

PROPOSED
CITY OF WAYLAND
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 2, 2007

Mayor Stein called the regular meeting of the Wayland City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

City resident Larry Scheidel of 445 Falcon Drive led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Stein, Council Members Antel, Geshel, Hamilton, Shafer, Maichele, Holloway.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Deborah Nier, City Clerk Sharon Baumgard, Assistant City Manager Heath Kaplan, Police Chief Dan Miller, City Engineer Mike Oezer, Allegan County Commissioner Don Black, Jean Gallup, Larry Scheidel, Sara Holcomb, Matt Holcomb, Ron Kobish, Diane Smith, Bob Coffman, Monte Listopad.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Council Member Shafer, and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2007, Council Meeting. All ayes. Motion approved.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

None.

COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- a) Minutes of the March 6, 12, 13, 28, 2007, Board of Review were acknowledged for file.
- b) Minutes of the February 21, 2007, Downtown Task Force Meeting were acknowledged for file.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a) High School Representative Brittney Osborne was absent from the meeting.
- b) Allegan County Commissioner Don Black gave an update of the activities at the county level. Mr. Black complimented City Council for opening their Council's Planning Sessions to include other City board and commissioner members.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

- a) Motion made by Council Member Maichele, and seconded by Council Member Geshel, to approve the regular bills and accounts. All ayes. Motion approved.

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OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Road Improvements for Anderson Dr., Standish Dr. and small portion of Plum.
City Engineer Mike Oezer gave an explanation of the four options the City Council could pick from. Mr. Oezer recommended Option I, a 1.5 “overlay. Estimated life span: 5-7 years. Estimated construction cost \$60,000. Engineering cost: \$5,500, with the option to bid Option II, roadway with reinforcing fabric. Life span on the reinforcing fabric would be 7-10 years, with estimated cost: \$95,000. Engineering cost: \$6,100. Mr. Oezer stated he would like to see roads that have had the reinforced fabric for about three or four years to see how it holds up. He also stated that with Option I they would cut out the broken areas and replace, so as to hold up better.

DISCUSSION:

Council had the following questions: 1. How far they cut out for the repairing cracks and holes in the pavement? 2. Where did the cost estimates come from? 3. If the Standish road lasted for 30 years why not do the same kind of resurfacing? 4. How long beyond the 7-10 year life span would the road possibly last?

Mr. Oezer’s answers: 1. There would be quite a few inches more cut out to make it a clean patch. 2. I got the estimates from past road projects, also representatives gave me some estimated cost. 3. There are a few variables to consider; first the road did not have enough base, secondly heavier travel on the road. 4. It is hard to determine how much longer the road would last due to moisture and sand base.

Motion made by Council Member Antel, and seconded by Council Member Shafer to choose Option 5, to proceed with bidding of Option I a 1.5 “overlay, with estimated life span of 5-7 years for a cost of \$60,000 and engineering cost of \$6,100, with the option of bidding out for Option II reinforcing fabric as an alternate. All ayes. Motion passed.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mr. Bob Coffman of 323 N. Locust St. appeared before Council to discuss the cost recovery program that was brought before Council last August. Mr. Coffman stated he would like to see this program move ahead. He stated this would be money brought back to the City. Mr. Coffman said that the Fire Department does not mean to break people, but insurance companies have money allotted for this. City Manager

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Nier reported that this program is currently being worked on. She stated a sample ordinance is already in place, we will be putting this in front of the Budget Committee this year for approval.

Mr. Coffman inquired if in the next budget season it could be brought up to hire a full time Fire Chief. Wayland's Fire Chief already works 32 hours a week; it is only another eight hours. He stated that paperwork is increasing all the time and with the Casino coming in it is only going to get busier. Mr. Coffman stated he would like to see this happen in 2009.

7:30 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Shafer, and seconded by Council Member Maichele, to go to Closed Session for the purpose of considering sale of a piece of property in the Industrial Park.

7:32 p.m. Closed Session

7:44 p.m. Regular Council Session resumes.

Motion made by Council Member Shafer, and seconded by Council Member Maichele, to approve the sale of 2.48 acres located in the Industrial Park on Reno Drive, for \$50,000 an acre to Dale Bonnema a plumbing contractor, with Mr. Bonnima paying for the survey. All ayes. Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:

Manager Nier gave an update on the MML Legislative Conference she and Council Member Hamilton attended stating this was the most grim conference I attended. Ms. Nier reported the State has put a moratorium on State Grant expenditures. She said this leaves the City at a stand still with the Platting DNR Grant. She also, stated that no one is willing to make a hard decision, everyone is blaming everyone else. Manager Nier stated she has had contact with the DNR and they will not accept the appraisal, this means we will have to get another one.

Deputy City Manager Kaplan gave a report on the Treasurer's Conference stating the Treasurers Conference had the same outlook as the MML's Legislative Conference. Mr. Kaplan reported that there were three things the state is looking at to cut cost, 1. abolish townships. 2. consolidate schools. 3. A pop-up bill, giving incentive to purchase a house. Mr. Kaplan and City Manager Nier agreed this would hurt us.

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COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Hamilton announced that she will be absent from the April 11th Council meeting.

Council Member Shafer reported that he was stopped by Officer Anderson and wanted the word passed on to the Council how great City Manager Nier handled the Police Officers Union Contract negotiations. Mr. Shafer inquired if the tool trailer at the City Park could be moved for the holiday weekend. He also, announced that there will be a Trails meeting Tuesday, April 3, located at Wayland Township Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Stein had the following comments: if anyone is interested in attending the MML Training Session Classes please contact Deb Nier or Sharon Baumgard, the stop signs around the Park are up, and the community production "Oklahoma" was terrific.

Mayor Stein adjourned the regular Council meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Baumgard, City Clerk

Burrell Stein, Mayor