



# Hastings City Council Communication

**Date:** January 23, 2015

**To:** Honorable Mayor Frank Campbell, Members of the Hastings City Council, City Attorney and Administrative Staff

**From:** Jeff Mansfield, City Manager

**Subject:** Information – January 26, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Hastings City Council

Please remember that the City Council has scheduled a workshop for 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting of the City Council on Monday night to discuss your goals and objectives for the staff to use in developing a draft budget for the City for the coming fiscal year. Last year's goals and objectives are included in the packet for your review. Tom would also like to hear your comments regarding a revised format for the budget document that might make it a bit less daunting and more "user-friendly" for those who are not intimately familiar with municipal finance.

Items on the regular agenda for Monday night's regular meeting of the City Council include:

## **Formal Presentations and Requests**

The South Central Michigan Youth Baseball (SCMYB) organization has asked for the use of the Fish Hatchery Park ball field again this summer. SCMYB has submitted somewhat of a "blanket request" for the use of the field for a good share of the summer. In the past, the field has been shared by both SCMYB and the YMCA. The Y has tried to contact SCMYB to work out a shared arrangement, but to my understanding has been unable to get a response to date. The City normally gives the Y the first shot at our facilities since they are the City's contract recreation services provider. We would therefore recommend that SCMYB's request be granted contingent upon them working out an agreement with the Y for sharing the field.

The YMCA of Barry County has asked for the use of the Bob King Park ball field this summer. Our staff has no questions or concerns related to his request, and there are no scheduling conflicts.

### **Resolutions**

Draft Resolution 2015-02 amending various beginning fund balances and revenues / expenditures in the City's FY 2014/2015 Budget has been prepared for the City Council's review and consideration. You will note that the majority of the estimated beginning fund balances are actually greater than originally budgeted under this amendment or have rather small reductions (with the exception of the Library Fund), and that most of the proposed revenue / expenditure amendments are relatively minor. The exceptions would be large changes to the Major Street Fund revenues and expenditures (that net one another out) due to not getting the MDOT/Federal grant for sealcoating work, and amendments to the Cemetery Fund to reflect the planned capital improvements at Riverside Cemetery this spring. We will be happy to answer any questions that you may have on Monday night.

### **Appointments**

The Mayor has recommended the reappointment of James Dickinson to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the position recently left vacant when former ZBA Member Jordan Brehm was appointed to the Planning Commission.

### **Bids, Contracts, Agreements and Sales**

Chief Pratt has recommended approval of the purchase of tasers and accessories from Michigan Taser Distributing through the Mi-DEAL State of Michigan purchasing program. The purchase is included in the approved budget and Capital Improvements Plan, and is within the budgeted amount.

A grant agreement has been presented by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs that will provide \$3,710.00 for in funding for the "Playing at the Plaza" program this coming summer for City Council approval. Local funding pledged in the grant application includes \$3,900.00 in corporate and merchant sponsorships and \$1,000.00 from the DDA (for a total project amount of \$8,610,00). We will be happy to answer any questions you may have on Monday night.

### **City Manager's Report**

Chief Pratt, Tom Emery and John Hart will provide their monthly departmental reports on Monday evening.

Finally, Attorney Jim Komondy of Law Weathers will be attending Monday night's Council meeting to explain the proposed supplemental conditions that he drafted previously to accompany the Alternate Institutional Control form requested by Consumers Energy for the site of the former Manufactured Gas Plant on the corner of Boltwood and Center Streets. You will recall that the Mayor asked at the last Council meeting to have this agreement withdrawn from the agenda to allow additional time consideration of this request. Jim will address any questions you may have on Monday night.

See you Monday night!

Jeff Mansfield  
City Manager