

CITY OF MUSKEGON  
CITY COMMISSION WORKSESSION

January 7, 2013

5:30 p.m.

City Commission Chambers

MINUTES

2013-01

Present: Commissioners Gawron, Spataro, Hood, German, Wierengo, Turnquist, and Markowski

Absent: None

**Liability Claim: 1491 Lexington – Estate of Ruth Achterhoff.**

On December 8, 2011, a sewage backup was discovered at 1491 Lexington. The home was vacant at the time so the backup had occurred over a several day period causing 8 to 10 inches of sewage in the basemen. A blockage in the City main was determined to cause the backup. The home is owned by the Ruth Achterhoff Estate and the trustees of the estate have filed a liability claim against the City of Muskegon for damages and costs associated with the City main blockage. The trustees and MMRMA have agreed on a settlement of this claim for \$26,250. The basement was a finished basement and required \$22,250 to repair, the balance of the claim is for contents. The dollar amount of this claim requires City Commission approval.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Spataro, second by Commissioner German to approve the proposed recommended settlement regarding the sewer claim.**

**ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Spataro, German, Wierengo, Turnquist, Markowski, Gawron, Hood  
Nays: None**

*MOTION PASSES*

**Congressman Huizenga.**

Mayor Gawron welcomed Congressman Huizenga who thanked the Commission for inviting him to speak. He explained his office schedule and expenses and then answered questions on regional transit and the importance of the Great Lakes.

**City Commission Goal Setting Date.**

City Manager Bryon Mazade asked if Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> would work for the annual Goal Setting meeting. Information will be sent out.

**Any Other Business.**

Discussion was held on vacating of alleys, addressing system, standards for plowing streets, use of tasers, false alarms, and parking on terrace.

**Adjournment.**

**Motion by Commissioner Wierengo, second by Commissioner Hood to adjourn at 6:28p.m.**

*MOTION PASSES*

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Ann Marie Cummings, MMC  
City Clerk