

City of Muskegon
City Commission Worksession
December 8, 2008
City Commission Chambers
5:30 PM

MINUTES

2008-106

Present: Commissioners Wierengo, Wisneski, Gawron, Carter (arrived 5:35 p.m.), Spataro (arrived 5:37 p.m.), and Clara Shepherd (arrived 5:40 p.m.).

Absent: Mayor Warmington.

Indian Cemetery Request. John McGarry

Mr. McGarry is in possession of Indian remains and is seeking permission to lay the remains to rest at the Old Indian Cemetery.

The City Commission can give formal approval contingent that all legal ramifications are met.

Motion by Commissioner Wisneski, seconded by Commissioner Wierengo, to proceed with the burial of Indian remains in the possession of the Muskegon County Museum at the Old Indian Cemetery contingent upon all legal ramifications being met.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Spataro, Wierengo, Wisneski, Carter, Gawron, and Shepherd.

Nays: None.

MOTION PASSES.

2009 User Fee Update. Finance

Tim Paul, Finance Director, presented the proposed 2009 User Fees. Few changes are proposed for 2009.

It is recommended that the fee for the hanging of banners be raised from \$50 to \$450. Commissioner Carter suggested that the City continue charging \$50 to hang banners, but the organization contract with a private source to hang the banners.

Commissioner Carter suggested to raise the fee to \$450 until a policy can be developed to privatize the service.

2009 Salary Schedule and Fringe Benefits for Non-Represented Employees and the 2009 Salary Schedule for Part-Time and Limited-Term Employees. City Manager

City Manager, Bryon Mazade, presented the 2009 proposed salary schedule for non-represented employees, part-time, and limited-term employees.

Final Amendments to 2008 Budget. Finance

Income Tax revenue will be higher than projected. Building permits were strong as well. We did not need \$300,000 transfer from budget stabilization fund. \$250,000 will be transferred to the budget stabilization fund.

Large expenses are expected in the future from pension and health insurance costs.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Wierengo to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

MOTION PASSES.

**Ann Marie Becker, MMC
City Clerk**