

**CITY OF WAYLAND
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 2, 2006**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Pro Tem Shafer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Shafer, Council Members Antel, Geshel, Hamilton, Holloway, Maichele

Absent: Stein.

Also Present: Allegan County Commissioner Don Black, Diane Smith, Jean Gallup, Sara Holcomb, City Manager Deb Nier, City Clerk Sharon Baumgard, Brittney Osborne.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Holloway, and seconded by Council Member Maichele, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2006, meeting. All ayes. Motion passed.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Allegan County Commissioner Don Black announced he is back at work and attended his first Commission meeting.

COMMITTEE MINUTES:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Motion made by Council Member Hamilton, and seconded by Council Member Antel, to approve the regular bills and accounts. All ayes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Tom Nemitz, Cornerstone architects, gave a report on what the process would be for the facade improvements. Mr. Nemitz stated that the bids had originally come in above the estimated cost. City staff met with the architect and the verified low bidder and made

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adjustments to the project, that would reduce costs but not compromise the integrity of the project.

Council Member Geshel asked Mr. Nemitz what was done to lower the cost. Mr. Nemitz stated repairs rather than replacement of exterior features, adjustments in the type of air conditioning system for the area used by SOAP for their sewers, changes in light fixtures, etc. helped lower the cost. Council Member Geshel inquired what the projected starting and ending time would be. Mr. Nemitz stated he would like to start this week and complete by the end of the year. Mr. Geshel asked Manager Nier if this is in our budget. Manager Nier stated with expected savings in salary and other areas, as well as close scrutiny of the project, she was comfortable that the costs could be covered.

Manager Nier reminded the Council that \$103,000 had been budgeted from the General Fund and the DDA would be contributing \$80,000.

Council Member Holloway commented that he felt the \$21,000 that is over the estimate should be absorbed by the contractor.

Motion was made by Council Member Geshel to award the contract to JWK Construction in the amount of \$178,546.00. Motion was seconded by Council Member Antel.

Ayes: Antel, Geshel, Hamilton, Maichele, Shafer, Stein.

Nays: Holloway.

Motion passed.

a) Motion made by Council Member Geshel and seconded by Council Member Hamilton to renew a lease with SOAP Medical Transcriptions. All ayes. Motion passed.

b) Motion made by Council Member Antel, and seconded by Council Member Geshel, to approve the recommendation from the Downtown Task Force Committee and the Downtown Development Authority to implement a Downtown Facade Improvement Program. All ayes. Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

High School Representative Brittney Osborne asked if the Wayland City Bank sign will stay. Nier said that the bank sign will remain, but will be covered with a sign identifying Wayland City Hall. The sign can be removed if, at a later date, the Council wishes to expose the historical sign.

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Council Member Holloway gave a report on the Planning Commission Meeting of September 26.

Council Member Hamilton stated the Wayland Expo was wonderful and inquired if Nier knew how many attended. Nier stated Jackie Straub verified 1200.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Diane Smith asked Brittney Osborne when the Wayland High School Homecoming would be. Ms. Osborne stated it would be October 13, with the parade starting at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Shafer adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Baumgard, City Clerk

Douglas Shafer, Mayor Pro Tem