

City of Northville
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 2015

Mayor Roth called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m. in the City of Northville Municipal Building, City Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Ken Roth, Mayor Pro Tem James Allen, Councilmembers Nancy Darga and Marilyn Price

Absent: Councilmember Sam Ekong (excused)

Also

Present: City Clerk Dianne Massa and five citizens

The City Manager was absent (excused) and it was noted that this was the first City Council meeting the City Manager had not attended in over ten years.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Citizens Comments None

B. Gary DeMars – American Legion Lloyd H. Green Post #147

Gary DeMars, Post Commander from American Legion Lloyd H. Green Post 147 introduced himself and the Post Chaplain. DeMars spoke of the American Legion's history and its four pillars. DeMars noted that recent involvement in the Northville community included joining the Chamber of Commerce, donating over \$15,000 to veteran and various community charities, participating in POW/MIA ceremonies in Novi, participating in the Northville Veterans Day ceremonies, and visiting veterans at Northville area facilities. It was also noted that for a nominal rental fee, the American Legion Hall and meeting rooms are available for public and private use.

City Council comments voiced appreciation to the American Legion for its contribution and service to veterans and to the Northville community.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Darga, seconded by Allen to adopt the agenda and consent agenda as presented:

Approve City Council Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting 11/2/15

- Regular Meeting 11/9/15

- Regular Meeting 11/16/15

- Regular Meeting 12/7/15

Receive Bills List:

- Checks #96562 to #96639

- Checks #96640 to #96721, EFT #500222

Receive Board and Commission Minutes: None

Receive Departmental Reports: None

Board and Commission Appointments:

- Northville Youth Assistance: Reappoint Chuck Murdock to a three-year term expiring 12/31/18

- Historic District Commission: Reappoint John Argenta and Tom Gudritz, each to three-year terms expiring 1/1/19

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

An update was given pertaining to the comments from Northville Township resident George Fomin voiced at the December 7th City Council meeting. Fomin's comments pertained to safety concerns with pedestrian and vehicle traffic at the crosswalk between Northville Square and the parking lot. It was pointed out that the next day, the Public Works Director had placed "yield to pedestrian" signs at the crosswalk. In addition, the Police Department increased patrols in the area to address the one-hour parking spaces being used as a "standing zone" and to monitor vehicle speed. It was noted that the Police are doing their job to make this area safer for everyone. The Police and DPW Director were commended for addressing the concerns expressed by Mr. Fomin.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Mayor and Council Communications

Roth noted that Northville Youth Assistance (NYA) received a donation from the Main Street League. NYA Township liaison Lauren Romeo, is a member of this group. The luncheon for City staff was well attended. Appreciation was expressed to City staff and Genitti's for assisting with the arrangements.

Allen noted that the Planning Commission set two public hearings for 1/19/16 (Arbor/Trellis/Pergola and Building Heights). On 2/2/16, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the proposed rezoning of several lots on Grace and Rayson Streets from R-2 to R1-B. Brief discussion ensued pertaining to R-2 zoning in this area.

Darga had further questions for the American Legion pertaining to their connection to the Clara B. Ford Academy in Dearborn, and programs and services for homeless veterans and veterans with PTSD.

B. Staff Communications None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment: 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Massa, CMC
City Clerk

Ken Roth
Mayor

Approved as submitted: 1/4/2016