

City of Northville
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2017

Mayor Roth called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. in the City of Northville Municipal Building, City Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167.

Mayor Roth read a statement informing those present that the City Council meeting was being recorded for rebroadcast on the City's website. By remaining at the meeting, consent is inferred by those present to have their voice and image recorded and posted on the City's website.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Patrick Sullivan, City Clerk Dianne Massa, Fire Chief Steve Ott, Housing Director Sherry Necelis, Police Chief Michael Carlson, Finance Director/Treasurer Sandi Wiktorowski, Housing Commissions Genie Nehs and Roger Schultz, Labor Attorney Steven Schwartz, and three citizens

PRESENTATIONS

A. Citizens Comments None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Allen, seconded by Darga to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented.

Approve City Council Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting of December 19, 2016
- Closed Session of December 19, 2016
- Regular Meeting of December 29, 2016
- Closed Session of December 29, 2016
- Regular Meeting of January 3, 2017

Receive Bills List:

- Accounts Payable Week of January 4, 2017

Receive Board and Commission Minutes: None

Receive Departmental Reports:

- Youth Assistance: 1/17

Board and Commission Appointments: None

Request to Dispose of Assets / Fire Truck

Request to Schedule Public Hearing / Proposed Uses of Wayne County CDBG Funds FY17

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Purchase of Used Fire Engine

The City of Plymouth leased a new engine to replace a 1988 Pierce Arrow engine (“the Arrow”) and plans to sell the Arrow. The City of Northville is not currently scheduled to acquire a new engine until FY 2019. In the meantime, the 1988 Pierce Dash reserve engine at Station 1 has had a number of maintenance and repair issues that impact its operational capability. It is pumping at only 54% of its rated capacity of 1250 GPM at 200 PSI, the hydraulic ladder rack is broken, and the generator is inoperative, among a number of other less maintenance issues. It is estimated that repairing these items would cost in excess of \$25,000.

By contrast, the Arrow was refurbished in 2011, and is in generally very good shape. To address these issues, and obtain a reliable reserve engine at Station 1, the City has discussed with Plymouth City officials the purchase of the Arrow by the City of Northville. Subject to the approval of the Plymouth City Commission, Plymouth is willing to sell the Arrow to Northville for \$11,000. Based on our research, this is consistent with the market value of the truck. The Arrow would then replace the Dash at Station 1. At a later date, the Dash would be sold. The Arrow would remain in service at Station 1 until the acquisition of a new engine planned for purchase in FY 2019. It would then be sold as well.

The purchase price of \$11,000 would come from the Equipment Replacement Fund. Proceeds from the sale of the Dash and, eventually, the Arrow would be put into the Equipment Replacement Fund. Proceeds from the sale of used fire apparatus are very difficult to predict. It is believed the proceeds from the sale of the Dash, and the eventual sale of the Arrow, would cover most of the cost of this transaction.

City Council Comments and Questions: Comments found this to be a creative solution to obtain a reliable reserve engine until a new engine could be purchased. In response to a question from Council, it explained that the market for the current Dash engine would be a collector or for parts. It would not likely be purchased by another Fire Department as it is too costly to repair.

Motion Darga, seconded by Allen to approve the purchase of the 1988 Pierce Arrow engine from the City of Plymouth, for the sum of \$11,000, with the funds to be taken from the Fire Department Equipment Replacement Fund, and authorize the City Manager to sign any documents needed to facilitate the purchase. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Change Order to Allen Terrace Retaining Wall Project

In September 2016, City Council awarded a contract to RAM Construction to repair the deteriorating retaining wall at Allen Terrace. The wall supports the patio by the entrance. After repairs commenced, the wall crumbled, damaging the boiler exhaust vents. In addition, once the stone exterior was cleared away, workers observed the concrete wall behind the stones also was crumbling. This additional work could not have been anticipated or visually identified while the scope of work was being assessed.

In December 2016, the Housing Director, two Housing Commissioners and the project architect met to review the project and determine the additional work needed. At its January 2017 meeting, the Housing Commission approved the Change Order. It is requested that City Council approve a Change Order be approved to cover the extra cost for the additional stone removal and replacement in the amount of \$9,600. The Change Order amount of \$9,600, added to the original contract of \$74,890, brings the new contract amount to \$84,490. The additional repair work will continue as weather permits

City Council Comments and Questions: Although it appeared there was an emergency basis to move forward with the repair, comments voiced concern in approving a Change Order for work that began in November 2016. It was also noted there was no contingency budgeted for this project.

Motion Darga, carried Ekong to approve a change order with RAM Construction Services necessary to complete the work on the Allen Terrace retaining wall. Further, the Housing Director be authorized to sign this change order on behalf of the City of Northville. **Motion carried unanimously.**

C. Tentative Agreement with the Police Patrol Group (POAM)

The last negotiated contract between the City and the City's police patrol bargaining unit (Police Officers Association of Michigan – POAM and Northville Police Officers Association) expired on December 31, 2016. A tentative agreement was ratified by NPOA/POAM at their membership meeting and was presented to Council on December 29, 2016. City Council was instructed to go into executive session if they had substantive questions regarding the agreement.

The Labor Attorney explained two possible minor changes to the tentative agreement (TA).

- Employees requested to contribute more of their pay into the defined contribution plan. MERS has since responded that an employee contribution increase is not allowed as the contribution level is already set. Research of IRS regulations were done and there does not seem to be a reason the federal government would prohibit the employee increasing their contribution. The employee contribution level would either increase as noted in the TA or remain at the current level. There is no cost to the City for either resolution.
- There is conflicting information from the union on the plan for covering officer absences and the call-in order (either least seniority officer being called in or officers picking days they would cover). Either resolution would not be a cost increase to the City.

City Council Comments and Questions: Comments from Council voiced concern with approving a TA that has two unresolved issues. It was explained that Administration has authority to resolve both issues and make minor clarifications. If there is difficulty implementing the two issues or significant changes are made, Administration would come back with a Letter of Understanding for Council approval.

Motion Darga, seconded by Allen to approve the tentative agreement between the City of Northville, and the Police Officers Association of Michigan and Northville Police Officers Association, with the outstanding items regarding employee contribution to the defined contribution plan, and the officer call-in procedures, to be approved mutually, until December 31, 2020. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Mayor and Council Communications None

B. Staff Communications None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment: 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Massa, CMC
City Clerk

Ken Roth
Mayor

Approved as submitted: 2/6/17