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Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

Meskin asked if the DPW report could show the previous year next to the current year, instead of on two pages. Martin stated it would be a lot of work to change this.

Wiegand noted the police report still isn't showing the number of tickets issued with ordinance violations. Zubrzycki stated it was on the report last month. Martin will note it for the Chief.

Council member Zubrzycki received the City Attorney report for the month of December 2009, the Police Department report for November 2009, and the audit report for fiscal year ending 6/30/09 and asked that they be placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Wiegand reported the Home and Garden Tour is hoping for more attendance from the residents this year. The tour will be June 19th. There are six houses and three gardens.

Zubrzycki announced the Park and Recreation Committee will be meeting Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Luke Cassar expressed, City Council needs to get their priorities in order. Last month at the meeting they spent 40 minutes on whether or not to broadcast council meetings on cable. Then it came time for the docks and it was tabled because it was getting late. He feels the residents are being misled. Residents are afraid to come to a meeting and voice their opinions because they are afraid of backlash.

Chuck Moss, our State Representative, stated they are back in session. This year is going to be dominated by the budget. They have taken 10% salary cuts for this year, cut benefits and staff. Moss gave back thousands of dollars this past year. He did note the union employees will receive a 3% wage increase this year.

Fran Hines asked if the city has discussed with West Bloomfield regarding police services.

Martin informed her they have. Hines suggested charging a lesser rate for last-minute rentals when the center is not rented. Also she is not sure why council wants to spend money on a promotional video when there is no city sign on Orchard Lake Road. She is not for broadcasting the meetings on cable. Not everyone has Comcast or AT&T for their provider.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Martin wished everyone a happy new year. He thanked Zubrzycki for running this meeting. He also thanked Chuck Moss for speaking about the State and how they are doing. Martin exclaimed, Chuck Moss works hard for us and we appreciate it. He also appreciated Luke Cassar's comments. Even though the millage passed the city will still have to trim things. He noted the city has been in discussion with Keego Harbor since summer regarding sharing services and will continue to discuss this with them. He feels just because the city has some money with the millage, it doesn't mean it will be easy and we need to continue to find ways to cut expenses and raise revenue.

Presentation

Robert Daddow, Deputy County Executive, will be making a presentation, the "Perfect Storm." It is a presentation on the state of State, County, Municipalities, and Schools and where things are headed. In this presentation he states it will 10-15 years before we get back on track. The presentation was originally going to be here. It will now be at Keego Harbor City Hall because it will be easier to video the meeting. It will be broadcasted on cable. The goal is not where the presentation is located, but that it is seen by as many people as are interested.

Community Center Costs

Martin is working on a years worth of operating expenses and revenues. He will get this information to City Council within the next few weeks.

CCIRF

Plante & Moran met with Martin and Clippert. They will be meeting with City Council members to interview them to see what they want to happen with the study. This is being looked at with Keego Harbor to see as many joint ventures as we can do, which includes DPW, Fire and Police. Garbage and Rubbish, Library, Dispatch, and equipment are already being shared.

Newsletter

The Spotlight had problems with delivery. Users with Comcast email account didn't get it. The problem is being worked on. The paper newsletter also had problems with printing and the post office so it went out late.

Pumps

Pumps and Electrical in the lift station on Garland and Warwick is being completed as mentioned

over the past couple months. They replaced pumps and electrical work. It was very necessary for safety and liability reasons.

Death in the City

City Hall received many questions. The medical examiner has ruled it as self inflicted. It was very sad and tragic.

Audit Report

Martin will provide his spreadsheet and his comments on the audit. He noted the fiscal year ending 6/30/09 the city was under budget by \$172,000, saved \$24,000 in insurance/benefits, \$20,000 in the police department, \$26,000 in general government, \$12,000 with City Hall, \$10,000 with Planning, \$5,000 in Parks and \$66,000 in Capital Outlay. In the end expenditures exceed revenues by \$3,000. The city cannot keep doing nothing.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Wiegand announced the sign is back up at the Community Center. It was taken down because there was a problem with the glue and letters in the colder weather. Hopefully the problem is fixed.

He reviewed in the minutes from last month's meeting it was stated as saying cable money should be use toward a promotional video. He is willing to help create this video. He would like to see the Community Center advertised and get more usage.

Wiegand stated City Council is meeting with Plante & Moran tomorrow regarding the CCIRF and to tell them what they think is important to them.

Meskin concurred with Wiegand regarding the Community Center. He did his own survey online with using the calendar and stated there are a lot of open dates. He feels it needs to be heavily promoted and put on cable. He reported Henry Ford Hospital advertises on the cable channel.

