

City Commission
August 17, 2015

Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Rothstein called the regular meeting of the City Commission to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Lynn Anderson, Tom Hogenson, Lorraine James, and Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Rothstein; City Attorney Eric D. Williams; and City Manager Steve Sobers.

Absent: Mayor Mark J. Warba who was excused.

There were 20 people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Hogenson that the minutes of August 3, 2015 regular meeting be accepted.

Yeas: Anderson, Hogenson, James, Rothstein

The Park & Recreation, Library Bills, and Quarterly Investment Report were rescheduled for September 8, 2015.

STUDY SESSION

A. AeroMed/Spectrum Hospital

Mary Kay VanDriel, President of Spectrum Health Big Rapids and Reed City Hospital, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the hospital's progress and their future plans. Spectrum Health is making changes that are part of a commitment to improve care in the area. Spectrum has been in the top fifteen healthcare systems in the U.S. for the past four years.

Some of the changes that have or will be occurring are:

- Spectrum Health will be merging with the Reed City Hospital
- Priority Health – gives the hospital access to claims data
- Medical Group –Physicians who are looking to be employed by hospitals
- Door to Doc Time in the emergency department – tracks the amount of time that passes from the time a patient comes through the door until they are seen by the doctor
- E-Care – Patients are able to have a phone consult with a physician

- Telehealth -Bringing specialists to the area where patients are able to have consults over a monitor
- Decompressing the hospital campus – Spectrum wants to build a facility to house primary care physicians right next to the hospital. Physicians typically by the hospital would be orthopedic surgeons, general surgeons, and OBGYN. This way the physicians can easily travel from their office to the hospital to perform surgery. All other physicians would be moved to another location

Some of the advantages that Spectrum Hospital provides are:

- Susan P. Wheatlake Cancer Center and linear accelerator
- Daily Check-in – Directors of all hospital departments come together for 15 minutes and look at any safety issues that need to be addressed from the previous 24 hours
- Medical/Surgery beds, ICU, OB, and Primary Care at the Big Rapids Hospital
- Medical/Surgery Swing option and a rehab unit, ICU in the Reed City Hospital
- Both hospitals are located off US-131 with easy access
- Conveniently located in central Michigan

AeroMed

Ms. VanDriel commented on the two major issues regarding AeroMed. The business part, which includes the leasing of the airport hangar from Roben Hood airport as well as the healthcare component. AeroMed is not part of the Big Rapids Hospital. They have a joint venture with Munson Healthcare's North Flight rescue and will be called North Flight AeroMed.

Ms. VanDriel spoke on the healthcare component. When it is determined that a patient needs higher care, the physician contacts AeroMed to see if they are available. Staff at the hospital get the patient ready for transport. AeroMed is often there waiting for the patient to become stable enough to transport.

Previously, AeroMed only had part-time hours in Big Rapids. With this new venture, it will provide them 24 hour coverage. If a patient were in Gaylord it would be better to utilize the Traverse City helicopter rather than the one from Grand Rapids. Ms. VanDriel commented that they are looking to grow Big Rapids and Reed City.

B. Insurance Services Offices (ISO) Rating – Steve Schroeder, Deputy Director of Public Safety, talked about the ISO rating that the City received. ISO is an Insurance Service Organization and they analyze fire departments based on the following factors:

- How fire departments are dispatched - 911 centers
- Fire department response
- Training levels
- Water supply that is available
- Equipment and age of equipment
- Pump capacity
- What is carried on the trucks
- How many personnel are on hand

This is a comprehensive study made up of a lot of documentation. Once the documentation is reviewed and the study is done, a classification score is determined and given to the Fire Department. This score is used by the majority of insurance companies to determine the amount a resident of that area will pay for their home owners insurance. The scale is from 1-10. The lower the classification score, the better the insurance rate will be for the home owner. This study gave the City of Big Rapids a protection class of 4-4, which is where they were at before the study. The last study was done approximately ten years ago. The fact that the City's fire department has maintained the protection class of 4-4 is very good. This is also based on a point system, where the City is at a 64.7, which is right in the middle of a class 4 classification. Mr. Schroeder is always looking to improve and hopes to get the City into a 3 classification.

There are only 97 fire departments in the nation that are classified as a 1. It is very difficult to obtain this classification. There are 6,115 fire departments nationwide that are classified as a 4. The vast majority of fire departments are classified as a 9.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Rose Mary Jennings commented on how beautiful the banners were on the Maple Street Bridge.

PUBLIC HEARING - None

The Big Rapids Township is planning the construction of a sidewalk along Perry Avenue from the edge of the City limits to Meijer then across Perry Avenue to Lowes. This is approximately a \$400,000 project. It is expected that many City residents will be using the proposed sidewalk, whereby the township asked if the City would help in this effort. The City is proposing support for snowplowing of the sidewalks for three years along with construction inspection services.

