,900	220,900

Bldg Auth Bond & Interest Revenues	371	\$ 241,800	\$ 241,800
Bldg Auth Bond & Interest Expenses	371	241,800	241,800
West Lud Ave Improvement Revenues	404	\$ 235,600	\$ 65,000
West Lud Ave Prior Year Balance		0	0
West Lud Ave Improvement Expenses	404	235,600	10,100
Bryant Woods Project Revenues	405	\$ 83,200	\$ 74,200
Bryant Woods Prior Year Balance		0	7,600
Bryant Woods Project Expenses	405	83,200	74,200
Building Rehab Revenues	422	\$ 294,800	\$ 299,500
Building Rehab Expenses	422	294,800	251,200
Capital Improvements Revenues	450	\$ 6,000	\$ 0
Capital Improvements Prior Year Fund Balance		494,000	498,200
Capital Improvements Expenses	450	500,000	498,200
DDA Operating Revenues	493	\$ 46,500	\$ 52,100
DDA Operating Prior Year Balance		0	0
DDA Operating Expenses	493	46,500	43,400
Watchcase Contam Revenues	495	\$ 0	\$ 0
Prior Year Fund Balance		15,000	7,900
Watchcase Contam Expenses	495	15,000	7,900
Cartier Park Improve Revenues	497	\$ 58,900	\$ 57,700
Cartier Park Prior Year Fund Balance		0	800
Cartier Park Improve Expenses	497	\$ 50,700	\$ 58,500
Cartier Park Revenues	508	\$ 0	\$ 17,300
Cartier Park Expenditures	508	\$ 0	\$ 500
Water & Water Maint Revenues	591	\$ 1,415,000	\$ 1,369,600
Prior Year Retained Earnings		316,800	318,000
Water Maint Expenses	591-000	570,300	610,800
Water Plant Expenses	591-556	1,161,500	1,076,800
Sewer & Sewer Maint Revenues	592	\$ 1,596,500	\$ 1,622,600
Prior Year Retained Earnings		164,600	560,500
Sewer Maint Expenses	592-000	732,700	1,192,600
Sewer Plant Expenses	592-527	1,028,400	99,500
Municipal Marina Revenues	594	\$ 1,140,100	\$ 815,700
Prior Year Retained Earnings		334,500	62,000
Municipal Marina Expenses	594	1,474,600	877,700
Site Assessment Fund Revenues	644	\$ 26,700	\$ 16,800
Site Assessment Prior Year Fund Balance		0	28,600
Site Assessment Fund Expenses	644	26,700	45,400
Motor Pool Revenues	661	\$ 929,500	\$ 1,050,800
Prior Year Fund Balance		27,200	0
Motor Pool Expenses	661	956,700	987,600
Bryant Road Property Revenues	702	\$ 0	\$ 800
Prior Year Fund Balance		0	94,500
Bryant Road Property Expenses	702	0	95,300
Fringe Benefits Revenues	719	\$ 1,764,000	\$ 1,004,500
Fringe Benefits Expenses	719	1,764,000	1,004,500

