

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

May 14, 2007, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber

Agenda

ROLL CALL:

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING SESSIONS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Proposed Act 425 agreement between the City of Saginaw and Thomas Township for the provision of treated water to Thomas Township and for revenue sharing between the two communities.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES:

(A list will be provided on Monday)

REMARKS OF COUNCIL:

PETITIONS:

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:

APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEMBERS:

REPORTS FROM MANAGER:

Management Update:

Darnell Earley, City Manager, and Dale Stanton, Director of Fiscal Services, will present a budget overview of the following departments: Cemeteries, Parks, Streets, Rubbish, Parking, Motor Pool, GIS and Information Services.

Recommended Actions:

1. Recommending acceptance of the proposal from Rehmann Robson for Audit Services for fiscal years ending June 30, 2007 through June 30, 2011 in the total amount of \$293,000.00. Rehmann Robson will be paid according to the following schedule: \$55,900.00 for FY 2007, \$57,200.00 for FY 2008, \$58,200.00 for FY 2009, \$59,800.00 for FY 2010 and \$61,900.00 for FY 2011. Further recommend

that purchase orders be approved and issued to them in the amounts stated during the respective fiscal years. This vendor meets all requirements of the contract compliance provisions. Funds are budgeted in the General Fund Controller's Account No. 101 1741 711 8001.

CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Establishing a millage rate of 5.1701 for General Operating levy for fiscal year 2007-08, a millage rate of 2.9532 for Rubbish Collection for fiscal year 2007-08 and a millage rate of 6.0000 for police and fire protection for fiscal year 2007-08.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Darnell Earley
City Manager

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Manager

Subject: Truth in Taxation Requirement for FY 2007-2008

Manager's Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council adopt the attached resolution, in compliance with the Truth in Taxation law, to change the millage rates for General Operating, Rubbish Collection, and Public Safety for FY 2007-2008.

Justification:

Section 211.24e MCL as amended by P.A. 75 of 1991, the Truth in Taxation law, requires publication of a Notice of Public Hearing by a local taxing unit that proposes to change tax levies. Based upon the FY 2007-2008 budget requirements of the General Operating Fund, the Public Safety Fund, and Rubbish Collection Fund, it is necessary to adopt the 2007 millage rates because they are slightly higher than the Rollback Millage Rates.

The following explains the proposal:

Fund	2006	2007	Rollback Millage
General Operating	5.2598	5.1701	5.1298
Rubbish Collection	2.9532	2.9532	2.8802
Public Safety	6.0000	6.0000	5.8518

The proposed millage rates must be established by a resolution adopted by the governing body of the taxing unit before it conducts the public hearing and that not more than 10 days after the public hearing, a taxing unit may approve the change in millage rate equal to or less than the proposed change in rate that was published and on which a public hearing has been held.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

The City Council of the City of Saginaw must establish the millage rate of 5.1701 for a General Operating levy for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 (from 5.2598 to 5.1701, a decrease of .0897) and set a Public Hearing for Monday, May 21, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 205. The City Council of the City of Saginaw must establish a millage rate of 2.9532 for Rubbish Collection levy for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 (from 2.9532 to 2.9532, same rate) and set a Public Hearing for Monday, May 21, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 205. The City Council of the City of Saginaw must establish a millage rate of 6.0000 for Public Safety levy for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 (from 6.0000 to 6.0000, same rate) and set a Public Hearing for Monday, May 21, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 205.

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Manager's Recommendation: Approval of the resolution as follows:

Council _____ offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Council has received and considered the City Manager's proposed budget for fiscal year 2007-2008; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan "Truth in Taxation" law (P.A. 75 of 1991, Section 211.24e MCL, as amended) requires that changes in rates must be established by a resolution adopted by the governing body of the taxing unit before it conducts the public hearing and that not more than 10 days after the public hearing, a taxing unit may approved the change in millage rate equal to or less than the proposed change in rate that was published and on which a public hearing has been held; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Saginaw establish a millage rate of 5.1701 for General Operating levy for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 (from 5.2598 to 5.1701, a decrease of .0897) and is hereby approved for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on Monday, May 21, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 205.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Saginaw establish a millage rate of 2.9532 for Rubbish Collection for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 (from 2.9532 to 2.9532, same rate), and a millage rate of 6.0000 for Police and Fire Protection for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 (from 6.0000 to 6.0000, same rate), and is hereby approved for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on Monday, May 21, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 205.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Manager

Subject : Rehmann Robson Audit Services Agreement

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend that the proposal from Rehmann Robson be accepted for Audit Services for fiscal years ending June 30, 2007 through June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$293,000.00. Rehmann Robson will be paid according to the following schedule: \$55,900.00 for FY-2007, \$57,200.00 for FY-2008, \$58,200.00 for FY-2009, \$59,800.00 for FY-2010 and \$61,900.00 for FY-2011. I recommend that purchase orders be approved and issued to them in the amounts stated above during the respective fiscal years. In addition, the Agreement has been approved by me as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.

This vendor meets all requirements of the Contract Compliance Provisions, Title 1, Chapter 14, §14.35 -14.44, of the Saginaw Code of Ordinances.

Funds for this Agreement are budgeted in the General Fund Controller Account No. #101-1741-711-8001.

Justification:

The City requested proposals for audit services for fiscal years ending June 30, 2007 through June 30, 2011. Proposals were received from Andrews, Hooper and Pavlick; Yeo & Yeo; Rehmann Robson; and Plante Moran. The Finance Director and Controller reviewed the proposals. The proposals were as follows:

Rehmann Robson	\$ 293,000.00
Yeo & Yeo	\$ 315,000.00
Andrews, Hooper & Pavlick	\$ 338,000.00
Plante & Moran	\$ 473,505.00

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After a review of the proposals, it has been determined that services offered by Rehmann Robson would meet the City's needs and that the parties should enter into an Agreement. A determining factor is that Rehmann Robson listed substantially more current audit engagements with municipalities comparable to the City of Saginaw. The services provided by Rehmann Robson will include auditing all funds and component units and preparing the required reports and schedules for the Single Audit Report of federally funded programs.

Council Action:

Council _____ moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.