

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 28, 2017**

The Regular City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bronson in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Riddle, Kwiatkowski, Bronson and Temple

Absent: Couture, Lavender and King

Councilwoman Riddle led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilman Temple moved to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Couture, Councilman Lavender and Councilman King; supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Agenda, and Receive and File all Communications:**

Councilwoman Kwiatkowski moved to approve the Agenda and receive and file all communications; supported by Councilwoman Riddle. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2017:**

Councilwoman Kwiatkowski moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2017 as presented; supported by Councilman Temple. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Riddle stated because she missed this meeting and the important issue regarding the Yacht Club, when would she address this? City Manager Eustice replied this matter is under General Business for discussion and she can address it at that time.

**Department, Board and Commission Reports:**

▪ **Planning Commission Meeting, March 20, 2017** – City Manager Eustice reported the number one item on the agenda was the Commission is in the process of drafting an Ordinance to allow raising of a certain amount of chickens in the City with housing, etc. New Commission Member Bill Horntvedt is writing an Ordinance, as he is familiar with some ordinances as he lived in Ann Arbor for several years and they had an ordinance that allowed up to six chickens. Commissioner Horntvedt will draft an Ordinance for the Commission to look at. The Commission made a recommendation to draft an ordinance to allow chickens, no roosters, and we are not certain yet if it will allow four or six chickens allowed on a residential property. Councilwoman Riddle asked if she is right to assume there is no Ordinance at this time. City Manager Eustice replied there is an Ordinance but you cannot be within 500 feet of a residence, so it really limits the number of properties in the City where chickens are allowed and there are some properties that would allow them, noting you currently need a couple acres. Director of Public Safety Jones stated procedurally we should not create a new ordinance, it should be an amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance we have now. City Manager Eustice responded good point. Councilwoman Riddle asked if there are currently people in the City that are raising chickens, referring to the Planning Commission minutes. Director Jones stated he is not aware of any. Councilwoman Riddle stated there is a residence on Lincoln, just down from the high school

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that had chickens a year and one-half ago. They were free and not in their own yard. City Manager Eustice commented that is not going to be allowed, even with an amendment to the Ordinance. Mayor Bronson asked if the City is also looking at a permit for registration. City Manager Eustice replied yes, it will be a Land Use Permit. The criteria will also be laid out as to the type of housing/coop someone must have for chickens. Mayor Bronson stated the only comment he has is he believes at Tractor Supply, if you buy chicks, they will not sell any less than six. City Manager Eustice stated six seems to be the norm when looking at other ordinances in the State. Mayor Bronson commented six is for socialization. Mayor Bronson then asked if the City Manager has had the meeting on the Zoning Ordinance rewrite with Mr. Carlisle. City Manager Eustice replied no, stating Mr. Carlisle may be able to come up to Cheboygan probably sometime in April. Mayor Bronson wondered if the Zoning Ordinance rewrite would answer some of the questions contained in the RCC Resolution later on the Agenda. City Manager Eustice replied yes, as the Resolution lays out everything we need to do to come into compliance with the RCC recommendations.

- **Department of Public Safety Monthly Statistics, February 2017 - (Received and filed.)**