Moved by Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Holman, to approve the foregoing 2008 Budgetary Amendments as presented. City Manager John Shay explained that when the 2008 revenues and expenditures were budgeted they were to equal each other. With these budget amendments before Council, it means that the City expects to finish the year with about \$4,300 more in revenue than expenses. The explanations for the budget amendments were given. Interest income was higher on property taxes by about \$24,000, franchise fees from Charter Communications were \$14,000 more than expected, FEMA revenue from the June storm was \$48,100 and had not been originally budgeted, sidewalk revenue was \$8,400 more than expected, the \$40,000 deposit by Ron Sarto on the purchase of the property in the Industrial Park was turned over to the City when it was determined that new jobs had not been created, the City had more grave openings than expected, and revenue sharing came in at \$21,600 more than anticipated. On the expenditure side, equipment rental was increased due to the June storm and the earlier winter season, pink Christmas lights were purchased for \$6,800 but the City has been reimbursed, sidewalk expenditures increased by \$8,400, the Deputy Clerk assumed additional duties for a \$2 an hour increase in salary, and when the former account clerk left the City was responsible for paying \$1,100 more than budgeted for the Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance, street light costs went up, there were repairs to the North Concession stand, and lights were repaired at the Loomis Street Boat Launch. Councilor Scott asked about the street light electricity cost and questioned whether there were street lights that are more efficient and do we replace them as needed. City Manager Shay explained that it is not as efficient to replace a bulb, but would have to replace the ballast to transform them to a more efficient lighting system. City Manager Shay stated that the City will look into this cost. His Honor Mayor Henderson asked that Public Utilities look into this as well and review the costs. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Holman, seconded by Councilor Peterson, to award the 2009 Dredging contract to the low bid Ken Adams Excavating for \$6.50 per yard. Councilor Dykstra asked whether the City were going to dredge this year with the anticipated lake levels coming. City Manager Shay explained that there is quite a bit of shoaling or sedimentation coming in on the north end of the launch that would make it necessary for the dredging this year. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Castonia, seconded by Councilor Scott, to approve the low bid of \$108,930.60 plus the cost to remove the curb and gutter of \$4,680 for a total cost of \$113,610.60 from Hallack Contracting for the North Lewis Street Improvement Project. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Castonia, seconded by Councilor Dykstra, to approve the low bid of \$85,904.30 from McCormick Sand for the Tamarac Force Main Relocation Project. Councilor Holman questioned why the difference between the engineer's estimate and what the bids came in at. City Manager Shay explained that it was due to directional drilling. His Honor Mayor Henderson asked if we have ever done business with McCormick Sand before. City Manager Shay stated that Prein & Newhof and Jon Kortge are familiar with this company and they have not expressed concerns. His Honor Mayor Henderson asked that there be a time frame for completion listed in the contract. It was agreed that there would be a time frame for completion put in the contract. Motion Carried.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 189-08 Taxicab Licensing

An ordinance to amend Sections 10-1, 10-36 and Section 10-37 and to add Section 10-38 and Section 10-39 to the City Code to require the registration of TAXICAB COMPANIES AND TAXICABS.

THE CITY OF LUDINGTON ORDAINS:

**Section 1:** Section 10-1 of the City Code shall be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 10-1. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Activity* means any business, trade, event or occupation required to be registered or licensed by this chapter.

*Applicant* means any person required by this chapter to file an application with the city clerk.

*Application or apply* means the act of providing to the city clerk the information required by this chapter for a license to operate a junkyard or for a parade permit as required in article IV of chapter 46. The term "application" also means a completed application form.

*Business or trade* means any vocation, occupation, profession, enterprise, establishment and all other kinds of activities, whether or not conducted for profit or not for profit, together with all devices, machines, vehicles and appurtenances used therein, on any premises in the city.

*Canvasser or solicitor* means any person who travels by foot, motor vehicle, or any other type of conveyance, from place to place, from house to house or from street to street, taking or attempting to take orders for the sale of goods, products, wares, merchandise, farm products or personal property of any nature whatsoever for future delivery, or for services to be furnished immediately or to be performed in the future, whether or not such person has, carries or exposes for sale a sample of the subject of such sale or whether the person is collecting advance payments on such sales. The term "canvasser" includes any person who for himself or for another person hires, leases, uses or occupies a building, structure, tent, railroad boxcar, boat, hotel room, lodginghouse, apartment, shop or any street, alley or other place within

the city for the sole purpose of exhibiting samples or offering services and taking orders for future delivery or performance.

*Junk* means old iron, steel, brass, copper, tin, lead or other basic metals; old cordage, ropes, rags, fibers or fabrics; old rubber; old bottles or other glass; bones; wastepaper and other waste or discarded material which might be prepared to be used again in some form; motor vehicles, no longer used as such, to be stored or used for scrap metal or stripping of parts. The term "junk" shall not include materials or objects accumulated as byproducts, waste or scraps from the operation of a business or materials or objects held and used by a manufacturer as an intricate part of manufacturing processes.

