

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2010**

The Special Work Session of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Roger A. Bergman in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Present: Council Members Bob Monetza, Edward Nieuwenhuis, Dennis Scott, Michael Fritz, and Mayor Roger A. Bergman.

Absent: None.

Others Present: City Manager Patrick McGinnis, City Clerk Linda L. Niotis, Management Intern Sam Janson, Finance Director James Bonamy, Acting Public Works Director Julie Beaton, Finance Director James Bonamy, Special Projects Manager Ken Shingledecker, and Transportation Director Tom Manderscheid.

**1. Presentation: Spotlight Survey of White-Tailed Deer
Dr. Paul Keenlance, Grand Valley State University**

Management Intern Janson reported that he had searched locally and found a professor at Grand Valley State University in Biological Studies that had done similar wildlife research in Wisconsin. He introduced Dr. Paul Keenlance from the GVSU Biology Department, Wildlife Conservation and Ecology.

Dr. Keenlance reported that a spotlight survey method was not perfect but was inexpensive and logically feasible. The survey would provide an index, not a census, which would give a rough estimate. If the survey was done year-to-year, it would be a good way to determine deer numbers. The most effective time to conduct the survey would be in late fall, which would be a better time to determine ages and sex ratio and was generally done four to five times to get the most accurate count. Surveys could also be done every six months. Students and/or others from the community could be used to conduct the survey.

Council members felt that students should be used to conduct the survey rather than local residents in order to be as unbiased as possible.

**2. 2009/10 and 2010/11 Capital Project Review
Jim Bonamy, Finance Director**

Mr. Bonamy reported that the information presented was the first draft of a six-year plan. Projects were grouped by funding source, but more items may come up later that would need to

be added. There was no anticipation for the City's ability to fund into the future after the budget year.

Mayor Bergman encouraged council members to make note of questions and forward them to City Manager McGinnis. Council would meet on February 22 at 6:30 p.m. for further review.

3. Reports by City Council

Mayor Bergman reported that the Holland-Grand Haven area had been ranked second in the country in the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index. Individuals in the study were asked to assess their jobs, finances, physical health, emotional state of mind, and communities.


4. Report by City Manager

The US-31 Bypass was an ongoing topic of discussion. Calls had been made to MDOT but no response had been received. The City needed to continue to support the general concept and needed improvements.

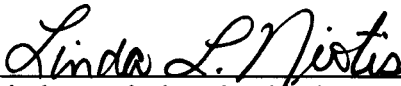
The Michigan Municipal League Spring Capital Conference would be held on April 13 and 14. Any council members who wished to attend needed to notify City Manager McGinnis.

5. Adjournment

After hearing no further business, Mayor Bergman adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.



Roger A. Bergman, Mayor



Linda L. Niotis, City Clerk