Meskin discussed broadcasting the meetings and stated Keego Harbor has all the AV equipment in their City Hall. Sylvan Lake doesn't have that and it is questionable as to what it costs.

He asked the Boat Dock deadline be bolded on the application. Clerk Clippert informed him it is on the cover letter. Meskin asked if City Hall knows ahead of time when someone is giving up a space. Martin replied, rarely; a lot of times it is not until the due date that we find out. Meskin asked how long people on the wait list have to acknowledge they will accept a dock space. Martin stated, usually it is a week or two.

Zubrzycki hopes City Council is doing the best they can for the residents. He acknowledged he

does get out and talk with residents and listens to their concerns.

He noted the plowing is not as clear as it has been in past years. They decided to do try this at last months meeting, in order to save money.

Zubrzycki discussed the Park & Recreation Committee and stated in the past it has been more family focused. They would like to continue this, but not just with kids activities. He thanked Mitch and Sharon Black for their time and hopes they will stay involved.

The CCIRF is being funded by Oakland County so the cities can better evaluate what would be best for their city.

Zubrzycki expressed his condolences for the Upchurch Family. He asked everyone to remember the good things.

Zubrzycki asked if the budget has a five-year capital expense plan. Martin stated there is. He stated some of the things are equipment, seawall, City Hall, tennis courts, trail work, water and sewer, streets and soon will be Community Center.

ACTION ITEMS

a. Discussion on Broadcasting Council Meetings C3-001-10

Zubrzycki reviewed what the conversation was last month. He recalled City Council did want to use the reserve funds for promoting the Community Center because funds would run out for broadcasting the meetings and the city wouldn't have a way to fund it moving forward.

Meskin wonders how much time and money it will take to set up every month.

Martin reported he has spoken with Dave Albery and Loren Maurina's comment on having the Cable Commission fund broadcasting the meetings hasn't been discussed with the Cable Commission.

Wiegand would like to spend the money on a promotional video. Meskin agreed. Zubrzycki supports broadcasting the meetings, but not at a cost to the city.

Moved by Meskin, seconded Wiegand, to remove the discussion of Broadcasting City Council meetings until a budget can be presented on who is paying what and how.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

b. Discussion to Park fees and Boat Dock Fees BD-001-10

Meskin informed everyone he can't make a special meeting on the 19th. He is not in favor of raising fees at this point. He wants to see what the two mills is going to do with the structure of the tax bill.

He stated the RV lot received \$5,000 more in revenue. He suggested advertising in the Spotlight, spaces are still available and the rate will be pro-rated per month.

Zubrzycki spoke with Lorenz. He stated Lorenz supports raising the dock fee. Zubrzycki didn't get into details with Lorenz on how much.

Wiegand would like to discuss this further and if there is to be an increase to have it go toward seawall repairs.

Zubrzycki discussed the difference between a municipality and private sector charging fees. The City cannot charge to make a profit. The money has to go to something appropriate such as seawalls. Zubrzycki also feels there is a quality of life issue. Everything can't be based on financial merit. He would like to wait until all the other council members are in attendance.

Moved by Meskin, seconded by Wiegand, to hold off on discussing the park and dock fees until the budget planning discussion for 2010/2011 takes place.

Yes: Meskin

No: Zubrzycki, Wiegand

MOTION FAILED

Luke Cassar feels council is not putting this into perspective and they are not putting their priorities in order. He doesn't understand Meskin's wanting to wait to look at the taxes when there was already a presentation showing where taxes are going. Cassar also feels docks are not a quality of life, but a privilege, a choice. He stated he has called around to the other lakes and their charges are much higher. He stated people in Sylvan are getting a dock for \$250 minus the tags and weed control. He feels an increase should be done annually. He added, if there are vacancies it entices people to move into the city. He doesn't feel those living on the lake, paying higher taxes should subsidize this.

Paul Goldman feels there are a lot of hurt feelings with the higher tax payers. It is not fair that the dock holders are paying such a low fee. He asked council to consider the other side. He acknowledged everyone wants a good quality of life, but feels the burden should be put on those who live on the lake.

Delores Goldman doesn't understand Meskin's motion. She thought the presentation which was made regarding how much taxes will be, was explained very well. Meskin explained it was only

an estimate and there is a possibility taxes could go down more than estimated. Delores Goldman doesn't understand why this issue needs to wait.

Bill Stevens feels docks should be run as a business; it is supply and demand. It worked with the RV lot.

Patty Harrop questioned if council was voting the increase back in which they rescinded before the election. Zubrzycki explained they are not. They are just discussing if a fee increase should take place and if it should, then they would discuss how much it should be. It will probably be different from before.