*Junkyard* means a yard, lot or place, covered or uncovered, outdoors or in an enclosed building, containing junk as defined in this section, upon which occurs one or more acts of buying, keeping, dismantling, processing, selling or offering for sale any such junk, in whole units or by parts, for a business or commercial purpose.

*License* or *licensee* includes, respectively, the word "permit" or "permittee" or the holder for any use or period of time of any similar privilege, wherever relevant to any section of this chapter or other law or ordinance, and includes any renewal of the license or permit.

*Pawnbroker* means any person who loans money on deposit or pledges personal property or other valuable things, other than securities or printed evidences of indebtedness, or who deals in the purchasing of personal property or other valuable items on condition of selling the property or items back again at a predetermined price. The term "pawnbroker" does not include a regularly established bank or other financial institution regulated under state or federal law.

*Peddler* means any person who travels by foot, motor vehicle or any other type of conveyance, from place to place, from house to house or from street to street, carrying, conveying or transporting goods, products, wares, merchandise, farm products or personal property of any nature whatsoever, offering and exposing such for sale or making sales and delivering articles to purchasers, or who, without traveling from place to place, sells or offers such for sale from a motor vehicle or any other type of conveyance. The word "peddler" includes the words "hawker" and "huckster."

*Person* means individual natural persons, partnerships, limited partnerships, joint ventures, societies, associations, clubs, trustees, trusts, corporations, churches or organizations of every kind and purpose; or any officers, agents, employees, factors or any kind of personal representatives of any thereof, in any capacity, either acting for themselves or for any other person, either under personal appointment or pursuant to law, exclusive of federal, state, county or other local governmental units and their agencies. The word "person" shall include the word "applicant" or "registrant."

*Premises* means all lands, structures, places and also the equipment and appurtenances connected or used therewith in any activity required to be registered or licensed by this chapter, and also any personal property which is either affixed to or is otherwise used in connection with any such activity conducted on such premises.

*Register or registration* means the act of providing to the city clerk the information required by this chapter prior to engaging in the activities referred to in section 10-36. The term "registration" also means a completed registration form.

*Registrant* means any person required to be registered by this chapter.

*Secondhand* means any previously owned item of personal property which is offered for sale or exchange, for a commercial or business purpose, and which is not otherwise encompassed within the term "junk" as defined in this section. Secondhand items do not include items offered for sale or exchange in a garage or yard sale carried on by a person who is not otherwise engaged in the business of selling or exchanging previously owned items for a commercial or business purpose.

*Show or exhibition* means a public display or event held outside or in a temporary structure erected for the purpose of the show or exhibition designed to attract, entertain or inform the public, whether or not a fee is charged and whether or not the audience is restricted in any fashion, including but not limited to concerts, public dances, beer tents, circuses or rallies.

*Taxicab* means any motor vehicle furnishing individuals services for compensation and transportation of passengers on the streets of the City between points as may be directed by the passenger, but excluding motor vehicles used as ambulances, hearses or busses operated by a transportation authority or a limousine having a certificate of authority under the Limousine Transportation Act, MCL 257.1901 et seq.

*Temporary business* means any activity associated with the sale or delivery of goods, products, wares, merchandise, farm products or personal property by a person within the city occurring for a period of less than four consecutive months.

*Transient merchant* means any person who engages in the temporary business of selling and delivering goods, products, wares, merchandise, farm products or personal property of any nature whatsoever within the city, and who in furtherance of such purpose hires, leases, uses or occupies any building, structure, motor vehicle, tent, railroad boxcar, boat, hotel room, lodginghouse, apartment, shop or any street, alley or other place within the city for the exhibition and sale of such, either privately or at public auction. The term "transient merchant" does not include any person who participates in less than three garage or yard sales per calendar year.

