

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON  
375 Depot Road  
CLARKSTON MI 48346

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 28, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginski followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll. Present – Luginski, Brueck, Bisio, Inabnit, Roth, Hunter, Hargis  
Absent-  
Others Present – City Manager Ritter

**Moved by Hunter, supported by Hargis “That the Agenda be accepted as presented, except for the removal of item 9b under Unfinished Business (Audio Recording Resolution).”**

**Vote on Motion:**

**Yes: Bisio, Brueck, Hargis, Hunter, Luginski, Inabnit, and Roth**

**No:**

**Motion Approved.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Motion from Brueck, supported by Inabnit to open a Public Hearing regarding Community Development Block Grant.**

**Vote on Motion:**

**Yes: Bisio, Brueck, Hargis, Hunter, Luginski, Inabnit, and Roth**

**No:**

**Motion Approved.**

**Opened Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.**

City Manager explained Annual Community Block Grant allocation program, previous distributions and recommendation for re-allocation of funds. He stated Oakland County requested that undistributed funds for 2007, 2008 and 2009 be re-allocated to Oakland County Home Improvement Program and Haven.

No Public Comments.

**Motion from Brueck, supported by Inabnit to close the Public Hearing. Motion Approved. Public Hearing closed at 7:09 p.m.**

Council discussion about Community Block Grant Re-Allocation of Fund Distribution:

Mr. Hargis asked why these funds were not already distributed (were people not aware that this money was available to them)? City Manager said that funds were not requested or used for

various reasons. Mr. Hunter asked if the distribution would or could be limited to properties within our own community?

City Manager does not believe that the funds can be limited for use within the village. Mr. Hunter stated that there may be people who need the funds and that it would be better to allocate the funds (or re-allocate) rather than letting the funds go to waste.

Mr. Bisio does not believe we have enough information to make an informed decision about re-allocating these funds. He would like to know what the criteria are for distributing these funds and if we could craft something that might benefit the people within the City of the Village of Clarkston. Mr. Inabnit stated that since he has been on the council they have redistributed the funds every year.

Mayor asked what would happen if we did not act on this tonight? City Manager stated that the County deadline for re-allocation was March 1, 2011 and that if they did not re-allocate the funds they would go to another community to allocate. Mr. Bisio asked why the council got this recommendation for re-allocation so close to the deadline (without what he felt was adequate information to make an informed decision). City Manager stated that he was contacted by the County after the last council meeting and at that time was given the March 1 deadline.

**Resolution from Brueck, supported by Hunter that we approve the re-allocation of the Community Block Grant funds for 2007, 2008 and 2009 as specified on attached document; with the correction of the 2008 distribution to the Oakland County Home Improvement Fund being changed to \$4,400.**

**Roll Call:**

**No: Bisio, Inabnit, and Roth**

**Yes: Brueck, Hargis, Hunter, Luginski**

**Resolution Approved.**

Mr. Bisio mentioned that Clarkston Community Church had issued a community challenge and will match dollar for dollar in private donations to fund the Fourth of July Festival of Fun at Clintonwood Park. They pledged up to \$10,000 in matching funds. More information can be found at [www.itpr.org](http://www.itpr.org).

Mr. Brueck noted that the local Wild Ones Group would be holding a meeting on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> (7 pm) at St. Daniels Church about native bees and the role of pollination.

Eric Haven (Planning Commission) spoke of being on council in the past and asked if some of the fund allocation decisions could be sent to committees to allow for more time to research and find worthy needs. Mayor will look into which committees might be best to make these fund allocation decisions in the future.

## CONSENT AGENDA

**Moved by Roth, supported by Inabnit to accept consent agenda as presented, with the correction of the spelling of Sgt. Huynh's name on the January 24<sup>th</sup> minutes.**

**Vote on Motion:****Yes: Brueck, Hargis, Hunter, Luginski, Inabnit, and Roth****No: Bisio****Motion Approved.****CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Historic Commission will meet on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. and one of the items on the agenda will be 164 N Main.

City Manager noted that the March 14, 2011 Council Meeting is scheduled for the same time as first meeting of The Board of Review. To appeal taxes taxpayers must come to the local Board of Review first. Mr. Inabnit said historically council has rescheduled their council meeting.

**Motion from Brueck, supported by Inabnit to reschedule March 14, 2011 council meeting to Tuesday, March 15, 2011.**

**Vote on Motion:****Yes: Bisio, Brueck, Hargis, Hunter, Luginski, Inabnit, and Roth****No:****Motion Approved.**

Mr. Bisio asked about status on sale of police car. City Manager stated that auctioneer had looked at the car and felt that he could get top dollar, but was waiting for better weather to set a date for the auction.

Mr. Brueck asked for update on EECBG projects. City Manager stated that everything is complete. He will submit a report at a future council meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Bisio stated that the Poverty Exemption Resolution draft he presented at the last council meeting was reviewed by an Assessor from Oakland County Equalization Department, who signed off on the revision. Mr. Bisio explained some aspects of the poverty exemption resolution, including that the resolution was adapted to apply to future years so that council would not have to approve a new resolution each year.

**Resolved by Bisio, supported by Hunter to adopt the Poverty Exemption resolution establishing poverty exemption policy and guidelines for the 2011 tax year (with correction of item 2. Amount of Exemption: The amount of the exempted taxes must be the amount that exceeds 3.5% of the total household income of all persons residing in the property).**

**Roll. Yes: Bisio, Brueck, Hargis, Hunter, Luginski, Inabnit, Roth****No:****Resolution Adopted.**

**Motion from Hunter, Inabnit to put Cable Installation discussion back on table.**

**Motion Approved.**

Mr. Hargis read the Comcast Cable Resolution as submitted in the council packet. After further investigation he came to the conclusion that what we really need is a high speed internet/cable line to enable audio upload and increase computer productivity/speed. We don't necessarily need to change the phone lines and could worry about that some other time.

Mr. Chumbler (City IT Support Provider) was present for discussion. He stated that the \$64.95 included high speed internet line and one phone line. Mayor Luginski believes that it is unacceptable to operate on one phone line. City Manager stated that he uses his cell phone regularly because the one phone line is often in use.

Mr. Chumbler stated that there would be some additional costs to hook up the internet and phone line(s). Mr. Chumbler would hook up the internet. It will not take long if he can maintain the ip addresses within the system. If he has to reassign ip addresses for the three computers it is more complicated and will take more time. He said the maximum he would charge would be six hours (for worst case scenario).

**Motion from Luginski, supported by Inabnit to table Cable Installation resolution until the next council meeting. Motion Approved.**

**Motion from Bisio, supported by Roth to adopt Knights of Columbus request to solicit funds at the corner of Main Street and Washington from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> contingent on the city's receipt of the insurance binder or certificate of insurance that expressly designates the city as an additional insured. Motion Approved.**

**Moved by Luginski, supported by Inabnit "That the meeting be adjourned". Motion Approved.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Howe  
Clerk/Treasurer