

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
April 28, 2014**

A Special Meeting of the Warren City Council was called for Monday, April 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Warren Community Center, Conference Room B, 5460 Arden, Warren, Michigan 48092.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL present:

Cecil D. St. Pierre, Jr., President
Patrick Green, Vice President
Scott C. Stevens, Council Secretary
Kelly Colegio, Councilwoman
Steven G. Warner, Councilman

ABSENT:

Keith J. Sadowski, Assistant Council Secretary
Robert Boccomino, Councilman

Also Present:

David Griem, City Attorney
James Van Havermaat, City Engineer
Tom Pawelkowski, Water Department
Bob Hofner, Macomb County Road Commission

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman St. Pierre called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

All Council Members were present except for Councilman Keith Sadowski and Councilman Robert Boccomino.

Motion:

A motion to excuse Councilman Sadowski and Councilman Boccomino was made by Councilman Green and supported by Councilwoman Colegio.

Voice Vote:

A voice vote was taken on the motion. All "Ayes" the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

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4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Councilman Green stated so acknowledged.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion:

Motion to approve made by Councilman Green and support motion made by Councilman Stevens.

Voice Vote:

A voice vote was taken on the motion. All "Ayes" were recorded and the motion carried (5-0).

6. James Van Havermaat, City Engineer, Discussion in re: Request to approve submission of an application for grant funding to repair Denton Bridge.

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Green and supported by Councilman Stevens.

Voice Vote:

A unanimous voice vote was recorded. The motion carried (5-0).

7. AUDIENCE – an opportunity for citizen participation

Karen Spranger appeared before the Council and stated she needed to know more details than what was talked about. There are more reports that she feels that citizens are entitled to see and review that are not in the planning of the budget. There are expenditures that might not be listed in the budgets clear enough and it is railroaded through by committees like this one and the planning in 2006 when the grant money is coming and the projects are put before the cart and the horse. All of these things are part of what should be the master plan which is still not in place since the original of 1956. The master plan has relevance to these projects and she believes it is a check and balance. When one administration makes decisions and it comes to legislative body, the legislative body is to be the caution as to what can be spent of the money that the City has. If there was no clear amount

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and the City is depending on federal dollars and raiding the piggy bank then there should be some accountability. She is looking for accountability of the exact study that shows her the damages that need to be repaired, who would do the work, the bids have to go out and all of this would be a schedule in her mind. As a citizen she needs to feel comfortable that all these things are being done in unity for the best interest of the City and the citizens. When the budget does not include the details and money is moved from one account to another account, she gets concerned. The reports should be available like the state law says.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Green and supported by Councilman Warner.

Voice Vote:

A unanimous voice vote was recorded. The motion carried (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:11p.m.

Scott C. Stevens
Council Secretary
Mayor Pro Tem