

PROPOSED

**CITY OF WAYLAND
COUNCIL PROCEEDING
DECEMBER 18, 2006**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Wayland resident Larry Scheidel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Stein, Council Members Antel, Geshel, Hamilton, Maichele, Shafer.
Absent: Council Member Holloway, High School Representative Brittney Osborne.
Also Present: City Clerk Sharon Baumgard, Finance Director Heath Kaplan, Fire Chief Joe Miller, Larry Scheidel, Jean Gallup, Bryce Hoekenga, Bob Coffman, Kelle Tobolic, Monte Listopad, Char Weick.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Stein opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Stein gave a brief description of the submission Development Planning Grant and proposed submission of an application for an Economic Resolution No. 26-09. There were no questions or public comments.

Mayor Stein closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Shafer, seconded by Council Member Maichele, to approve Resolution No. 26-09, for a Grant Application to be submitted for an Economic Development Planning Grant from Michigan Community Development Block Grant Program.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Council Members Hamilton, Maichele, Shafer, Geshel, Antel, Mayor Stein.
Nays: None.
Absent: Council Member Holloway.
Abstentions: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-09 ADOPTED.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Council Member Shafer, and seconded by Council Member Antel, to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2006, Council meeting.

All ayes: Motion passed.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

None.

COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Minutes of the December 12, 2006, Board of Review meeting were acknowledged for file.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A memo from City Assessor Jeannie Franck reporting on her review of Southeast Quadrant properties was read.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

a) Motion made by Council Member Hamilton, seconded by Council Member Antel, to approve the regular Bills and Accounts;

All ayes. Motion approved.

b) Motion made by Council Member Geshel, and seconded by Council Member Antel, to change the procedure for approving the Bills and Accounts that are to be paid.

DISCUSSION:

Finance Director Heath Kaplan gave an explanation that he would like to bring the Bills and Accounts before Council as a proof; and after approval of Council, issue the checks.

All ayes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

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NEW BUSINESS:

a) Sign Ordinance:

First reading of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 20 of the Wayland City Code:
City Planner Mark Sisson gave a presentation of the recommendation from the

Planning Commission for projected amendments to Chapter 20 of the Wayland Code regarding sign permits, the addition of a new district that prohibits certain types of signs in zoning districts, temporary and portable signs, regulation in the Central Business District, and regulation of signs that encroach on the public right-of-way.

Council Member Geshel inquired as to what Mr. Sisson considered priority. Also would the perpendicular sign proposed for City Hall be compliant. Mr. Sisson stated temporary signs, CBD signs, along with perpendicular signs in the DDA area, and yes the new City Hall sign would be compliant.

b) Sign Ordinance:

First reading of an Ordinance to add new Article VI to Chapter 16 of the Wayland City Code. City Planner Mark Sisson explained the new addition would give the City more control over temporary signs and signs in the right-of-way. These types of signs usually deal with private property.

c) Ambulance Report:

Council Member Antel gave a brief report on the status of the Wayland Area Ambulance Service. Council Member Antel asked to have the Ambulance business placed on the January 2, 2006 Council Agenda, when there would be representation from the Ambulance Committee.

d) JWK Construction Payment Request No. 2.

Motion made by Council Member Geshel, seconded by Council Member Shafer, to approve Payment Request No. 2 to JWK Construction for the sum of \$37,098.00, for work completed since the last pay request.

All ayes. Motion passed.

e) Motion made by Council Member Hamilton, seconded by Council Member Shafer, to approve the 2007 City Council calendar.

All ayes. Motion passed.

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- f) Motion made by Council Member Shafer, seconded by Council Member Maichele, to approve the reappointment of Felix Pankratz to the Board of Review Committee, with a term expiring in January 1, 2010.

All ayes. Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Antel thanked Council Member Doug Shafer and City Clerk Sharon Baumgard for all their efforts put forth organizing another successful Annual Appreciation Dinner.

Council Member Shafer announced the recipients of the Marie Hall Citizen of Year Award. Mr. Shafer stated he was honored to present the Awards to past Mayor David Miller and Election Chairperson Pat Jackson.

Council Member Antel motioned to excuse Council Member Holloway, seconded by Council Member Hamilton. All ayes. Motion passed.

Mayor Stein announced that he would be presenting the final results of City Manager Nier's review at the January 2, 2007, Council meeting. Also Mayor Stein introduced Heath Kaplan as the new Finance Director/Treasurer/Deputy City Manager to Council. The Mayor stated Mr. Kaplan would like to address the City Council to clear up some questions that were brought up at the December 4 Council meeting.

Mr. Kaplan apologized to Council, residents of the City, and staff for any inconvenience that came about because of information that was received from the City of Mattawan. Mr. Kaplan explained that there was a difference in opinion with an employee at Mattawan, but was sorry this had to happen. Mr. Kaplan gave a background of his different places of employment. He thanked Council and City Manager Nier for giving him this chance and stated he would give the City of Wayland the highest form of integrity.

Council Member Geshel asked Mr. Kaplan why he selected Wayland.

Mr. Kaplan stated that his wife was offered a job with the Wayland School System. He and his wife did a lot of research on the school system and the City and were very

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impressed. When the position of Finance Director in Wayland came up, it was a perfect fit.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Bruce Patrick of 128 S. Main St. commented on the amendments to the zoning code, stating that he would like to suggest putting a height requirement on the signs. Signs could get out of hand in size.

Mayor Stein adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Baumgard, City Clerk

Burrell Stein, Mayor