

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
MAY 18, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Council was called to order by President Warfield at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: President Warfield, Trustees Mullin, Gunnett, Barnes, Dailey, VanDyken.  
Absent: Tackett.  
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Faith Akert, Chief Bryan Campbell, Dorothy J. Clark, Jess Wallace, Todd Carlin, Russell L. Barnes, Mark McCain and Pat Temple.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Dailey, seconded by Mullin, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion by Barnes, seconded by VanDyken, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All aye.

**CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Andy Blodgett appeared before the Village Council to request re-consideration to allow Open Air Sales as a permitted use in the B-1 District.

Trustee Gunnett had the following comments:

- He stated that the type of uses allowed in various zoning districts has evolved over the years through the revision and adoption of the Zoning Ordinance in the early 1990's.
- He stated that in 2008, the Planning Commission considered a request to allow Open Air Sales in the Business District, and amended the zoning ordinance to allow sales for three days, not to exceed three times per year.
- He stated that the Council does not have the authority to override a zoning ordinance.
- He stated that new businesses must adhere to the existing Zoning Ordinance.

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Mr. Blodgett had the following comments:

- He stated that he is willing to submit a petition to request a zoning ordinance change.
- He stated that other businesses will benefit from sales of nursery stock.
- He stated that rules are set and followed but thinks that there should be special considerations for certain requests.

President Warfield had the following comments:

- He stated that the Council does not have the authority to waive zoning regulations and requirements.
- He stated that a zoning change request is time consuming, and could take several weeks.
- He stated that the Planning Commission would have to review the request.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:**

President Warfield had the following comments:

- He stated that MDOT has made a decision regarding a request for installation of turn signals on Grand and Lyon Streets and that a meeting will take place to advise the Village of their decision.
- He stated that Trustee Tackett has submitted petitions to the Village Clerk on the behalf of President Warfield for the position of Village President.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following comments:

- She stated that the 2009 Street Projects are scheduled to begin on May 19<sup>th</sup> with completion on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- She stated that the Park Committee will be reviewing a proposed layout for park equipment at their meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

Trustee Gunnett inquired about the status of the Tennis Courts.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz stated that it has been discussed, and there was no clear direction from the Village Council regarding repair, and that a cost estimate for removal and replacement of asphalt would be approximately \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

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Loren C. Warfield, Village President