

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
OCTOBER 6, 2008**

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, Barnes, Dailey, VanDyken and Tackett.

Absent: Gunnett.

Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Faith Akert, Dale Hufford, Tom Gill, Mark McCain, Russell L. Barnes, Norma Tackett, Todd Carlin, Jess Wallace, Dorothy J. Clark and Pat Temple.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

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

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding the Fireworks Display at the Schoolcraft Community School Homecoming Event was discussed.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by VanDyken, to approve the request from Mr. Chip Mongreig for the presentation of a fireworks display for the Schoolcraft Community School Homecoming Event on Friday, October 10, 2008. All aye.

- b) The memorandum from Dixon Engineering for Pay Request #1 to Fedewa Painting, in the amount of \$88,560.00 was discussed.

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Dailey, to approve Pay Request #1 to Fedewa painting in the amount of \$88,560.00. All aye.

- c) The first reading to wit of Ordinance No. 214 was presented to Village Council. An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 14 Of The Schoolcraft Village Code Of Ordinances; To Prohibit Certain Animals On Residential Property And To Restrict The Number Of Permitted Cats Dogs And Rabbits On Residential Property; To Repeal All Other Ordinances Or Parts Therein Inconsistent Or Contrary To This Ordinance; And To Provide For An Effective Date For This Ordinance.

Motion by VanDyken, seconded by Tackett, to adopt Ordinance 214, as amended to reflect the allowance of up to six household pets including rabbits, not to exceed four of one species. All aye.

- d) Discussion took place regarding the establishment of a policy regarding tree removal requests in the Village right of way.

President Warfield had the following comments:

- He stated that the DPW and Heffner Tree Service evaluate trees on an annual basis.
- He stated that the Village Council should consider the DPW and Heffner Tree Service as their tree experts.
- He stated there are a number of trees tagged for removal that are a higher priority, and that the Village Council is approving requests for trees to be removed by residents and that may not necessarily be on the list as determined by the DPW and Heffner Tree.
- He stated that all requests for tree removal should be at the requester's expense, and that the requester must pay for replacement trees.

Trustee Dailey stated that he was in agreement with President Warfield; however, he thought there may be some consideration for individuals who are doing landscaping improvements. He stated that the Village Council should also consider these types of requests.

Trustee Mullin expressed his concern regarding Tree Removal Requests that are in the MDOT right of way.

President Warfield requested the Village Manager to draft a Tree Removal Request Policy for consideration at the November 3, 2008, meeting.

- e) Trustee Dailey presented the Village Manager's Evaluation to the Village Council. He stated there were no negative marks, and that the Executive Committee recommends a three (3) percent salary increase, a \$100.00 car allowance to be paid monthly for travel inside Kalamazoo County, and an extension of her contract to March, 2011. All aye.

**TABULATION OF BIDS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Trustee VanDyken had the following comment:

- He stated the South County Fire Authority is looking for a location for the Vicksburg Fire Station.

President Warfield had the following comments:

- He stated that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October, 13, 2008, to consider various Zoning Ordinance Amendments.
- He stated that the decorative street signs have been installed along the US 131 Corridor.
- He stated that the DDA will be purchasing approximately 25 Banners for various seasons to be displayed along the US 131 Corridor.
- He stated that the DDA will consider a Concert in the Park Series in 2009.

Trustee Tackett had the following comment:

- He expressed his thanks to the Police Department for their assistance during his recent Coin Show.

Trustee Dailey asked about the cost to continue the placement of decorative street signs in the Village.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND COMMITTEES:**

None.

**STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:**

a) Ms. Dorothy Clark had the following statements:

- She stated that the Water Tower Painting looks very good.
- She inquired about a tattered flag on private property.

b) Mr. Jess Wallace asked about the cost of the Water Tower Painting Project.

c) Mr. Todd Carlin asked about replacement trees at 224 Lovell St.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

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Loren C. Warfield, Village President