**Cross references:** Definitions generally, § 1-2.

**Section 2: Section 10-36 of the City Code shall be amended to read as follows:**

**Sec. 10-36. Registration required.**

It is unlawful for any person to engage in the following activities without first having registered with the city clerk:

- (1) Acting as a canvasser or solicitor;
- (2) Acting as peddler;

- (3) Acting as a transient merchant;
- (4) Operating as a pawnbroker;
- (5) Selling or exchanging secondhand items; \_\_\_
- (6) Conducting a show or exhibition; or
- (7) Operating a taxicab company or driving a taxicab.

**Section 3: Section 10-37 of the City Code shall be amended to read as follows:**

**Sec. 10-37. Registration form; required information.**

Every person required to register pursuant to this article shall register on forms provided by the city clerk for that purpose. Registrations shall be filed with the city clerk prior to the commencement of the activity to be registered. The person registering shall state, under oath or affirmation, that the information contained in the registration is true. No person shall knowingly make a false statement or representation on any registration required by this chapter. Registrations shall contain the following information:

- (1) The nature of the activity to be registered;
- (2) The full name, address, date of birth, telephone number and tax identification number (either a social security number or tax identification number assigned by the Internal Revenue Service) of the registrant. If the person completing the registration is an agent, the registration shall also contain the name, address and telephone number of the principal for whom the registration is being made;
- (3) The full name, address and telephone number of the person who will manage or supervise the activity in the city, and the local address of such person, if any;
- (4) The address or location where the proposed activity will be carried on;
- (5) The dates and the hours when the activity will take place;
- (6) Copies of any other licenses or permits required by law, including chauffeurs license of each driver of a taxicab; and
- (7) In the case of Taxicabs copies of valid proofs of commercial insurance appropriate for taxicabs for each Taxicab and a certification of a licensed mechanic that each taxicab is safe to be operated as a taxicab.
- (8) Such other information as the city clerk may deem necessary for the proper identification of the registrant.

Section 4: Section 10-38 shall be added to the City Code and shall read as follows:

Section 10-38 Annual Renewals.

Any registration under this Chapter 10 shall be valid for a period of one (1) year, and every person required to be registered under this chapter is required to re-register annually on the anniversary date of such registration to continue to engage in the activities requiring registration. If, during any one (1) year registration, a taxicab or taxicab company no longer meets the requirements for registration under this Article, the owner or operator of such taxicab or taxicab company shall cease operation until such taxicab or taxicab company is in compliance.

Section 5: Section 10-39 shall be added to the City Code and shall read as follows:

Section 10-39 Photo ID.

During the operation of a taxicab, each taxicab shall have a photo ID of the current driver prominently displayed so it can be easily read by patrons. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be grounds for revocation of the registration of the taxicab.

Section 6: Severability: Should any provisions of this Ordinance or any part thereof be held unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining provisions hereof or of any other provisions of the Code or Ordinances of the City of Ludington.

Section 7: Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be effective 20 days after publication.

Moved by Councilor Castonia, seconded by Councilor Weston, to adopt Ordinance No. 189-09 Taxicab Licensing. Councilor Holman asked if the taxicab owner does not follow this Ordinance, is this a misdemeanor. City Attorney explained that this would be a misdemeanor.

Roll Call Ayes: Councilor Peterson, Castonia, Dykstra, Engblade, Scott, Holman, and Weston

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

First Presentation of Ordinance No. 190-09, Changes to Temporary Signs, was read. This Ordinance will allow tent or sandwich board signs in front of each of the C1, C2, Central Business District, and Maritime Commercial zoning districts during business hours all year. For those business located in the 100 block of North James Street, they will be allowed to display a tent sign on the City's property. Yard, garage, estate, and similar signs will be allowed on any private property as long as permission is received from the property owner or occupant.

First Presentation of Ordinance No. 191-09, Group Day Care Homes, was read. This ordinance will require Group Day Care Homes (which are private homes whereby 7-12 children are cared for) be located at least 900 feet from any existing Group Day Care Home or any adult foster care facility. Councilor Engbalde commented on this ordinance and questioned why the City should regulate this, why does the ordinance just apply to Group Day Care Homes, and he is suggesting that this ordinance go back to the Building and Licensing Committee for review. Councilor Dykstra asked why there are any restrictions. There are many day care facilities with 6 or less children, but not as many of the group day care (7-12 children). Councilor Dykstra asked how the two types of day care facilities conflict each other.