### **Resolutions:**

- **Consideration of Resolution Authorizing the Implementation of Recommendations Necessary to Receive a Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification** – City Manager Eustice stated the Resolution does not have to be read; just the motion on the Agenda would be sufficient. They did lay out 39 issues that the City needs to address to come into compliance to be a Redevelopment Ready Certified Community. Most of the issues are not very detailed, so they can be done relatively quickly. We are trying to get designated by the end of the year as a RRC. There is really no cost other than some internal labor that has to be done. The biggest key to being a certified RRC is the opportunity for grant funding, as they look very favorably at municipalities that are seeking grant funding and are a RRC. Mayor Bronson asked if there will come a time when Council will have to address specific changes contained in the Resolution. City Manager Eustice replied yes. Mayor Bronson asked if no. 35 in the Resolution should denote one and not on. City Manager Eustice replied yes, noting that one property information package has been completed, the old Cheboygan Hardware building, which will appear in the Opportunity Michigan brochure and the MEDC markets that to investors State wide for those looking for redevelopment properties. Eventually, when we are a certified RRC, we will be able to have multiple properties in the brochure. The brochure will be published the first part of May. Councilwoman Riddle asked the City Manager what percentage is done, i.e. two-thirds or less. City Manager Eustice replied about 66%, adding there is a report from the MEDC, RRC Findings, and that is where the 39 items came from. We are working with Christopher Germaine from the MEDC, who is a Certified Planner; he understands planning and zoning and the City Manager was really impressed with what Mr. Germaine knows about the Zoning Enabling Act and Planning Enabling Act. Mr. Germaine worked in Indiana and Ohio for a period of time, so he knows zoning and planning from other states, as well, and will be a really good asset for the City. Again, it does not cost the City anything to utilize Mr. Germaine's expertise. City Manager Eustice stated the biggest thing we need to accomplish is to finalize the Master Plan, once the Zoning Ordinance is done. The Master Plan has to be online (published). We have an over two-year old Master Plan draft. Councilwoman Riddle asked if a committee will work on that. City Manager Eustice replied there could be a committee, but at this point he is going to use the Planning Commission to prepare the Plan. We may break out a committee of Planning Commissioners and City Council to review it, which is not a bad option. It is

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the responsibility of the Planning Commission to develop the Master Plan. Councilwoman Riddle asked if the Master Plan is approved by the Council. City Manager Eustice replied yes, noting there needs to be public hearings.

Councilwoman Riddle moved to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Implementation of Recommendations Necessary to Receive a Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification; supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

### General Business:

▪ **Discussion – Cheboygan Yacht Club Proposal to Lease City Property** - Councilwoman Riddle stated she noticed the Yacht Club is interested in three acres of property in the Major City Park for a long-term lease, asking what the City is going to be getting in terms of money for the three acres of property. City Manager Eustice answered that could be negotiated. The Yacht Club's proposal is to lease it for \$1.00 for a long period of time and the building would go on the tax roll as a building on leased land, so the City would get revenue from the property taxes of the facility. It could be negotiated to lease the property for a certain dollar amount. Councilwoman Riddle stated, in her way of thinking, Major City Park is being held in trust to the City for the use of the residents. Three acres out of the Major City Park being leased to an organization, which is only one of a number of organizations in town – what's to say the next organization is not going to come and say you leased property to this group, I want to lease some property in Major City Park. It's a Park set aside for the use of the full community, not to be piecemealed out by different organizations. Councilwoman Riddle then stated she is opposed and wanted to make that clear. City Manager Eustice stated this has been discussed with the Planning Commission a couple of times now, January and March, and he thinks a majority of the Planning Commission is opposed to leasing property to even a non-profit organization like the Yacht Club. At the Planning Commission meeting, Commissioner Granger suggested the Yacht Club come to the Commission with their site plan, but the City Manager thinks that is a step we need to do after the approval of leasing the land, or not. We first have to decide if we are going to lease a non-profit organization/a private entity property before we have them go through a site plan approval and have them spend money on drawings and architectural drawings and not have them be able to lease the property. Councilwoman Riddle then asked if all of the members of the Yacht Club City residents? City Manager Eustice and Mr. Ed Spangler replied no, with Mr. Spangler stating some members are from as far away as Ohio and there are 153 members. Mayor Bronson asked how many years they have been organized. Mr. Spangler replied 28 years, adding they have moved from restaurant to restaurant and marina to marina and have enough money to build Phase I. They are good citizens, volunteer for a lot of different things, participate in the parade, collect for Salvation Army, and the ladies are very active on the ladies auxiliary at the Hospital. He thinks they could provide a place for a meeting room, as there is no place to have a wedding in this town for 150 people. They are not trying to build a shanty on the River. Mayor Bronson noted the Council has the drawings presented at the last meeting. Councilwoman Riddle said she understands the building portion is in Phase II and Phase II is five to ten years down the line. Mr. Spangler replied three to five years and they already have enough money for Phase I and are ready to go.