Luke Cassar stated house values are going down. There is nothing wrong with increasing the fee in small increments. He doesn't want to see this postponed until next year.

MaryAnn Smith is confused why the people who live on the water and don't have to pay to get a dock space are getting on those who do have to pay for a dock space. She feels it should be affordable. She reviewed the fee being charged has to be directly relayed to the expense in which they are being incurred. She feels council should know what the cost is for the dock program and divide it by how many spaces there are. She doesn't have a problem with raising the fee, but feels council needs to look at a cost analysis to make the call.

Nicole Menuck wonder if docks are going to be looked at with a cost analysis, then why is she paying more for garage and rubbish than most households. Menuck recognized a marina and the city docks are two different things, but she feels docks are a choice. She is not sure what is going on and why the fee was rescinded before the election. She feels dock holders need to pay their fair share. They are paying for the asset of water just like she is by living on the lake.

Bill Stevens suggested increasing everything by \$25, the dock, tags and keys. That way those on the lake will be affected by the increase too.

Zubrzycki asked if the city has a cost to run the dock program. Martin stated he does have cost for running the parks, maintaining seawalls, administration, policing it, etc. He stated the objective of the municipality is to provide a service to the resident, but the cost has to be justified. He feels the city is well within what they are charging. City Council needs to say they can justify this increase, but they don't want to increase it to the maximum cost of the park program though, you want to keep it affordable. He agreed with Smith's comment being correct regarding how the fee can be set. If you charge too much for something, it may be construed as a tax.

Zubrzycki stated he has received a considerable amount of feedback when they increased the fee last summer. They wanted to know why they should vote for a tax increase when they are already taxed. Zubrzycki took their comments into consideration when he rescinded the increased fee.

He feels council all agrees something needs to be done, but they need to decide what is fair. Zubrzycki's struggles with the expectation that people moved here knowing they were getting a dock for a lesser fee than a marina. He likes Stevens' comment on incrementing the increase. He feels it is better to know each year the dock fee will increase X dollars each year. They need to decide what is fair. He would like to see the increase tied to seawalls.

Moved by Wiegand, seconded Meskin, to hold a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, to discuss park fees and boat dock fees.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

T-001-10

c. Approval of 2010 Board of Review Hardship Guidelines

Moved by Wiegand, seconded Meskin, to approve the Board of Review Hardship guidelines for 2010 as presented.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

A-001-10

d. Approval of Administrative and Internal Policies

Moved by Meskin, seconded Wiegand, to approve the Administrating and Internal Control policies as presented.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

C3-002-10 R2-001-10

e. Approval of Resolution Declaring Cable Communications Day

Moved by Meskin, seconded Wiegand, to approve the resolution declaring February 11, 2010 to be Greater West Bloomfield Cable Communications Day in the City of Sylvan Lake.

Yes: All
No: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

R2-002-10

- f. Approval of Resolution Adopting the National Incident Management System

Moved by Meskin, seconded Wiegand, to approve the resolution adopting the National Incident Management System as the standard for the City of Sylvan Lake.

Yes: All
No: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

R2-003-10

- g. Approval of Resolution Appointing the O.C. Emergency Management Coordinator

Moved by Meskin, seconded Wiegand, to approve the resolution appointing the Oakland County Emergency Management Coordinator as the City of Sylvan Lake's Emergency Management Coordinator and that the City Manager will act as the liaison to the Oakland County Emergency Management Coordinator.

Yes: All
No: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

R2-004-10

- h. Approval of Resolution - HB5325, Act 312

Moved by Meskin, seconded Wiegand to approve the resolution supporting House Bill 5325 regarding Act 312 arbitration.

Yes: All
No: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

NON-ACTION ITEMS

- a. Appointment of Parks and Recreation Committee members
- b. Security for Ferndale Park, Restroom and Boat Launch
- c. Community Center Parking Lighting

- d. City Identification Signs
- e. Appointment to the GWBCAB for a three-year term
- f. Discussion of RVA space rental to non-residents
- g. Consideration to approve Community Center Policy - fees for use types
- h. Noise Ordinance
- i. Discussion of Advertising Community Center Rental to public

There was nothing new to report for these agenda items.

Wiegand would like to discuss item I next month. Martin explained non-action items are items which can be discussed by City Council. It's just that Martin has nothing new on these items.

Meskin would like to find out if cable funds can be used for making a video on the Community Center. If they can then he would like to put this as an action item.

Martin reported the city did get reimbursed for running the fiber cable into the Community Center.

NEWSLETTER AND CABLE INPUT

There was no input.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Wiegand, seconded Meskin, to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Dennise Clippert, City Clerk