

**Meeting Minutes  
City Commission Meeting  
Three Rivers, Michigan  
May 18, 2010**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Balog called the regular meeting of the Three Rivers City Commission to order at 6:02 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 Randy Genes from Faith Tabernacle 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 add the Water Festival permit and fireworks permit to the agenda.

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

The motion passed 7-0.

**6. Presentations and Recognitions**

a. Canine Unit Bedo

Chief Bringman and Officer Hicks presented Bedo, a 9-year old German Shepherd. Officer Hicks noted that the dog was trained in narcotics, tracking, and apprehension and that the dog was always excited to work.

b. Poppy Days Proclamation

Mayor Balog presented the American Legion with a proclamation. The Poppy Queen, Princess and King presented the Mayor with the first poppies of the season.

**7. Approval of Minutes**

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 3, 2010

It was moved by Commissioner Griffith and seconded by Commissioner Stark to approve the minutes as presented.

The motion passed 7-0.

b. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 11, 2010

It was moved by Commissioner Griffith 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**

Richard Price of 623 South Erie Street commented on the importance of sidewalks and effects of the economy on budgets.

Rita Lowe of 623 South Erie Street agreed about the importance of sidewalks. She thanked Mayor Balog for his work and noted he was running as a County Commissioner. She asked about the order of the people in the directory on the website and thought pictures would be nice. She also thought the welcome message should be from the Mayor or citizens. She commented on vehicle use by the City Manager.

**10. Business**

**a. Communications**

1. Park Hours Ordinance

It was moved by Commissioner Griffith and seconded by Commissioner Foster to accept the ordinance for first reading with and schedule a public hearing for June 1st.

Discussion included that:

- Clarify written permission;
- City manager instead of Commission permission was agreed by consent;
- Sunset to sunrise was good for Geiber Park;
- Geiber Park was close to residential areas and had a basketball court;
- Sunset could be after 9 p.m. in the summer;
- Could remove (b);
- Could notice the people on the block regarding the hearing;
- There were parking complaints.

The motion passed 7-0.

2. Flood Insurance Rate Map

It was moved by Commissioner Foster and seconded by Commissioner Shank to approve the resolution.

The motion passed 7-0. Resolution 21-10 was adopted.

It was moved by Commissioner Stark and seconded by Commissioner Griffith to approve the ordinance.

Discussion included that it was an emergency ordinance, but it had been an ongoing process and had been before the Commission before.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0. Ordinance 763 was adopted.

By consent, Georgina Shafer was named Floodplain Administrator.

3. John Glenn Court Infrastructure Project (ICE Grant)

It was moved by Commissioner Griffith and seconded by Commissioner Foster to set a public hearing for June 1st.

The motion passed 7-0.

4. Water Festival – June 2010

It was moved by Commissioner Griffith and seconded by Commissioner Foster to approve the City facilities permits for the 2010 Water Festival.

The motion passed 7-0.

5. Water Festival Fireworks Display Permit

It was moved by Commissioner Foster and seconded by Commissioner Griffith to approve the fireworks display permit with the stipulation that Fire Chief Tomlinson approves the plans.

The motion passed 7-0.

**b. Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Commissioner Griffith and seconded by Commissioner Ramsey to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The motion passed 7-0.

1. Invoices Payable

The Commission authorized payment of the invoices.

2. Check Register Report for April 2010

The Commission placed the report on file.

3. Police Monthly Report for April 2010

The Commission placed the report on file.

4. Fire Monthly Report for April 2010

The Commission placed the report on file.

**11. Appointments**

a. Appointments to Advisory Boards and Commissions

No appointments were made.

**12. City Commission and City Manager's Communications**

Commissioner McNary commented on the importance of the sidewalks in the community. She questioned the decision making process for placing sidewalk.

Engineering Technician Merritt Brown noted that the City did not have control at the US-131 and West Michigan intersection. MDOT was laying the sidewalk, and would have to wait until the rain cleared to pour the concrete. He noted that from Millard to Broadway, developers would be required to install sidewalk and that a path from Broadway to the stores is available.

Commissioner Griffith mentioned that previous City Manager had cars, and the vehicle use was nothing new. Per contract, the vehicle should have been renewed sooner, but the City Manager was driving a 10-year old vehicle.

Commissioner Griffith thought it was a good idea to have citizens do the welcome message.

Commissioner Foster noted that there were yards that needed mowing on the north end of Fourth Street and on Eighth Street. He thought pictures of the Commissioners was a good idea for the website.

Commissioner Ramsey had not been contacted regarding the DDA since the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

City Attorney O'Malley recommended the Commissioners read the latest version of the *MML Review* regarding sidewalks. He also recommended that the Commissioners walk the riverwalk if they had not yet had a chance to do so.

**13. Adjournment**

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

The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Balog adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Howes  
City Clerk