

**Meeting Minutes
City Commission Meeting
Three Rivers, Michigan
May 3, 2010**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Balog called the regular meeting of the Three Rivers City Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall.

2. Roll Call

The following members were present at roll call:

Elbert Foster	George Ramsey
Daryl Griffith	Wendy Shank
Carolyn McNary	Earl Stark
	Allen Balog, Mayor

3. Invocation

Pastor Foster from Ambassadors for Christ Church gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Balog led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Balog asked to remove item 10A-3 and add NSP Demolition to the agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Foster and seconded by Commissioner Ramsey to approve the agenda as amended.

The motion passed 7-0.

6. Presentations and Recognitions

a. Three Rivers Canine Unit

Chief Bringman and Officer Stark presented Hondo, the new police dog. City Manager Bippus thanked the community for all the support.

b. Warning Sirens

Chief Tomlinson reviewed the warning siren system. He mentioned the need for future testing because of radio incompatibility.

7. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 20, 2010

It was moved by Commissioner Shank and seconded by Commissioner Foster to approve the minutes as presented.

The motion passed 7-0.

8. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings scheduled.

9. General Comments

There were no public comments.

10. Business

a. Communications

1. Extension of Tree Removal and Trimming Contract

It was moved by Commissioner Foster and seconded by Commissioner Griffith to extend the contract for a year.

Discussion included that the contract prices were considerably lower when it was bid and that the City would bid in 2-3 year increments in the future to save staff time.

The motion passed 7-0.

2. Three Year Street Sweeping Disposal Contract

It was moved by Commissioner Ramsey and seconded by Commissioner Foster to approve the three year street sweeping disposal contract with Waste Management.

Discussion included that street sweeping was a service that people didn't notice unless it was not done.

The motion passed 7-0.

3. License Renewal for Flight Training School Operations

The item was removed from the agenda.

4. Elevated Tank Maintenance

It was moved by Commissioner Griffith and seconded by Commissioner Foster to approve \$29,800 to Industrial Painting Contractors, Incorporated for cathodic protection.

Discussion included that cathodic protection is the best option because of the new technology and low cost.

The motion passed 7-0.

5. NSP Demolition of Housing Structures at 516 8th Street and 317 S. Main

It was moved by Commissioner Ramsey and seconded by Commissioner McNary to approve \$15,750 to C D Taplin for demolition of 516 Eighth Street and 317 South Main Street.

Discussion included that there was a difference of \$1,450 for the local bidder, which was higher than 5%.

The motion passed 7-0.

b. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Foster and seconded by Commissioner Stark to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Discussion included the reimbursed charges for a village generator and pump repair.

The motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Griffith dissenting.

1. Invoices Payable

The Commission authorized payment of the invoices.

2. Downtown Development Authority Minutes of April 27, 2010

The Commission placed the minutes on file.

3. Airport Manager Appointment

The Commission appointed Mark Glessner as Airport Manager.

4. Library Board Minutes of April 27, 2010

The Commission placed the minutes on file.

5. Cemetery Board Minutes of April 5, 2010

The Commission placed the minutes on file.

11. Appointments

a. Appointments to Advisory Boards and Commissions

No appointments were made.

12. City Commission and City Manager's Communications

It was moved by Commissioner Griffith and seconded by Commissioner Foster to adjourn to closed session for a matter of pending litigation and to discuss a written legal opinion.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0.

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 6:45 p.m.

At 8:10 p.m., the Commission reconvened to open session.

It was moved by Commissioner Griffith and seconded by Commissioner McNary to follow the City Attorney's legal opinion and dismiss the appeal for the MDNRE order.

Discussion included that the cost was too high and the chances of winning were too low and the need to be responsible with taxpayer dollars.

The motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Griffith asked about a spring cleanup.

City Manager Bippus responded that there were some funds available, but there was a project at Essex he would discuss at the next meeting.

Commissioner McNary asked where Senator Brown had received incorrect information regarding current commissioners from.

Commissioner Foster asked about the curfew sign at the park.

City Manager Bippus responded that staff was working on it.

Commissioner Foster asked about the grass at 7th and Broadway.

City Manager Bippus noted that ground breaking there would be early next week.

Commissioner Ramsey asked about debris on the sidewalk at Portage and Hoffman.

City Manager Bippus offered to look into it.

Mayor Balog asked about the grass around the East Parking Lot, Hoppin School, and many residences.

Mayor Balog reminded the Commissioners of the budget meeting on May 11th.

City Manager Bippus mentioned the Spring Cleanup report for the next meeting and new business cards for the Commission.

City Attorney O'Malley reported that a group was buying timber from the City right-of-way.

City Manager Bippus reported that a private donor had covered expenses for the American Legion Memorial Day events.

Balog expressed a desire to not have to visit the issue yearly.

City Manager Bippus discussed the need to have a policy in place.

13. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Griffith and seconded by Commissioner Ramsey to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Balog adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Howes
City Clerk