

August 17th City Council Meeting Summary

Remember the 15th annual Kiwanis Harper Charity Cruise that will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26. The cruise route will again be from Eight Mile to Martin.

They really are a very charitable organization and need our participation and donations, even more so in these economic times. Shorewood Kiwanis Club (586) 294-0020.

Bids and Contracts- Again the procedure and ordinance were in question.

12.451 Purpose and intent of purchasing policies.

This ordinance is intended to maximize the purchasing power and value of public funds through a procurement policy that maintains a system of quality and integrity, and which promotes efficiency, effectiveness and equity in public purchasing. It is the goal of this ordinance to recognize the obligation to the taxpayers to maximize the purchasing power of public funds to gain the best value for our residents.

12.452 Organization and authority.

(C) (5) Shall establish and maintain lists of qualified bidders.

The Mayor had said in a previous council meeting that he will bring his purchasing expertise from his former employer, but now decided to argue with Councilman Walby for the simple fact of saving money for the residents and the city. The ordinance is established above, but not followed. It is not “shame on the businesses for not bidding with the city” as stated by the Mayor; it is part of our responsibility to find the best bid for the city and to save residents money, period.

As a reminder it was also mentioned the very people who stood up for us years ago. They knew through their experience and in advance what government is capable of and to protect us with a Constitution and more importantly a Bill of Rights. The very event of governmental action that is happening now in our city as residents try to talk to city officials and who are called, “troublemakers, unruly residents, and the so-called naysayers.

Audience participation was rather interesting, again.

Ex-Councilwomen Pro-tem Erin Stahl spoke on the lack participation and relations with people who have trouble with ordinance violations and who try to resolve the issue with no help or answers received from city officials to help. It was also noted that she asked the city to maintain our ordinance to have

concrete stamped when put in, but only received resistance to an answer. Another interesting aspect of the conversation was a request to see if council candidate Frank Troester is in violation of city ordinance because of his retirement coming from the city. How could he vote for the residents if he is voted on council and for all other city contracts on SCS resident's behalf? Frank Troester responded minutes later with a comment to Miss Stahl, as shooting her mouth off. As a council candidate is that what can expect as to treatment of other residents?

What was amazing was when a local SCS business owner of a pizza established approached council on how he could sell his product at our city events. Immediately councilman Fredericks interrupted the Mayor and City Manager to step in on the microphone to say that the business owner already spoken with him in a previous phone conversation and instructed him the proper process to obtain a permit. The business owner was instructed to give the councilman a written proposal to sell the pizza, give him a large donation, and then he will put in front of his committee for consideration since he is the council liaison. The business owner was obviously not in belief of this request and was asking the council for the proper avenues for a permit. The city permit to allow a business owner, especially a local business owner, who wants to sell pizza at a city event just like councilman Fredericks did at a city event a couple of weeks before. He has to give a donation and go through a committee, not a city permit department?

Remember August 24, 2009 Special Study session for the snow ordinance at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.