

**CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN
REGULAR MEETING
December 1, 2008**

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the Regular Meeting of the City Council of Trenton, Michigan, was called to order by Mayor Brown, at 8:00 p.m. on the above date in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Present on roll call by City Clerk Stack: Mayor Brown, Councilpersons: Baun-Crooks, Gillespie, LeFevre, McLeod, Taylor, and Teifer.

There being a quorum present, the Council was declared in session.

Other Officers Present: John Dahlquist, City Assessor; Wallace Long, City Attorney; Robert Cady, City Administrator; Christine Arnoczki, City Controller; William Hogan, City Engineer; Bruce Vick, Fire Chief; Scott Church, Human Resource Specialist; Patrick Hawkins, Parks and Recreation Director; William Lilienthal, Police Chief; James Nardone, Deputy Police Chief; and Alan Bober, Department of Public Services Director.

MINUTES

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2008.

Carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to approve the Mayor's reappointments of John Amrozi and James Zanglin to the Building Authority, terms ending January 1, 2012; Ganesa Wegienka to the Civic Commission, term ending December 1, 2011; Lawrence Bradley and Ron Lammers to the Traffic Safety Commission, terms ending December 1, 2011; the appointment of Tracie McCall to the City Beautiful Commission, term ending December 1, 2011; and the reappointments of Richard Assenmacher, David Heatherly and Alan Valiquette to the Traffic Safety Commission, terms ending December 1, 2011.

Roll Call: Brown, Abstain; Gillespie, Yes; LeFevre, Yes; McLeod, Yes; Taylor, Yes; Teifer, Yes; and Baun-Crooks, Yes.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

GENERAL

B-1. 33RD DISTRICT COURT: Fines and Costs, October 2008

GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

C-1. ST. JOSEPH CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: Bottle Drive Request

DEPARTMENT HEADS, OFFICIALS, C.S.S. REFERRAL

- D-1a. ATTORNEY: Approval of Service Agreements, Certified Alarm
- D-1b. ATTORNEY: Approval of Service Agreements, B & D Vacuum
- D-2. ADMINISTRATION: Request to Close City Hall for the Holidays
- D-3. CONTROLLER: Postage Machine Bid Award
- D-4. MAYOR: Study Session Agenda, December 8, 2008

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

L-1. PARKS AND RECREATION: Ice Show Costumes

COMMUNICATIONS

(B-1)

33RD DISTRICT COURT
Fines and Costs, October 2008

Moved by Councilman LeFevre, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to receive and place on file the Fines and Costs, October 2008, submitted by the 33rd District Court showing the City of Trenton receiving \$9,676.99.

Carried unanimously.

(C-1)

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH YOUTH GROUP
Bottle Drive Request

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to concur with the recommendation of the Civic Commission and grant permission to the St. Joseph Youth Commission to hold a bottle drive in the City of Trenton, on January 3, 2009, with flyer drop off on December 27, 2008; and February 7, 2009, with flyer drop off on January 31, 2009, with adult supervision, and under the direction of the Police Department.

Carried unanimously.

(D-1a & b)

ATTORNEY

Approval of Service Agreements, Certified Alarm
Approval of Service Agreements, B & D Vacuum

**CITY OF TRENTON
RESOLUTION 2008-27**

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton is a Michigan municipal corporation and in need of certain specialized, locally based services and supplies; and

WHEREAS, certain elected officers of the City, having fiduciary obligations to the City by virtue of their offices, also happen to be purveyors of such services, and have made them available to the City at or below market prices; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has unanimously determined that it is in its best interest to contract for such services, by and through those persons or entities having a fiduciary relationship with the City; and

WHEREAS, such arrangements with elected officials have been disclosed publicly, but may not have not otherwise been formally memorialized in writing; and

WHEREAS, The City of Trenton has determined that the policy and practice serves the best interests of the municipality and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Trenton, after having been apprised as to the existence of the financial interest, does approve:

The provision of alarm services by and through Certified Alarm, ratify such action by a unanimous vote by those members having no financial interest in the specific arrangement, and will approve future disbursements with an affirmative abstention by the interested member.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Trenton this 1st day of December 2008.

**CITY OF TRENTON
RESOLUTION 2008-28**

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Trenton, after having been apprised as to the existence of the financial interest, does approve:

The provision of alarm services by and through B & D Vacuum, ratify such action by a unanimous vote by those members having no financial interest in the specific arrangement, and will approve future disbursements with an affirmative abstention by the interested member.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Trenton this 1st day of December 2008.

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to adopt the resolutions formally approving the provision of alarms services through Certified Alarm and vacuum supplies through B & D Vacuum and approve future disbursements with an affirmative abstention by the interested member, and that these resolutions should come back to the Council for each new term of office.

Carried unanimously.