Mr. Lee Lund stated he is a resident and taxpayer of Cheboygan and, with the exception of the gentleman speaking, everyone he has talked to, including himself, are adamantly opposed to it. We just got that Park built and as Councilwoman Riddle stated the people are entrusted to enjoy the park.

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If there is a three acre chunk gone to a private party, we are pretty well limited. He then stated it might be possible for Ryba to improve the City's boat ramp, etc. Mr. Lund reiterated he has not talked to anybody that approves of the Yacht Club, other than the gentleman speaking. Mayor Bronson stated at the last Council meeting the Yacht Club had a committee in attendance for a presentation. He then asked the City Manager if this is something the Recreation Commission has looked at, noting there were only three Commission members present. For the most part they liked the idea, but only liked it if Phase II was going to be completed. They didn't necessarily like only having a garage, Phase I, being on the property and liked the full rendition of the club house and deck out front. Councilman Temple asked the City Manager if the City has something less valuable, as that has to be one of the most valuable pieces of property the City owns. City Manager Eustice stated that is something the Planning Commission has requested be looked at, as there are other waterfront properties on the east side that could be available. There are also properties on the west side behind the waste treatment facility that could have a Lake view. It is certainly a thought that if we don't lease property in Major City Park that we can look at some other options. Councilman Temple asked even if it is not on the water. City Manager Eustice said they don't necessarily want to utilize the water, they made the statement because they are a Yacht Club they want to be able to see the water and make it a nautical type theme. Councilwoman Riddle stated when she campaigned for City Council and talked with people, one of the complaints was the fact that property the City purchased, that is now part of the Port area, they wanted that to stay River front so people could use that. At that point and time, she said we have the Major City Park and need to develop other areas, but the Major City Park has been set aside for the use of the community. The one location that is usable, with the walk bridge that goes across and the access from both sides, it is becoming a nicer park and we still have the baseball fields that are utilized quite a bit. There is also the River area and the piers for fishing and things are looking really nice and developing into a really nice Park. City Manager Eustice stated it is there for public purposes versus the Port property, whose highest and best use is for commercial activity. Councilwoman Riddle stated in the Riverfront Plan, the portion north of the State Street Bridge was for commercial use and from the State Street Bridge to the Lincoln Avenue Bridge was commercial and recreational.

Ms. Lynn Hall stated she is a resident and asked about the Armory building. Mayor Bronson stated the price is way beyond what the Yacht Club was looking at, noting there are issues with that building. Ms. Hall then states she is opposed to the Yacht Club's proposal. She stated she does not understand why we need to take pristine land and destroy it for something that is not crucial. It would be nice to have them locate in a building that is already empty and seems they could find a place they could afford.

Councilwoman Kwiatkowski asked who owns certain property on the east side. City Manager Eustice replied it is privately owned by Paul Karty, with almost 500 feet of River front and frontage on the turning basin. It is possible that Mr. Karty would split it for the Yacht Club, as they would not need all that acreage. Councilwoman Riddle asked how large is the property that is adjacent to the Marina at the mouth of the River. City Manager Eustice replied about four acres, which is about the right size, noting it is owned by the State of Michigan DNR. City Manager Eustice commented the Yacht Club looked at the Boat House, but it was out of their price range. As he looks at development, he thinks what the Yacht Club wants to do is recreation development. It is basically going to be a venue for Clubhouse meetings and possibly wedding and events where you could utilize the pedestrian bridge.

