

MINUTES
Ferndale City Council Meeting
Held Wednesday, December 1, 2010
City Hall Conference Room
10:00 a.m.

PRESENT BY ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Steve Malpezzi	Councilmember Mel Hansen
Councilmember Connie Faria	Councilmember Paul Ingram
Councilmember Jon Mutchler	Councilmember Lloyd Zimmerman
Councilmember Brent Goodrich	

STAFF:

City Administrator Greg Young	Deputy City Clerk Sylvia Stiles
Finance Director Mark Peterson	Chief of Police Mike Knapp

Mayor Gary Jensen presiding.

10:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER

PROCLAMATION: OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

Mayor Jensen read a proclamation declaring December 3rd to December 5th Old Fashioned Christmas Weekend. The proclamation will be passed on to the Heritage Society.

DISCUSSION: LIBRARY FUNDRAISING

Mayor Jensen began by stating the special council meeting was a request by Councilmember Mutchler. The discussion was then turned over to Councilmember Mutchler who explained that at the last council meeting they committed \$100,000 to the library "no strings attached" and up to an additional \$150,000 that was matched. He asked the Community Foundation how much had been raised so far. Ms. Ingram noted they did not have final figures because they had until the end of the day but at the time of the meeting they had slightly over \$95,000. She emphasized the significance of this as there was a holiday and a snow storm during this two week period. The council was thanked for giving the community the opportunity to quadruple their gifts. Councilmember Mutchler suggested that this amount could reach \$100,000 by the end of the day. Whatever the amount is would be matched by the City and then the entire amount would then be matched by the "donor". There was also the original \$100,000 contribution from the City which would also be matched by the donor. The entire amount raised during the period could reach \$600,000. He suggested the council discuss additional options. Ms. Ingram confirmed there was a potential of another \$50,000 from the city but there is approximately \$650,000 remaining in the "donor" match. There was a very small chance there would be a large contribution made by the end of the day.

Councilmember Faria suggested extending the councils matching of community contributions out to a future date. She proposed a cap of \$250,000 entire contribution for the City including what has already been contributed.

Councilmember Ingram voiced he had no problem extending the contribution date to December 31st as long as the City did not exceed the \$250,000 amount.

Councilmember Hansen thought it might be advisable to extend the date a few months out and give the Community Foundation an opportunity to possibly find another "donor" willing to match the Cities contribution.

The council briefly discussed the option of additional matching contributions in the spring.

Ms. Ingram relayed there was a mix up with the paper and a donation envelope that should have gone out with the paper last week was not going out until today. This would only give potential contributors a few hours to make their contributions.

It was moved by Councilmember Mutchler and seconded by Councilmember Zimmerman that the City give the extra \$50,000 (or additional) to equal the \$250,000 cap today to the Community Foundation.

The council held a lengthy discussion on extending the matching by the city vs. increasing the contribution today.

Councilmember Malpezzi proposed an amendment that would increase the additional amount to whatever was needed to equal \$250,000. He additionally proposed an extension of the match period to the end of the month. This proposed amendment was not seconded.

Councilmember Mutchler maintained the purpose of increasing the donation today was to have that amount doubled by the "donor" match. If the city postpones the donation to the end of the month or latter there would be no match. There would be no reason to extend the date. Today is a guarantee.

Administrator Young illustrated on the white board the rough estimated cost may be as high as \$5.2 million. The revenue as of today is about \$3.3 million or about \$1.9 million short of funding the library.

Councilmember Hansen noted the library is used by many people who do not live in the City of Ferndale. He suggested there should be more contribution from non-residents. He further sited the City has made a substantial contribution to the library it was not the City that suggested building a new library.

Ms. Ingram confirmed the move complicated it is the harder it is to do fundraising.

It was moved by Councilmember Ingram and seconded by Councilmember Malpezzi to called for the question. Motion passed six to one with Councilmember Hansen voting no.

Mayor Jensen called for a roll call vote on the original motion:

Councilmember Malpezzi – yes

Councilmember Hansen – yes

Councilmember Faria – yes

Councilmember Ingram – yes

Councilmember Mutchler – yes

Councilmember Zimmerman – yes

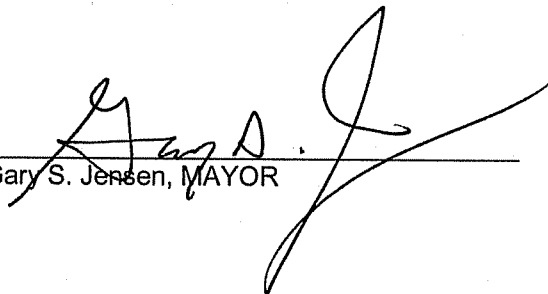
Councilmember Goodrich – no

Motion passed six to one

Break for Executive Session


11:50 a.m. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further scheduled City business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.



Gary S. Jensen, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Sylvia Stiles, DEPUTY CITY CLERK