

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARCHMENT CITY COMMISSION  
HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Heasley at 7:00 p.m. He led those present in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Commissioners Balmer, Fleckenstein, Hageman, Heasley, and Sell. Dennis Durham, City Manager; Curt Flowers, City Clerk; Robert Soltis, City Attorney; Stan Bowers, 501 Sturgis; Harriet Smith, 114 HayMac; Dave Person, Kalamazoo Gazette.

Absent: Commissioner Banner and Vice-Mayor Britigan

Moved by Sell and supported by Hageman to excuse Commissioner Banner and Vice-Mayor Britigan who both had family commitments. Carried

3. **Minutes**

Moved by Sell and supported by Fleckenstein to approve as presented the minutes of the February 1, 2010 regular meeting. Carried

4. **Additions or Changes to the Agenda**

None

5. **Citizen Comments**

Harriet Smith, 114 HayMac, stated the sidewalks in her area have not been cleared this winter. She further stated it was her understanding that when the residents of Parchment passed a millage increase shortly after the mill closed, this was one of the City services that would be retained. Manager Durham explained the City's policy on sidewalk cleaning and Commissioners Hageman and Balmer asked for a report on the time and cost of doing the sidewalks.

6. **Consent Agenda**

Moved by Fleckenstein and supported by Balmer to receive and/or approve as indicated the following consent agenda items:

- A. Warrant No. 1147 - receive
- B. Police Report for January - receive
- C. COG Agenda & Minutes - receive

Motion Carried

7. **Unfinished Business**

None

8. **New Business**

A. Moved by Hageman and supported by Sell to approve the following Resolution of Support:

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Walk for Warmth is a county-wide effort to provide emergency heating assistance to those in need such as seniors, the disabled, single parents, and the working poor those who do not qualify for aid from other sources; and

WHEREAS, public funding for home heating assistance has been reduced over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, natural gas heating costs have escalated in the past three years and more increases may be seen in this heating season; and

WHEREAS, heating costs can reach a level of 50% of monthly income for those who are poor, even those with incomes of twice the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one-third of the residents of Kalamazoo County live near or below the poverty line; and

WHEREAS, the goal for this year's Walk for Warmth is to raise more than \$20,000 in local funding to provide direct assistance to families in need.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Parchment does hereby support the 17th Annual Kalamazoo County Walk for Warmth to be held on Saturday, February 27, 2010, departing from First Baptist Church in Downtown Kalamazoo; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Parchment encourages its citizens to participate in this very needed event.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Balmer, Fleckenstein, Hageman, Heasley, Sell  
Nays: None  
Absent: Banner, Britigan  
Abstain: None

Resolution declared adopted.

9. **Mayor and Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Balmer asked if Charter Communications still has an exclusive Franchise with the City of Parchment and also if there were any rules in the

building codes requiring sidewalks and driveways for new construction.

10. **City Manager Comments**

Manager Durham stated in response to a question asked last week by Commissioner Balmer the City could not do public notices solely by electronic means; they have to be published in the paper. He also announced the City has applied for a grant from the Michigan Great Lakes Initiative in the amount of \$350,000.00.

11. **Adjournment**

There being no more business to come before the Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Balmer and supported by all to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Curtis E. Flowers, CMC  
City Clerk