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Properties like Cheboygan Hardware, commercial River front properties, their highest and best use is for investors to come in and rebuild those and create jobs. That is why a Yacht Club or a non-profit entity leasing public land makes sense, in his mind. They are not going to create jobs but they are going to create a venue that is going to be usable and look nice, which is part of the public lands; yes, they are going to control it in some respects even though the City still owns the land and they are leasing it. It will not be for public use and the restrooms will not be public. As Councilman Temple said, other public property in and around the City that is less valuable might be a better option. Councilwoman Riddle inquired as to County and State land south of the locks. City Manager Eustice stated it is all State and County, noting the County's piece is where they have horseshoe events, as well as the parking lot across from the County Fairgrounds and the Fairgrounds. Mayor Bronson asked Mr. Spangler what the Yacht Club's timeframe is. Mr. Spangler replied they have waited 28 years but are pliable. They are not planning on tying up boats or anything and it still gives the City their park like setting on both sides because they also didn't plan on taking down any trees on either side. When he looked at the property last week there is a narrow area cut back already and they don't know exactly where the City plans on putting them. The building is designed to look down the River, show off and be pleasant. The Yacht Club are certainly good citizens and they are not trying to get anything for nothing, and they will be paying taxes on the building so it is a revenue stream and can offer a nice building and it would nice for the Park. Mr. Spangler stated he has a note that says the Recreation Committee approved this 100%. Councilwoman Riddle stated there has, at least over 20 years, been a walking trail through that area utilized by residents, so the City would be losing that. Councilwoman Riddle explained the trail goes all the way back from the River up to the trail and at one time it was a calisthenics trail where people could exercise, etc. Over time and with the Recreation Center being shorthanded, some things go by the wayside, but it has been worked on periodically over the years. Mr. Spangler stated this is the piece of property the City sort of steered the Club to, but they are open to a lot of things; everything has a drawback somewhere. Councilwoman Riddle asked if the Yacht Club has spoken to the County. Mr. Spangler replied no, but if this falls short they might just do that. They did find out the Yacht Club on Mackinac Island is on State property and they have a 99 year lease. Councilwoman Riddle reiterated the State owns the land at the mouth of the River and it's over four acres. Mr. Spangler stated they are not married to the piece of property in the Park, but it certainly piqued their interest. Mayor Bronson asked the City Manager if he is going to bring this back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation. City Manager Eustice replied it will again be on the agenda for the Commission's April meeting. Mayor Bronson stated he would also like to have a full Council when this is discussed again.

Mr. Lee Lund commented he does not question the veracity of the group at all as they are nice people and knows a few of them, in fact; however, questions putting something on public property to compete with the Eagles Club, KC Hall, Mulligans and all the other places. It is time to shut this thing down now or it is going to snowball. He went on to state he is not a fan of the footbridge as it eliminates sailboats, as 19 feet is the clearance. It is irresponsible to lease public property to private entities.

### **Public Comments:**

- Ms. Sherry Nelson of the Bring It Cheboygan Group, stated she cannot believe there is not a suitable parcel between here and Duncan Bay that would be much better for the Yacht Club than a publicly owned parcel that everybody can have access to. It seems to her there is property available and is opposed to taking public land for a private use, adding access to the River is in such short

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supply and feels this is inappropriate. She then stated Bring It Cheboygan was honored to be nominated as one of the Organizations of the Year at the recent Chamber dinner and were gratified their efforts are recognized. Ms. Nelson stated they are changing from holiday windows to more generic windows, but it has been brought to their attention that several of the windows are broken. They are hoping to approach the realtors or the building owners to have them fixed, asking what is the City's position on broken windows, assuming it is a safety hazard and should be addressed. Mayor Bronson asked if they are cracked, but not open to the elements. Ms. Nelson replied correct. Mr. Lee Lund commented last Flag Day, June 14, no one had an American Flag, noting there is a beautiful flag on the north end of Main Street that's never been mentioned in the newspaper. Ms. Nelson stated there are regulations for having flags on businesses. Mayor Bronson and City Manager Eustice stated there are regulations. Mr. Lund stated the Step Inn had two flags that said open; Mulligans has two flags with MSU and U of M. Ms. Nelson stated she knows you can't just have a pole outside your business because it is a safety hazard. She would be happy to put the regulations forth to the businesses. Mayor Bronson asked if cracked windows comes under blight. DPS Director Jones replied yes and generally we looked to see if there is jagged or sharp edges, but most of them are just cracks. Councilwoman Riddle asked if DPS Director Jones has been given a list of windows that are cracked. Ms. Nelson asked if DPS Director Jones was given a list could he approach the business owners, if their efforts have been fruitless. She explained these are smaller windows where people have been reluctant to wash or clean them because they are broken; also, she wanted to let Council know there will be two bike stations installed, hopefully this year. One will be at the Trailhead and paid for by the DNR and the other at Festival Square and funded by volunteers of the Bring It Cheboygan Group. The City Manager has been given the specifications of what is to be ordered, asking if that has been done and what's the status. City Manager Eustice replied later this week Ms. Guenther is having a meeting with Mr. Jim Conboy to review what the bike stands are and specifications, and if they are exactly what we need and where they will be located. Ms. Nelson then stated the Michigan Main Street training begins this April. There is another group in town, East Side Alive that is on the east side of the Bridge, and are forming to improve businesses on the east side of town. They feel they have been neglected or there is a divide between the east and west sides of the River. She does not feel this because she feels if you are a good business, we are destination shoppers. The Bring It Cheboygan Group has gone to the East Side Alive meetings to promote everybody.