Councilor Scott explained that the larger group day care facilities may result in problems with employee parking, parking drop off/pick up areas, and the safety of children. Moved by Councilor Engblade, seconded by Councilor Peterson, to send back to Committee the proposed changes to the Group Day Care Homes. Councilor Castonia abstained from the discussion as well as the vote due to a conflict of interest. Motion Carried.

First Presentation of Ordinance No. 192-09, US10/M116 Corridor Overlay Zone, was read. The zoning ordinance is to be amended to add a US10/M116 Corridor Overlay Zone. The purpose of this zone would be to minimize the number of future access points or driveway openings along South James Street, Ludington Avenue, and Lakeshore Drive in an effort to reduce conflict points and promote better traffic flow. This process would allow the City and MDOT to review joint applications for curb cuts and driveway openings along these state highways.

First Presentation of Ordinance No. 193-09 Planned Unit Development Regulations was read. This went through Planning Commission and the Building and Licensing Committee. At the present time, there are three different application processes for Residential Planned Unit Developments, Waterfront Planned Unit Developments, and Industrial Planned Unit Developments. This ordinance will codify all of these developments into one application process.

Moved by Councilor Dykstra, seconded by Councilor Holman, to award the Stearns Park Concession Agreement to Stacy Sutton. Councilor Dykstra explained that there were three applicants who applied to operate the Stearns Park Concession Stands with two of these applicants providing presentations. One was Dave Renwick with a representative Cindy Cuellar who provided a power point presentation, and the other was a business plan from Stacy Sutton. The committee unanimously agreed to enter into an agreement with Stacy Sutton to operate the Stearns Park Concession Agreement. Councilor Castonia asked whether the equipment listed on the contract was to be purchased by Stacy Sutton. It was explained that this equipment was the City's for Stacy to use. Councilor Scott asked if there would be a sign off sheet in the restrooms for cleaning and maintenance. It was explained that this requirement is provided in the contract. Councilor Dykstra commented that Stacy Sutton has presented a very impressive business plan. Councilor Castonia also stated that he was impressed with the proposal. Motion Carried.

His Honor Mayor Henderson and Councilor Castonia recognized Boy Scout Troop 1193 as attending the meeting.

Councilor Holman asked about the project list for the stimulus plan, and she thanked the City Manager, the Department Heads, and the Assistant to the City Manager, Jackie Steckel, for putting this package together. City Manager Shay stated that all of the water and sewer projects will go under the existing State Revolving Fund loan program. The road projects will be under the existing Small Urban Funding Program, which pays for 80% of construction and 0% for engineering. The stimulus funding will pay 100% of road projects, but no engineering costs, but not pay for any water or sewer work on these road projects. He explained that he did follow up with USDA Rural Development on the fire station, but the Community Facilities Grant Program would only pay 5% in grant funds and a 95% loan, which are is not attractive. His Honor Mayor Henderson asked City Manager Shay to contact Representative Pete Hoekstra for clarification on if the stimulus plan is going to boost the State's loan program and if that was the original intent.

Councilor Holman recognized Fire Chief Jerry Funk for the summary report and the response report he had included in the Council packet and had some questions. City Manager Shay stated that Chief Funk was supposed to provide the information for the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting and asked to have the materials put aside until this meeting.

Councilor Peterson complimented Carol Foote on the frequently asked questions pamphlets. It was very well put together. The cost was \$499.50 for 500 of them and discussion took place as to how much it would cost to mail these pamphlets to every household. It was decided each would cost \$1.42 to mail.

Moved by Councilor Engblade, seconded by Councilor Peterson, that the meeting be adjourned. So carried at 6:25 p.m.

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Deborah L. Luskin, City Clerk