

**CITY OF WAYLAND
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, December 1, 2008**

Mayor Bala opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Fire Chief Joe Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Bala, Council Members Jeff Hudson, Sheryl Hamilton, Bruce Patrick, Ron Kobish, Jennifer Antel, Greg Maichele and Student Representative Stephanie Olmsted

Also Present: City Manager Deb Nier, City Clerk Michelle Herman, Finance Director Bhamu Cairns, Fire Chief Joe Miller, Don Black, Char Weick, Julie Makarewicz, Zoe Antel, Sharon Baumgard, Julie Meza, and Fred Meza.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Council Member Patrick to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2008 Council Meeting with one revision. Council Member Maichele seconded the motion.

All Yes. Motion Passed.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A) Student Representative Stephanie Olmsted reported the activities at the Wayland High School.
- B) Dave Van Stensel, Henika Library Board Member, provided the City Council a brief summary of 2008 Library activities.

COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting of November 11, 2008 were acknowledged for file.
Minutes of the Board of Review Meeting of December 9, 2008 were acknowledged for file.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Motion was made by Council Member Hamilton to approve the bills and accounts as presented. Council Member Antel seconded the motion.

Council Member Hamilton asked about the invoice from Family Farm and Home in the amount of \$344.62. This is will referred to the Director of City Services Pierre Brazeau for further information regarding this invoice.

Mayor Bala inquired about the invoice to Mark's. It was explained this was for the emergency lights installed on the 2009 Charger.

Council Member Patrick inquired about the payment to Wayland Union Schools.

All Yes. Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Proposed MDOT Emergency Route. Dave Van Stensel representing MDOT reviewed the US-131 Emergency Route Plan through Wayland. Mr. Van Stensel showed the actual signage which will be used for the project to the council. Mr. Van Stensel indicated no cost would be incurred to the City Budget. MDOT is expected to install signage next summer.

B) Resolution 2008-13 for Local Support for West Superior Improvement Project.

Council Member Patrick made a motion to approve the Resolution 2008-13 for Local Support for the West Superior Street Improvement Project as required by MDOT. Council Member Antel seconded the motion. Discussion: City Manager Nier indicated the match will come from the DDA Budget for this project.

Roll Call:

Yes: Council Member(s) Patrick, Hudson, Hamilton, Antel, Kobish, Maichele, and Mayor Bala

All Yes. Motion Passed.

C) Board of Review Appointment. John Polmanteer.

Council Member Antel made a motion to re-appoint John Polmanteer to the Board of Review for another term which expires January 1, 2012. Council Member Hamilton seconded the motion.

All Yes. Motion Passed.

D) Fuel Bid Award.

Council Member Maichele made a motion to award the Fuel Bid contract to Merle Boes for 2009. Council Member Hamilton seconded the motion.

All Yes. Motion Passed.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATION: City Manager Deb Nier last meeting.

City Manager Nier expressed her thanks to all of the citizens, council and staff in the City of Wayland. City Manager Nier wanted the council to know the staff she leaves behind is "second to none" and always have the needs of the citizens first and foremost.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

The entire council thanked City Manager Deb Nier for her service to the City of Wayland and wished her the best in the future.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

County Commissioner Don Black gave special recognition to City Manager Deb Nier. Mr. Black praised Deb's character, professionalism, and pleasant management style. Mr. Black went on to state; Deb Nier has made a mark in the City of Wayland which will not be forgotten.

Char Weick thanked Deb Nier for her openness and graciousness. Deb always helped get the answers.

Julie Makacewicz of the Grand Rapids Press expressed her thanks for being willing to work with her over the years.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Bala adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Herman, City Clerk

Tim Bala, Mayor