Ms. Nelson inquired about the community garden and wondered what the status is and if it will be rototilled or dug up and if there are any means to promote it so people know it's available to sign up for a spot or segment. City Manager Eustice stated this needs to be revisited and they have permission to use County property cross from the Fairgrounds. We need to get our committee back together and Councilwoman Riddle was instrumental. Councilwoman Riddle stated she spoke with DPW Director Karmol, who is also involved in the community garden. There are no funds available and for work that is being done he has been calling upon some of his people during non-work time and she has said on a couple of occasions for him to call on her. He has been hesitant to do a lot of that because there are no funds. We need names of people for work crews for spreading things out, etc. It is a slow process getting things started, but yes we do have to continue to move forward with the community garden. Ms. Nelson asked if we can get any farmers we know that have equipment to volunteer to do some preparation, would that be satisfactory. Mayor Bronson replied that was one of the hold ups with it and DPW Director Karmol stated it was very overgrown with Poison Ivy, and he thinks now would be the time to start doing something before it gets rooted again. Councilwoman Riddle

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suggested having a meeting for those interested in a community garden, asking the City Manager to talk to DPW Director Karmol about setting something up. Mayor Bronson stated there is water to that location. Councilwoman Riddle stated DPW Karmol has done a lot of work, but now is the time to have a meeting to get that going. Ms. Nelson asked that her Group be notified so they can have a representative there; noting not to put round-up on it as they would like to promote it as an organic space. Councilwoman Riddle stated their input is really quite essential. Ms. Nelson announced the Group's next meeting on Monday morning at Mix and Mingle. Mayor Bronson thanked Ms. Nelson for their work.

Councilwoman Riddle thanked Ms. Nelson for her group working with the East Side Alive Group, as Cheboygan is different from many communities. The Main Street is what gets promoted, but the town is what needs promoting. The fact that the two Groups are going to be working together she thinks is a really good thing. Ms. Nelson stated their goal is to strengthen everything.

### **City Clerk's and Treasurer's Comments:**

- **Wireless Lapel Mics for Council** – Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski stated he has been looking into wireless lapel mics for Council and for a total of about \$700.00 we can get a really good quality item. Mr. Shawn Sheldon, who does all the sound for the Opera House, is recommending the same thing the Opera House uses for their productions. The next time there is a full Council, this purchase will be brought up.
- **State Street Project** – Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski stated they are probably going to go with a 10-year issue with a 3% interest rate.

