1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Mayor Warner called the Regular meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
   Mayor Warner led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL**
   Present:
   - Mayor J. Rodney Warner
   - Commissioner Tim Kaiser
   - Mayor Pro Tem Martin Rankin
   - Commissioner Richard Brinker
   - City Manager Amy Planck
   - Commissioner Brian Hill
   - City Clerk Janice Zuhlke
   - Commissioner Margaret Guerrero
   - Commissioner Greg Dennis
   
   Also Present: 14 general public

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
   Moved by Hill, seconded by Rankin, to approve the agenda  **Unanimously Carried**

5. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
   Moved by Hill, seconded by Brinker, to approve the following consent agenda items and pay the bills.
   
   A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 16, 2010
   Special Joint Meeting, March 24, 2010
   Payment of the following bills:
   - Payroll Checks 121624 - 121635 voucher 501547- 501564 $ 47,252.05
   - Accounts Payable Checks Tri County Bank 55472 – 55545 $ 64,168.06
   - MERS E-Payment $ 11,549.73
   
   ROLL CALL:
   Ayes: Rankin, Hill, Brinker, Dennis, Kaiser, Guerrero, Warner
   Nays: None  **Unanimously Carried**

6. **CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR**
   Earl Gass has requested the City repair his sewer line. He gave the background information on the sewer line. Manager Planck had arranged that his problem will be reviewed; Mr. Gass was just updating the commission.

   Don Collins requested an extension on the time to repair his building.
   Moved by Guerrero, seconded by Rankin, **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**, to grant a time extension to July 15, 2010.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   A. Anti-Blight Campaign
   Implementing an Anti-Blight Campaign for the City was discussed. Options on how the process would work and time frame to implement was discussed at the Goals Session. No action was taken.

   B. 2010/2011 Goals
   Revised goals were distributed and discussed.

   Moved by Rankin, seconded by Dennis, **UNANINMSLY CARRIED** to table until the next meeting.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**
   Several Zoning Ordinance Amendments are the result of several months work. All amendments are from the Zoning Ordinance 6.1. All items are for the First Reading.
A. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments

1. Fairgrounds District Regulations
   Moved by Rankin, seconded by Dennis, **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**, to enter all notices, publications and communications into the record.

   The Fairground District regulation will only establish the District. The Fairgrounds will not be rezoned until a formal application is made or the City initiates the rezoning.

   Moved by Rankin, seconded by Dennis, to approve zoning amendments to 6.1, Article 14 in reference to the Fairground Regulations with clerical corrections.

   **ROLL CALL:**
   Ayes: Dennis, Brinker, Guerrero, Rankin, Warner
   Nays: Hill, Kaiser
   **Motion Carried**

2. Wind Energy Conversion Systems
   Moved by Rankin, seconded by Dennis, **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**, to enter all notices, publications and communications into the record.

   Regulations have been developed to allow wind energy under the conditions that the Zoning Ordinance allows. Uses not expressly permitted are prohibited.

   Moved by Rankin, seconded by Kaiser to adopt the amendment to ordinance 6.1 Article 2 as written.

   **ROLL CALL:**
   Ayes: Hill, Dennis, Kaiser, Brinker, Rankin, Guerrero, Warner
   Nays: None
   **Unanimously Carried**

3. Article 23 Landscape Standards
   Moved by Rankin, seconded by Dennis, **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**, to enter all notices, publications and communications into the record.

   A revised standard to reduce what is currently required was developed from feedback to the Planning Commission by applicants.

   Moved by Brinker, seconded by Hill, to amend the zoning ordinance for Article 23.

   **ROLL CALL:**
   Ayes: Brinker, Hill, Rankin, Guerrero, Dennis, Kaiser, Warner
   Nays: None
   **Unanimously Carried**

4. Article 17 Rezoning and Ordinance Amendments
   Moved by Rankin, seconded by Dennis, **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**, to enter all notices, publications and communications into the record.

   The amendment to Article 17 is a clarification of the publication requirements for rezoning.

   Moved by Rankin, seconded by Dennis, to accept Ordinance 6.1, Article 17 Rezoning.