After much discussion, Commissioner Hogenson moved to amend the proposed resolution to extend the snowplowing to a five year period rather than a three year period. The agreement will be corrected accordingly.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-80

Commissioner Hogenson moved, seconded by Commissioner James, the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSTRUCTION
INSPECTION SUPPORT AND SNOWPLOWING SERVICES IN WINTER
TO THE BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP SIDEWALK ALONG PERRY AVENUE**

WHEREAS, Big Rapids Township is engaged in constructing a sidewalk from the edge of the City limits on Perry Avenue for approximately three quarters of a mile in front of the businesses along Perry Avenue, and

WHEREAS, this street also serves many Big Rapids City residents walking to these same stores, and

WHEREAS, both the City and Township see mutual advantage in supporting this sidewalk which will serve all residents and visitors to the community, creating a safer environment for all users of the street, and

WHEREAS, Michigan law allows for intergovernmental agreements of cooperation, and

WHEREAS, the City has the ability and desire to assist in this project by the provision of snowplowing in winter (for 5 years) and construction inspection services with a combined value of \$21,500 to the development and operation of this initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission of the City of Big Rapids hereby, resolves to accept the intergovernmental agreement and provide the services of inspection and plowing contained therein on the schedule indicated.

Yeas: Anderson, Hogenson, James, Rothstein

Nays: None

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

Date: August 17, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 15-81

Commissioner James moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS- 2014/2015 CARRY FORWARDS

WHEREAS, the City of Big Rapids adopted FY 2015/2016 General Appropriations on May 21, 2015 per Resolution No. 15-50, and

WHEREAS, there are a number of items from fiscal year 2014-2015 that need to be carried forward into this fiscal year 2015/2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Big Rapids City Commission hereby approves the attached budget adjustments to carry forward to the 2015/2016 budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to amend the FY 2015/2016 City of Big Rapids Budget accordingly.

Yeas: Anderson, Hogenson, James, Rothstein

Nays: None

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

Date: August 17, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 15-82

Commissioner Hogenson moved, seconded by Commissioner James the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015
YEAR END GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Big Rapids adopted FY 2014/2015 General Appropriations on June 2, 2014, per Resolution No. 14-62, and

WHEREAS, each year adjustments are made to revenue and expenditure accounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Big Rapids City Commission hereby approves the attached budgeted Year End adjustments to the FY 2014/15 General Appropriations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to amend the FY 2014/2015 City of Big Rapids Budget accordingly.

Yeas: Anderson, Hogenson, James, Rothstein

Nays: None

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

Date: August 17, 2015

RESOLUTION 15-83

Commissioner Hogenson moved, supported by Commissioner James, the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING EXTENSION OF LEASE AGREEMENT
WITH INTEGRITY AIR FOR A
HANGAR AT ROBEN HOOD AIRPORT**

WHEREAS, the City of Big Rapids entered into a lease agreement with Integrity Air for a hangar at Roben Hood airport per Resolution No. 10-118, dated August 16, 2010, and

WHEREAS, Integrity Air is interested in extending their lease option for an additional five years as provided by the original lease agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approve the lease agreement renewal between the City of Big Rapids and Integrity Air and authorize Mayor, City Clerk, and Airport Manager to sign.

Yeas: Anderson, Hogenson, James, Rothstein

Nays: None

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

Dated: August 17, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 15-84

Commissioner Anderson moved, supported by Commissioner Hogenson, the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH KEMIRA WATER SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR FERRIC CHLORIDE FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

WHEREAS, The Wastewater Treatment Plant uses Ferric Chloride for the removal of phosphorus, and

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 14-56, dated May 19, 2014, the City extended the first of two one-year extensions with Kemira Water solution, Inc. for the purchase of Ferric Chloride, and

WHEREAS, staff has received a request from Kemira Water Solution, Inc. to extend the second and final one-year extension at the current price.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves the second and final one-year extension with Kemira Water solution, Inc. for a period of September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost of the material be expensed to 590-560-743.000.

Yeas: Anderson, Hogenson, James, Rothstein

Nays: None

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

Dated: August 17, 2015

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

- Mr. Sobers went over the timeline for the closing of the Baldwin Street Bridge. There will be a preconstruction meeting this week. The goal is to close the bridge next week for a couple of weeks to get some preliminary work done. The bridge will reopen in mid-September in order to construct the storm sewer line on the east side. The bridge will then be removed, but access to the businesses on the east side will still be provided. The Bridge will then be closed until July 1, 2016.

Steve Schroeder, Deputy Director of Public Safety, has written a short term emergency plan in the event that Maple Street Bridge becomes impassable while Baldwin Street Bridge is being reconstructed.

- City Picnic is Wednesday, August 20, 2015
- June and July 2015 Pool Reports – Commissioner James asked Pat Horan if the pool closed so early in August because of staffing issues. Ms. Horan stated that

school will be starting soon and most of the kids are either on vacation or beginning to participate in sports. Last week's attendance at the pool was low even though the weather was hot.

- Mr. Eric Williams, City Attorney, commented that he was previously asked if there were any firework statute movement from the State to amend the current statute. There have been several resolutions adopted across the State from communities asking that legislature be reviewed and changes made to the statute. Mr. Williams has samples of resolutions that the Commission could review and act on. This adopted resolution could then be sent on to representatives.
- City Commission Retreat will be August 31, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Topics include: Personnel Study, Industrial Pretreatment Plan, and Recreational Authority.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the Mayor Pro-Tem declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Rothstein

Tamyra K. Gillis, City Clerk