### **City Manager's Report:**

- **Budget Meeting** – The next Budget Meeting has been rescheduled to 5:15 p.m., April 11 due to the absence of Council Members today. He stated Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski has information about salaries across the board that will be available for that meeting, not only for the hourly employee wages but all the management staff. There is a breakdown over a 10-year period. Mayor Bronson stated there is a lot of information available on the State's website. He explained that the Mackinac Center for Public Policy and the Michigan Press Association and another entity used a FOIA request to the State Retirement System to download salary data for anyone in the State Retirement System (ORS). Ms. Hall asked if the budget meetings are open to the public. City Manager Eustice replied yes. Councilwoman Riddle asked if this information will be in the meeting packet. City Manager Eustice replied yes. Mayor Bronson asked if she made the last Budget meeting. Councilwoman Riddle replied no and she will not be able to make the next meeting because she will be out of town until April 23, but she does want the information so she can look it over. Mayor Bronson commented at the last budget meeting there were specific requests of the Clerk/Treasurer on payroll. Councilwoman Riddle stated she was interested in asking for something also. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski stated Council will be receiving quite a bit of material. City Manager Eustice stated at the April 11 Council meeting there will be a Preliminary Budget for the 2017/2018 upcoming year, as is required by Charter. We were at 2.3% of a taxable value increase that equates to actual property taxes, but after going through Board of Review we are at about 1.9% that was lost through poverty exemptions, Veteran exemptions and things the Board did at the March Board of Review. The increase of about 1.9% equates to about \$16,000.00 in new taxes. Councilwoman Riddle asked when paperwork has to be signed from the Board of Review. City Manager Eustice replied the Board has to only sign

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affidavits at the July and December Board of Reviews. There is a finalized Board of Review that needs signing tonight, which is basically a summary of the Board of Review. It will then be placed in the Assessment Roll.

- **Vacation & Change in Port Commission and DDA Meeting Dates** – City Manager Eustice informed the Council he will be gone Thursday, March 30 until Thursday, April 6. Because of this, the Port Commission meeting was moved to April 10 and the DDA has been moved to April 18.

- **Port Properties Closings** – City Manager Eustice stated they are trying to set a date for the closings on Kokosing and Ryba on April 6. The closing with the Little Traverse Conservancy might be the next week. He and Attorney Steve Joppich want to close on the Kokosing and Ryba properties first because those two closings will clear up any debt that we have as far as the Land Contract. There should be monies coming back into the General Fund. The Little Traverse Conservancy closing will then be a lot cleaner with no debt owed against the properties. All three closings should be done by the second week in April. Councilman Temple asked if we will be finished with Attorney Joppich then. City Manager Eustice replied yes.

- **State Street Project** – City Manager Eustice reported we sent out bids for the State Street project and only received one bid from Reith Riley. City Engineer Granger set up a preliminary meeting on March 14 and you had to be at the meeting in order to bid on the project, as he went through a pretty rigorous process on all the costs and what had to be done on the project. We also have to get a bond to be able to pay for this road project. We were looking at as much as \$400,000.00. There are a lot of issues with State Street that include caverns underneath and old railroads on State Street and Ball Street. As you come around Dresser Street the ground underneath is not very good where all the potholes are and water lies there. City Engineer Granger designed in the road rebuild to have water runoff to go back to the drains, as they don't now. It is really a pretty extensive project, but the bid that came in today was \$195,000.00. Apparently asphalt pricing has come down so much. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski commented with the bid we also have engineering fees, contingencies and the cost of the Bond Counsel. Ultimately, we will probably be borrowing in the neighborhood of \$250,000.00 to \$260,000.00. Councilman Riddle asked in the State Street area does the land that we were looking at to try and purchase from the railroad to extend the trail down to Gordon Turner Park go through that area. City Manager Eustice replied yes, it is on this side of the trail. Councilwoman Riddle asked if this would be a good time to open up negotiations with them again and try and get that piece of property. City Manager Eustice replied it would, adding it's been a tough task to get that property. We had an offer to buy the property for \$15,000.00 but the Straits Corporation, who owns the property, pulled the offer. We did try and get them to give it to us, but apparently they are not interested in giving us that property. Mayor Bronson commented they probably pay more mowing fees than taxes. City Manager Eustice answered they do and that's why the Chief tried to convince them to give us the property just for that reason, as there is a stretch near Mackinaw Avenue that we cut because they don't maintain it and bill them for it. He then stated the last time he talked to Mr. Bill Bartlett, noting they have various properties throughout the City, Mr. Bartlett's opinion was to sell it all to the City in the \$200,000.00 range, which was cost prohibitive to consider. He thinks this is something we should look at, noting at one time we had a potential grant from MDOT to put crush limestone all the way from State Street to Lake Street (behind Bernard's). It is a 100 foot right-of-way through there and you only need 14 feet for the trail. There were some other issues related to Bernard's including encroachments. Councilwoman Riddle stated again it is looking ahead to the growth and development of the City and we are thinking of being a walkable community and one trail going right out to Lake Huron from the other Trailhead in terms of recreation, getting all of that in that



