

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF
BESSEMER WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ON
JUNE 7, 2010, AT 6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Frello called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Present –Frello, Zaleski, Nelson, Gaiss.
Absent – Matonich.

THESE MEMBERS CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. John Koski who owns a farm which borders the City of Bessemer gave the Council a brief presentation on the problems he has had and is currently having with wolves. Mr. Koski indicated he has lost over 30 calves this year, between his Bessemer Township farm and Matchwood farm. Mr. Koski was asking for Council support to try and get wolves removed from the Federal endangered species list in order to control the population.

It was moved by Gaiss, supported by Nelson and **CARRIED** to authorize the City Manager to write a letter on behalf of the Council supporting Mr. Koski's effort to remove the wolf from the endangered species list, send this letter with supporting pictures to various Federal and State Legislators. The letter should include wording to allow farmers to protect their property even if the wolf remains on the endangered species list.

City Attorney Michael Korpela addressed the Council regarding the Council's current interest in amending the City Charter. Mr. Korpela indicated even though the current charter may be outdated, most rules and regulations that govern a city are enacted at the State level and apply and super-cede charter provisions. Therefore Mr. Korpela did not think it was necessary to go through the time and expense of formally updating the City Charter. After some discussion Council came to agree that informally adding notations and updated rules as an addendum to the Charter should be sufficient to allow the reader of the Charter to know when certain provisions are no longer applicable and direct the reader to the proper state statute.

It was moved by Frello, supported by Nelson and **CARRIED** to allow Council members 30 more days to submit suggested Charter updates and revisions to the City Manager and Attorney for consideration.

**PUBLIC HEARING:
911 RE-ADDRESSING**

It was moved by Frello, supported by Gaiss and **CARRIED** to open the meeting to the public hearing regarding several name changes of City streets.

Clerk/Treasurer Trudgeon presented Council with a list of roads/streets that needed to be either renamed or have their boundaries better defined. Mr. Ed Sandene and Mrs. Deb Gotham spoke in favor of the Palms Road/Tilden Road renaming. The Clerk's office received one written comment from a resident on Old County Road who was not in favor of readdressing.

It was moved by Frello, supported by Gaiss and **CARRIED** to close the public hearing and authorize Clerk/Treasurer Trudgeon to proceed with the next step in the process of readdressing certain parts of the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Zaleski and supported by Gaiss that the consent agenda items listed below, be approved and that the correspondence be received and placed on file.

- 1) Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting 05/17/2010.
- 2) Minutes – Gogebic Range Solid Waste Mgmt Authority 04/15/2010.

A roll call vote was then taken. AYES – Frello, Nelson, Zaleski, Gaiss; NAYS – None; ABSENT – Matonich. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CLAIMS

The following claims were presented for consideration and payment.

GENERAL FUND

AMERIPRIDE	\$42.26
ANDERSON FUEL & LUBRICANTS, INC.	1,034.00
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	729.21
BAKER & TAYLOR ENTERTAINMENT	161.11
CITY OF BESSEMER WATER UTILITY	228.20
C & M OIL CO.	332.22
CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES	951.98
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AGENCY, INC.	60.00
G T C AUTO PARTS, INC.	111.84
GOPHER	57.88
HAUTALA DISTRIBUTING CO., INC.	36.00
J & J BROADCASTING LLC	49.00
KTKC AUTO PARTS INC.	261.61
LULICH IMPLEMENT, INC.	150.49
MR. FIRST AID	254.60
PARTS ASSOCIATES INC.	274.59
SAFETY-KLEEN CORP	324.82
SHARE CORPORATION, A.R.	85.32
STEIGES HOME CENTER	362.19
STEMPIHAR, INC.	1,126.75
TRI-OFFICE BUSINESS SYSTEMS	203.30
U.P. OFFICE EQUIPEMENT SYSTEMS	64.65
V & H INC.	485.95
MI SNOWMOBILE ASSOC.	50.00
STATE OF MICHIGAN	45.00
P&K FOREST FARMS	1,907.55
BAKSIC, JAMES	141.96
CONSUMER REPORTS	44.00
WEIGHT WATCHERS MAGAZINE	34.95

TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$9,611.43

MAJOR STREET FUND

CITY OF BESSEMER GENERAL FUND \$8,981.77

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LOCAL STREET FUND

CITY OF BESSEMER GENERAL FUND \$1,043.38

TOTAL LOCAL STREET FUND \$1,043.38

SEWER UTILITY FUND

BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY	\$10,918.00
CITY OF BESSEMER GENEAL FUND	204.64
KTKC AUTO PARTS	2.16
STEMPIHAR, INC.	31.56

TOTAL SEWER UTILITY FUND \$ 11,156.36

WATER UTILITY FUND

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY	\$76,275.54
HAWKINS DISTRIBUTING CO., INC.	1,145.80
MICHIGAN RURAL WATER ASSOC.	425.00
MI DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES	128.00
STEIGERS HOME CENTER	15.57
STEMPIHAR, INC.	116.42
HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS, LTD.	1,065.44
L & S	4,992.00

TOTAL WATER UTILITY FUND **\$84,163.77**

It was moved by Zaleski and supported by Nelson that the claims, as presented, be approved for payment as funds become available.

A roll call vote was then taken. AYES – Frello, Nelson, Zaleski, Gaiss; NAYS – None; ABSENT – Matonich.

MOTION CARRIED.

**CHERYL SOWLES – BARBER
SOFTBALL FIELD**

It was moved by Gaiss, supported by Nelson and **CARRIED** to acknowledge a letter received from Ms. Cheryl Sowles concerning the use and an update of the oversight of the Barber softball field and place on file.

**MUNICIPAL INSURANCE
QUOTES/SUBMITTALS**

City Manager Chatel updated Council on the results of the bids requested for liability insurance services for the City. The City received one quote from Hannula Agency (\$36,939.00) and one from the Michigan Municipal League (29,745.00). Mark Hannula, the City's current insurance agent, was on hand to talk about his quote and answer any questions. City Manager Chatel indicated a representative from the MML's agency would be present at the next meeting to discuss their bid. It was noted that the two bids differed in substance. No further action was taken on this item.

**SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE
REQUEST**

It was moved by Gaiss, supported by Nelson and **CARRIED** to acknowledge a letter received from Ms. Denise Stephens requesting the City's assistance and support of several special events taking place in the City this summer and authorize the City Manager to facilitate reasonable assistance within the capabilities and availability of the City.

2010 TAX LEVY

It was moved by Gaiss and supported by Nelson to authorize the City to levy the maximum millage allowed by law as determined by the County Equalization Director. The mills to be levied for the 2010 tax year will be 17.4524 mills.

A roll call vote was then taken. AYES – Frello, Nelson, Zaleski, Gaiss; NAYS – None; ABSENT – Matonich.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

It was moved by Frello, supported by Nelson and **CARRIED** to accept the City Managers report and place on file.

DPW REPORT

It was moved by Gaiss, supported by Nelson and **CARRIED** that the DPW report be accepted and placed on file.

ADJOURN – 7:45 P.M.

It was moved by Frello, supported by Nelson and **CARRIED** that the regular meeting be adjourned.

John Frello, Mayor

James K. Trudgeon, City Clerk