

MINUTES OF THE 36TH ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE PARCHMENT CITY
COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by City Clerk Curt Flowers at 7:00 p.m. He led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Commissioners Thomas Balmer, Donald Banner, Robert Britigan, Wendy Fleckenstein, Terry Hageman, Robert B. Heasley, and Brian Sell.

Others: Dennis Durham, City Manager; Robert Soltis City Attorney; Curt Flowers, Clerk; Tim Hageman, 506 Houston; Cheryl and Meghann Balmer, 336 Parchmount; Ronald and Maryanne Fleckenstein, 5462 Antiqua Circle; Karen Heasley, 360 Glendale; BZ Dziejewicki, Unique Images; Dave Person, Kalamazoo Gazette.

3. **Oath of Office**

The Oath of Office was administered by Clerk Flowers to newly elected Commissioners Thomas Balmer, Robert Britigan, Terry Hageman, and Wendy Fleckenstein.

4. **Election of Mayor**

Clerk Flowers asked the City Commission for nominations for the position of Mayor.

Moved by Sell and supported by Balmer to nominate Commissioner Heasley for the position of Mayor.

There being no other nominations, it was moved by Britigan and supported by Hageman to close the nominations. Carried

A count of the paper ballots by the City Attorney showed a unanimous vote for Commissioner Heasley.

Commissioner Heasley was declared the Mayor of the City of Parchment.

5. **Election of Vice-Mayor**

Clerk Flowers then asked the City Commission for nominations for the position of Vice-Mayor.

Moved by Heasley and supported by Fleckenstein to nominate Commissioner Britigan for the position of Vice-Mayor.

There being no other nominations, it was moved by Heasley and supported by Sell to close the nominations. Carried

A count of the paper ballots by the City Attorney showed a unanimous vote for Commissioner Britigan.

Commissioner Britigan was declared the Vice-Mayor of the City of Parchment.

Moved by Hageman and supported by Fleckenstein to destroy the ballots. Carried

At this time, the gavel was passed to Mayor Robert B. Heasley. Mayor Heasley and Vice-Mayor Britigan thanked the Commission for their votes of confidence.

6. **Minutes**

Moved by Hageman and supported by Britigan to approve as presented, the minutes of the November 2, 2009 regular meeting. Carried

7. **Additions or Changes to Agenda**

Manager Durham added item 11-C to the agenda.

8. **Citizen Comments Not Related to the Agenda**

Tim Hageman, 506 Houston, congratulated the newly elected Commissioners.

9. **Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Warrant No. 1140 - Approve
- B. Police Report for October - receive
- C. River Reach Quarterly Report - receive
- D. Post Office Public Comment Notice - receive

Motion Carried

10. **Unfinished Business**

None

13. **New Business**

A.Moved by Sell and supported by Hageman to adopt the following resolution of appreciation:

WHEREAS, Ben Herbert Tanis, did not seek reelection this year and thus has completed his second term as a City Commissioner for the City of Parchment; and

WHEREAS, Ben Herbert Tanis for the last eight years has given many hours of personal time to the benefit of the City of Parchment and its residents through his service on the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ben Herbert Tanis has shown outstanding ability in sorting through myriad amounts of information to make decisions which are in the best interest of the residents of the City of Parchment; and

WHEREAS, Ben Herbert Tanis during his tenure as a City Commissioner has used his knowledge in construction to expedite the continued progress of the development of the abandoned Crown Vantage Mill property; and

WHEREAS, Ben Herbert Tanis by his service to the City of Parchment has shown a personal interest in continuing the preservation of the quality of life as we know it today.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of Parchment does hereby extend their thanks and appreciation to Ben Herbert Tanis for exemplary service as a member of the City Commission of the City of Parchment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be inscribed in the official minutes of the City Commission meeting held Monday, November 16, 2009 as a permanent record for this generation and generations to come.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion Carried

B.Moved by Fleckenstein and supported by Hageman to approve final payment in the amount of \$13,525.00 to Seber, Tans PLC for the audit of the 2008-2009 accounting records of the City of Parchment and its various components.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion Carried

C.Moved by Balmer and supported by Banner to approve Amendment #2 to the contract for household hazardous waste disposal between the City of Parchment and the County of Kalamazoo. Said contract is not to exceed \$1,500.00 with the first \$497.00 of this contract to be used for administrative costs.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

14. **Mayor & Commissioner Comments**

Members of the Commission welcomed back Commissioner Balmer. Commissioner Balmer stated he was happy to be back and thanked the everyone for their support.

Mayor Heasley and Vice-Mayor Britigan again thanked the Commission for their vote of confidence.

15. **City Manager Comments**

Manager Durham commented on a recent article in the Kalamazoo Gazette concerning cuts in state revenue sharing and how it was effecting local governments. He also commented on cuts the City of Parchment has already made to counteract these revenue sharing cuts.

16. **Adjournment**

There being no more business to come before the Commission, it was moved by Balmer and supported by all to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Curtis E. Flowers, CMC
City Clerk