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area makes the community looked at more favorably to people who want to come in and enjoy the outdoors. City Manager Eustice pointed out the County Marina is on Huron Street and it would be a nice connection. He will get with Mr. Jim Conboy, who was involved a little bit with that and is on the Trails Council. Councilwoman Riddle stated the Yacht Club could possibly be located in that area. City Manager Eustice stated the grant the City was going to get was an 80/20 matching grant and it was \$140,000.00 to do the trail and Mr. Conboy was going to do the fundraising for that as we would have to pay about \$28,000.00. The City paid \$7,000.00 to survey two pieces of property and the entire trail and we have those surveys.

- **Meijer's** – City Manager Eustice reported City Attorney Lindsay is drafting a 425 Agreement to negotiate with Inverness Township. The City is waiting on Mr. Chris Jones. There was a conference call on March 16 with the Committee (Councilman Temple, Mayor Bronson and Mayor Pro Tem Couture) and we basically asked Meijer's to pay for the waterline project and Mr. Jones asked for two weeks to address it with the owners, the Meijer's brothers, and see if that is a feasible option. Two weeks will be March 30. He e-mailed Mr. Jones to see where he was on that, but there was no response yet. We need to know that is an option that Meijer's will pay to run the waterline out there. The 425 Agreement is basically done and there are a couple of options Attorney Lindsay will show Inverness Township. We can move forward if Meijer's will pay 100% of the waterline and get it done this year with a 425 Agreement on the back two properties only. There is always the option that we don't need any 425 Agreements. Mayor Bronson stated we still have the Utility Services Agreement (USA) that we are ready to go with. City Manager Eustice stated we are trying to get the Meijer's project done first; that is our focus. We will then have other options once the waterline is put in, such as the USA.

### **Messages and Communications from Mayor Pro Tem and Council Members:**

- **Website** – Mayor Bronson inquired as to the new website, asking if we can have it on the next agenda to decide whether we are going to sever ties. City Manager Eustice stated he has already decided to sever ties and has not drafted a letter yet. He has talked with Mr. Matt Ginop, who is our current host, and he has some new capabilities. One of the issues was that the template and technology Mr. Ginop was using couldn't be used on cell phones, but he has that technology now. We may just go back to Mr. Ginop. City Manager Eustice went on to state he is going to talk to City Attorney Lindsay about the \$6,000.00 we have already paid to Revize and whether or not we can get any of that back, as it will be two years on May 15. Councilman King, Councilman Lavender and Mayor Pro Tem Couture and others have looked at a make-up rendition but none are satisfied with what they presented. He noted Revize is located in Troy, Michigan, adding he has talked with five different website design people in the past two years and it is always somebody different, so it makes sense now that Mr. Ginop has the technology to go with him. It will be less costly and we can get the website up and going administratively.

- **911 Meetings** – Councilwoman Riddle stated she mentioned at the Board of Review she is going to be gone and the 911 meeting will be on or about the April 19 and we need to have an alternate person in attendance at the meeting. She was assuming that would be on tonight's agenda. Mayor Bronson stated it would make sense for him to go because he is familiar, adding he still receives e-mails.

- **Council Payroll** – Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski informed Council he will be running quarterly payroll for Council tomorrow, anyone wants to pick up their check after 11:00 a.m.

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**Adjournment:**

Councilman Temple moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.; supported by Councilwoman Riddle. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Mark C. Bronson

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Clerk/Treasurer Kenneth J. Kwiatkowski

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Councilman Joseph Lavender

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Councilwoman Winifred L. Riddle

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Councilman Vaughn Temple

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Councilman Nathan H. King

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Mayor Pro Tem Nicholas C. Couture

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Councilwoman Betty A. Kwiatkowski