   **ROLL CALL:**
   Ayes: Hill, Dennis, Brinker, Kaiser, Guerrero, Rankin, Warner
   Nays: None
   **Unanimously Carried**

5. Outdoor Wood Stoves, Outdoor Boilers and Outdoor Wood Furnaces
   Moved by Rankin, seconded by Dennis, **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**, to enter all notices, publications and communications into the record.
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Current Zoning Ordinances are silent on the issue of outdoor wood stoves, boilers and furnaces. Section 29.2 and section 2.38 prohibit their use.

Moved by Brinker, seconded by Rankin, to amend the zoning ordinance to include section 29.2 and 2.38.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Hill, Dennis, Kaiser, Brinker, Rankin, Guerrero, Warner
Nays: None

Unanimously Carried

B. Lawn Mowing Bids
Bid results were received with the lowest bidder Right Touch in the amount of $6500. The City Manager recommends the bid be awarded to Right Touch.

Moved by Brinker, seconded by Dennis, to accept Right Touch Landscaping bid for $6500.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Kaiser, Brinker, Rankin, Guerrero, Hill, Dennis, Warner
Nays: None

Unanimously Carried

C. Resolutions
   1) MERS Resolution for POAM Contract 2010-05
   A resolution is required for submission to MERS to change the retirement plan for the POAM union group from B-3 to B-4.

Moved by Kaiser, seconded by Brinker, to adopt Resolution 2010-05.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Hill, Dennis, Kaiser, Brinker, Rankin, Warner
Nays: None
Abstained: Guerrero

Unanimously Carried

   2) Gaming License for Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds – Resolution 2010-06
   The State of Michigan requires the City adopt a resolution consenting to the application for first time gaming licenses. The State then requires the applicant to provide all the necessary information before the license is issued.

Moved by Rankin, seconded by Hill, to adopt Resolution 2010-06

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Brinker, Hill, Rankin, Guerrero, Dennis, Kaiser, Warner
Nays: None

Unanimously Carried

D. City Manager Search
The process in which to conduct the city manager search was discussed. Advertising was discussed with the due date of April 30, 2010. Cost and use of MML or Spicer for the search was discussed. A breakdown of costs from MML or Spicer, and using services only as needed was also discussed.

Moved by Brinker, seconded by Kaiser, to get the wheels in progress and have the City Manager advertise on MML; publications of neighboring counties and regional newspapers.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Brinker, Rankin, Guerrero, Hill, Dennis, Kaiser, Warner
Nays: None

Unanimously Carried

Moved by Rankin, seconded by Hill, Unanimously Carried, to get information with breakdown of services at a cost of less than $6000, to have the information at the April 14 meeting to make a decision at that time.
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E. Clerk/ Treasurer Performance Evaluation
The process in which to perform the Clerk/Treasurers evaluation was discussed. The evaluation will be conducted at the April 20, 2010 meeting. Evaluation forms are due to the City Manager on April 14.

10. MANAGER’S REPORT
- MML Region V will hold its meeting on May 21 in Marlette. Please let the offices know if you would like to attend.
- MSU workshop on form based codes, has several April dates. Please let the offices know if you would like to attend.
- The election commission will meet on April 20, before the regular city commission meeting.
- Timeline for S. Almont Avenue construction is May 13th bid opening, Agenda item on May 18th for award of bid, June 7 construction start date.
- A draft Anti-Graffiti Ordinance from Jerry Edwards will be discussed at the April 20 meeting.
- The DPW Superintendent interviews are complete. A new Superintendent could be in place by the end of this week.

11. OTHER BUSINESS
- Inquiry concerning the City sweeper, and when the Streets will be cleaned.
- A legal opinion was requested concerning distribution of confidential documents between an employee and commissioners.
- Items added to the agenda, and the processes were inquired about. A matter of protocol, the City Manager prepares the Agenda on Thursday prior to the meeting date. If the office knows by Thursday, the material can be distributed before hand.

12. ADJOURNMENT
With no further business to come before the commission, Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

Approved: April 20, 2010

J. Rodney Warner, Mayor

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Janice Zuhlke, City Clerk