

The Croswell City Council met in Regular Session June 3, 2013, at the William Aitkin Memorial Library, 111 N. Howard Ave., Croswell, MI. Mayor Pro-tem Willis called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Present: M. Willis, J. Geiger, L. Krawczyk, R. Butler

Absent: M. McMillan

Administration: City Administrator Sam Moore, City Clerk Suzanne Dobson

Guests: Jeffersonian Reporter Margaret Whitmer, Richard Jewett, Mary Haskins

I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from the Regular Council Meeting of May 20, 2013
Geiger moved to approve the minutes of May 20, 2013 as presented, second by Butler.
Motion Carried.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mary Haskins, Nims St. – Roots in Sewer; ticket for grass wrong address

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Butler moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

V. **PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance #323 – EMERGENCY SERVICE COST RECOVERY:**

Geiger moved to open the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. for proposed Ordinance #323 – Emergency Service Cost Recovery, second by Butler.

Roll Call Vote: Geiger, yes; Butler, yes; Krawczyk, yes; Willis, yes. 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.
Motion Carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Willis asked for any questions or comments regarding the proposed ordinance for Emergency Service Cost Recovery - providing for the reimbursement and collection of fees charged by the City of Croswell for costs incurred by the City in providing emergency fire and ambulance service to residents and non-residents within the City and repealing any and all ordinances and/or regulations in conflict herewith pursuant to the authority granted under the Police and Fire Protection, Act 33 of 1951 as amended.

Public Hearing will be held open.

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

VII. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

- Discussion of N. Howard Project – pre-construction meeting – public meeting to inform the businesses.
- USDA increased grant by \$136,000
- Drilling on corner of Ward and N. Howard – Loomis property

VIII. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT:**

- A. McMillan: Absent
- B. Willis: No report
- C. Geiger: No report
- D. Krawczyk: No report
- E. Butler: No report

IX. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. N. Howard Ave. Project:

1. Construction Bids: 4 bids received.

T.R. Pieprzak Co - \$1,495,894.10

Teltow Contracting - \$1,743,452.10

Boddy Construction - \$1,810,936.66

Pamar Enterprise - \$2,243,054.00

Butler moved to accept the bids and to award the contract to T.R. Pieprzak pending the approval of U.S.D.A, second by Krawczyk. 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion Carried.

2. Water Loan Resolution:

Willis moved to adopt Resolution #06-03-2013 #1 Water Loan for the amount of \$679,000.00, second by Geiger.

Roll Call Vote: Willis, yes; Geiger, yes; Butler, yes; Krawczyk, yes. 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion Carried.

3. Sewer Loan Resolution:

Butler moved to adopt Resolution #06-03-2013 #2 Sewer Loan for the amount of \$600,000.00, second by Krawczyk.

Roll Call Vote: Butler, yes; Krawczyk, yes; Geiger, yes; Willis. 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion Carried.

X. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Close Public Hearing – Ordinance #323:

Mayor Pro-tem asked if there were any questions or comments before closing the public hearing regarding proposed Ordinance #323 Emergency Service Cost Recovery.

Geiger moved to close the public hearing at 7:45 p.m., second by Butler. Motion Carried.

1. Ordinance #323

Butler moved to adopt Ordinance #323 Emergency Service Cost Recovery as presented, second by Geiger.

Roll Call Vote: Butler, yes; Geiger, yes; Krawczyk, yes; Willis, yes. 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion Carried.

b. Well #1 Rehab Bids:

Only three qualified contractors exist, received quotes from all three. Recommendation to award Well #1 rehab to Northern Pump & Well for the amount of \$24,472.86.

Geiger moved to award the contract to Northern Pump & Well - \$24,472.86, second by Krawczyk. Motion Carried.

c. Solicit Funds – Swinging Bridge Festival:

Geiger moved for the solicitation of funds for the Swinging Bridge Festival on the city corners on June 29, 2013, second by Butler. Motion Carried.

d. Resolution – 3 Region County:

This resolution is to support to form a Region with Tuscola, Sanilac and Huron County. This would remove these three counties from Saginaw Bay Region.

Geiger moved to adopt Resolution #06-03-2013 #3 In support of a 3-county region therefore separating Tuscola, Sanilac and Huron County from the Saginaw Bay Region (Region 5), second by Butler.

Roll Call Vote: Geiger, yes; Butler, yes; Krawczyk, yes; Willis, yes. 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion Carried.

**Resolution #06-03-2013 - #3
By the City of Croswell**

In support of a 3-county region therefore separating Tuscola, Sanilac and Huron County from the Saginaw Bay Region (Region 5)

Whereas, the Greater Thumb area is a region which is unique among the standard norm of Michigan Regions. This is why we do not fit within any region in the entire state of Michigan. The marketing needed to continue to grow the Greater Thumb Region is entirely different and ineffective from the I-69 Corridor (Region 8) and Saginaw Bay Region (Region 5). Our sense of place is unique to Michigan with a small town appeal that possesses the most advanced global manufacturing firms in North America who are forerunners of innovation and creativity, envied but never easily imitated

Wherefore, Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties offer a diverse range of business opportunities in agriculture, manufacturing and tourism. With new food processing companies choosing to locate here in the greater thumb proves that we are creative leaders in incubation and innovation, renowned for our research capabilities with global connectivity, leading edge employers, incredible talent and abundant resources which make us leaders in Michigan's come back.

Whereas, Agriculture is a future-oriented technology leading business in the Greater Thumb area. We are the home to three of the largest dairy farms, several beef cattle lots, the largest producer of cash crops such as soy, corn, sugar beets, and navy beans, and a pickle processing plant, that produces pickles and peppers at are sold across North America, and have been expanding

exponentially. Because of our agriculture industry farm land is valued at \$10,000 per acre.

Wherefore, leaders in industry – Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties have over 140 industrial locations; also have 7 hospitals and our own MRI facility with the latest technology. There are 139 miles of shoreline, and majestic lighthouses, which offers an unprecedented tourism appeal that plays a vital role in not only the state but the Thumb Region’s economic development. The Food & Farmers Markets and roadside stands offer some of our homegrown vegetables, flowers, etc. Port Austin Farmer’s Market was voted one of the top 10 farmers markets in Michigan. This is outside the norms of the I-69 corridor and the Saginaw Bay Region.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, due to these significant regional factors that set us apart from the I-69 Corridor and the Saginaw Bay Region, we the City of Croswell believe it is in the best interest of not only Sanilac County, but the State of Michigan and the counties of Huron and Tuscola, the counties of the Greater Thumb area be designated as a region within the state. It is without question that this area requires its own growth and marketing strategies in order to build on the strengths that are uniquely our own.

CERTIFICATION

I, SUZANNE DOBSON, City Clerk of Croswell, do hereby certify that Resolution #06-03-2013 was adopted by the City of Croswell at a Regular meeting of the City of Croswell Council held at the Wm. Aitkin Memorial Library on the 3rd day of June, 2013.

Vote on this Resolution, 4 members being present was as follows:

AYES: Geiger, Butler, Krawczyk, Willis.

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: McMillan

Suzanne M. Dobson, CMC
City Clerk

XI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
None

XII. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**
Willis moved to approve the Accounts Payable for the amount of \$155,114.67 and the bills be paid, second by Butler. Motion Carried.

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT:**
With no further business Mayor Pro-tem Willis adjourned the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Suzanne Dobson, CMC
Croswell City Clerk

Mary Willis, Mayor Pro-tem