(D-2)
ADMINISTRATION
Request to Close City Hall for the Holidays

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to approve the closure of Trenton City Hall Offices on Friday, December 26, 2008, and Friday, January 2, 2009, provided that water bills due on the closed dates not be subject to penalty fees if the bill is paid on the next day that the City offices are open for business.

Carried unanimously.

(D-3)
CONTROLLER
Postage Machine Bid Award

ORIGINAL MOTION

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to concur with the recommendation from the City Controller and approve the purchase of Haler Model WJ 150 in the amount of \$2,000.00, with the annual charges of \$956.00, with funds from the postage Account (101-930-730.000), and to reject the other bids.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilman Teifer, to lease the DM400 from Pitney Bowes for five years in the amount of \$7,182.00, and reject the other bids.

Roll Call: Gillespie, No; LeFevre, No; McLeod, Yes; Taylor, Yes; Teifer, Yes; Baun-Crooks, No; and Brown, No.

Motion failed.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION

Roll Call: LeFevre, No; McLeod, No; Taylor, No; Teifer, No; Baun-Crooks, Yes; Brown, Yes; and Gillespie, Yes.

Motion failed.

Moved by Councilwoman McLeod, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to waive the bidding procedure in the best interest of the City and request the City Controller to ask the vendors for quotes for postage machines to be given within 72 hours and that the equipment be in place by December 31, 2008.

Motion carried.

(D-4)
MAYOR
Study Session Agenda, December 9, 2008

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to approve the agenda for the Study Session to be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at 8:00 p.m., to be comprised of the Plante Moran Audit Report and the deficit in the Kennedy Recreation Fund.

Carried unanimously.

(L-1)
PARKS AND RECREATION
Ice Show Costumes

Moved by Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilman Taylor, to waive the usual bidding procedure in the best interest of the City and to authorize the Parks and Recreation to purchase ice show costumes from Costume Warehouse, Algy, Leo's Dancewear, Weissman's, and Baumes and to use the departments credit card to receive the discounts offered by utilizing a credit card for ordering, with funds paid by the participants.

Carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, that the Authorized Disbursements, per the December 1, 2008, schedule, be approved.

MONROE BANK & TRUST: Cash Disbursements	\$389,601.49
General Fund	145,410.01
Major Street Fund	41.94
Local Street Fund	6,772.00
Kennedy Rec. Complex Fund	41,924.09
Library Operating Fund	16,881.48
Special Revenue Funds	2,692.35
Grant Funds	4,820.22
Capital Project Fund	105,234.86
D.D.A. Fund	59.99
SINC Fund	1,500.00
Water & Wastewater Fund	52,911.55
Motor Vehicle Pool	6,774.44
Restricted Self Ins.	5,368.16

Motion carried.

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to approve the December 1, 2008, disbursement payable to Certified Alarm in the amount of \$789.60.

Roll Call: McLeod, Yes; Taylor, Yes; Teifer, Yes; Baun-Crooks, Yes; Brown, Yes; Gillespie, Abstain; and LeFevre, Yes.

Motion carried.

REPORTS

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod, to receive and place on file the Commission and Board Reports, December 1, 2008, and the Traffic Safety Division Report, October 2008.

Carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS

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| Councilman Teifer | * Roll Call Vote Needed on Service Agreements? |
| Councilman LeFevre | * Thanked Bill Hogan for Vacant Property Report; Christmas Parade, Saturday December 6; Investments for City and Police and Fire Pension Board |
| Councilman Gillespie | * Not Necessary to Look at Credit Card Statements |
| Mayor Brown | * Police and Fire Pension Board Balance |
| City Clerk Stack | * Goodfellow Drive, Saturday, December 6th |
| City Treasurer Schoen | * Tax Bills Mailed Out This Week; Drop Box Available on Days City Hall Closed |
| City Assessor Dahlquist | * Board of Review, December 9th |
| Recreation Director Hawkins | * 12 Days of Christmas, December 12 th ; New Fencing at Cultural Center, Eagle Scout Project |

PUBLIC COMMENT

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| Tom Boritzki | * Domestic Auto Industry, Read Aloud a Resolution He Prepared |
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OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Moved by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman LeFevre, to request Administration to draft a resolution based on information submitted by Tom Boritzki and for Administration to forward the resolution to members of legislation in Washington.

Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY Councilman Gillespie, seconded by Councilwoman McLeod at 9:19 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

GERALD R. BROWN, MAYOR

KYLE F. STACK, CITY CLERK

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Patricia M. Gearhart, Deputy City Clerk
APPROVED ON: _____

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. COMCAST: Channel Line Up, Package Name Changes. (11/14/2008)
2. WOW: Rate Changes. (11/20/2008)
3. CITY ENGINEER: Vacant Building List. (11/25/2008)