

**CITY OF WAYLAND
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 16, 2006**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Henika District Library Director Lynn Mandeville led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Stein, Council Members Shafer, Antel, Geshel, Hamilton, Holloway, Maichele.
Absent: None.
Also present: City Manager Deborah Nier, City Clerk Sharon Baumgard, High School Representative Brittney Osborne, Diane Smith, John Rugaber, Bryce Hoekenga, Monte Listopad, Sara Holcomb, Vicki Kouchnerkavich, Lynn Mandeville, Dan Durkee, Ron Kobish.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Council Member Maichele, and seconded by Council Member Shafer, to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2006, meeting with the following correction:

Pg 2, paragraph 2, line 3, change spelling of sever to servers.

Pg.2, paragraph 2, line 5, change Me to Mr.

Pg.3, paragraph 1, line 1, change Ban to Bank

Brittney Osborne was omitted from the attendance list.

All ayes. Motion passed.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

None.

COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Minutes of the September 12, 2006, Planning Commission meeting were acknowledged for file.

Minutes of the September 26, 2006, Special Planning Commission meeting were acknowledged for file.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Motion made by Council Member Hamilton, and seconded by Council Member Holloway, to approve the regular bills and accounts.

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DISCUSSION:

Council Member Shafer inquired on page 10 what the 1 & 2 hours represents for the Police, Council, and Planning Commission. Manager Nier stated she would check it out and get back with the Council.

Mayor Stein asked if some of the bills were reprints. Clerk Baumgard stated yes they were, they were not paid twice. The Mayor inquired what the bill for the jet ski was for and if the bill for Peerbooms was a late bill from summer or just received. Clerk Baumgard stated the bill for the jet ski was for detailing, and the City just received the bill from Peerbooms.

Council Member Holloway asked what the bill for Lenhart's Lawn Service was for. Manager Nier stated it was for property mowed due to Ordinance violations.

All ayes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Mr. Dan Durkee of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carl and Huber made a presentation on the proposed expansion of the Henika District Library. Council Member Geshel asked what the Library would look like from the street. Mr. Durkee explained it would look the same from the front with a rectangular building on the back side by the alley. Mr. Durkee stated they would try to maintain the integrity of the stone, if the budget allows us. Mayor Stein asked what the cost per square foot would be. Mr. Durkee stated this would depend on construction plans and finishings.

Henika District Library Director Lynn Mandeville thanked the Council, Downtown Development Authority and Downtown Task Force for their creative and financial support.

b) Mayor Stein opened the discussion of retaining the Wayland State Bank sign on the facade of City Hall up for historical reasons. The Mayor announced he took a survey at

the Wayland Expo and found most residents did not want the Bank sign covered up.

- Council Member Geshel stated he thought the level of thinking before was to place a plaque on the front of City Hall to commemorate the historical value of the building.

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- Council Member Hamilton stated that she is in favor of putting a sign over the Bank sign, so as to when the time comes that they want the Bank sign to show it would be as easy as removing the sign.
- Council Member Antel and Council Member Maichele stated they do not want the sign covered.
- Council Member Shafer commented that he thought that it was decided at the last Council Meeting to cover the sign up.
- Council Member Holloway agreed with Council Member Shafer to cover the sign and place a plaque on the building.
- City Manager Nier stated, that in a conversation with a State Historical Preservation Officer, the Wayland Bank sign would be considered an integral part of the building and it would be recommended that it remain exposed. Nier indicated that if the sign were to remain, City Hall could be identified on the awning, along with City Hall on the window.
- The Mayor asked if anyone from the audience would like to speak on the sign issue. Several in the audience stated they were in favor of keeping the sign.

Motion made by Council Member Maichele, and seconded by Council Member Shafer, to keep the Wayland State Bank sign on City Hall for historical value. All ayes. Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Nier had the following announcements:

- The Allegan County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution to make the month of October 2006, Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- Allegan County Commission Board is accepting applications for the Park Commission and other committees. The Plan will be available at City Hall for review.
- Hopkins Township sent the City of Wayland a copy of their Master Plan. I have the book in my office if anyone is interested.

Council Member Antel inquired if the Planning Commission would be able to see the book. Manager Nier stated yes they would.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Council Member Geshel stated the vote on the Bank sign is a good one.
- Council Member Antel stated she very excited about the renovation of City Hall.

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- Council Member Hamilton asked if Wildflower Ridge has turned in a final project date. Manager Nier stated they have not. Hamilton announced that there will be Downtown Task Force meeting Wednesday, October 18th. She also inquired how Jeannie and Sharon are holding up with the extra work load. Nier stated they are holding up.
- Council Member Holloway commented on the bill from Lenhart's Landscaping. He asked if there should it be any differences from billing residential propertiuies than mowing on 133rd Avenue. Manager Nier stated the bill from Lenhart's related to Ordinance violations. Holloway stated that it is all the same thing, no difference. Holloway inquired if the contractors have had any trouble with the stone coming off City Hall. Nier stated they are happy with the way the demo went. Holloway commented that he stopped at the Stone Zone, the people that are taking the stone off, and questioned if the City is getting any money for the stone. Nier stated that the Stone Zone has supplied the contractor with the dumpster for debris for the stone and hauled it away.
- Council Member Shafer reported that Ray Antel, Ann Kilmartin and himself attended a meeting with Wayland Township regarding Rails for Trails. The meetings are scheduled to take place the first Tuesday of every month.
- Mayor Stein announced that the winner of the raffle for dinner with the Mayor and his wife, that was held at the Expo, was Herman Snyder. Mayor Stein also stated the annual evaluation is due for Manager Nier and would everyone please fill out the form that was provided to them and turn it back into the Mayor when they are finished.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None.

Mayor Stein adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Baumgard, City Clerk

Burrell Stein, Mayor