

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 12, 2018

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, Couture, Kwiatkowski, Temple and Bronson

Absent: Lavender and King

Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to excuse Councilmen Lavender and King; supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Riddle led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comments:

■ **Mooring in the Cheboygan River** - Mr. Jason Grondin asked that his comments be allowed after the City Manager's Report regarding mooring on the Cheboygan River, stating he was at Council a couple weeks ago and was wondering if there were any updates on that, stating he knows Council wanted to get answers before this meeting and he has not heard anything yet. He then stated he wanted to get answers if the lease at E. Third Street is open to the public to look at and if there were any other permits that were issued for any work that has been done there, i.e. the ditch that was filled in and the dredging work that was done. Mr. Grondin then stated he did speak with a U.S. Oil employee and he was informed there was a fuel dump there, which was reported to the Coast Guard and there is a report on it. He was not sure if the City is aware of that or why the City would not be. Again, it is certainly not the way he kept the property when he was there; he was not allowed to lay anything on the site. He went down to the site again today and it is still quite a mess as compared to how he kept his boat there. Mr. Grondin then said he contacted Walstrom Marine today and asked them if they are allowing free docking because it leaves 10 or 12 feet or more of the vessels that are parked there now encroaching on the dock in front of Walstrom's. He is going to talk to the Walstrom's Manager tomorrow and find out if he can park there. Mr. Grondin commented he would like to get this resolved.

City Manager Eustice reported he and Chief Jones had contacted the MDNR about the City Marina space and whether or not a commercial fisherman can go there; that is the case, we can rent. The City would like to rent the north end of the City Marina by the Water Street parking lot, which is closest to the Bois Blanc Island Ferry. Seasonal rates are per foot and he can talk to Mr. Grondin about what the rates are, noting a seasonal rate for a 25 footer is \$1,100.00 annually but that can be spread month to month, which would be less than \$200.00 per month. He does not know if the City can change those rates because they are set by the Michigan State Waterways Commission. City Manager Eustice noted Chief Jones can talk to Mr. Grondin in that regard. Mr. Grondin clarified he did not have an issue with the location, but Mr. Albert LeBlanc was concerned about the drawbridge and in the winter months there is a different set of hours the bridge operates, which was a concern for Mr. LeBlanc. Mr. Grondin explained he himself is a fair weather fisherman and once there is ice he is done.

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City Manager Eustice stated there was some concern about not having liability insurance and the City would like Mr. Grondin and Mr. LeBlanc to have liability insurance and it makes sense to cover the City and them, but City Attorney Stephen Lindsay says it is not mandatory at this point to have liability insurance as long as the City Council is okay because the City is covered according to the City's insurance in case of accidents or issues that would occur. Mayor Pro Tem Couture inquired if there would be a lease between the City and the vessel owner. Mayor Pro Tem Couture then asked Mayor Bronson if he wanted to cover this matter under Public Comments or later in the Agenda. Mayor Bronson commented he has talked to the City Manager on this over the past two weeks and the City Manager was checking on some things, noting he does not think it is on the Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Couture asked if it should be added. Mayor Bronson replied if we like, or it can be talked about during the Mayor and City Council comments. Mayor Pro Tem Couture commented they would not be able to take any action. The City Manager said if the City Council is going to allow it without liability insurance he would like a motion from the Council. Mayor Bronson added there has to be something to act on, too. He would like to see what City Attorney Lindsay's memo, i.e. what he would prefer but then City Council can make a choice. Mayor Pro Tem Couture stated he has a couple other questions that we may want to get a little more information on and would not mind seeing a copy of the current lease, the current history, and other leases such as food carts in the City, the Farmer's Market and do they provide liability insurance. If we want to set a precedence we need to do it all across the board. Mayor Bronson recommended placing this matter at the end of the Agenda – 10-K.

Mayor Bronson then asked for any other comments. Mr. Albert LeBlanc asked what the annual mooring would be for a 40 foot boat. Chief Jones stated the price for a 25 footer would be \$1,224.00 and a 40 footer would be \$2,200.00. A comment was made that was cheap. Chief Jones then stated it would basically be a 5 to 6 month lease.

Organizational Analysis - Ms. Trudy Lofgren stated she missed a couple of meetings and inquired about a check issued to Rahmberg Stover & Associates for the Organizational Analysis, asking if the City has ever received a report. Mayor Bronson answered they are still conducting that investigation. All of Council has interviews with them next week, and over one-half of staff, which will take place over two days.

Approval of Agenda, and Receive and File all Communications:

Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the Agenda, with the addition of 10-K, and receive and file all communications; supported by Councilman Temple. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Councilwoman Kwiatkowski moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2018 as presented; supported by Councilwoman Riddle. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications and Petitions:

■ **Comments by Kenneth Paquet, Member of the Board of Road Commissioners – County Road Millage Renewal Five-Year Plan** – Mr. Paquet introduced himself stating he is currently in his tenth year at the Road Commission and running for re-election. He presented Council with a 2018-2022 Proposal Road Plan, stating he would like to talk about the millage for renewal of one mill for four years, which is up in the Primary. He noted they had 8

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projects proposed and did 10. A five-year plan that is required by the State. Mr. Paquet noted on the far right of the handout the millage projects are listed and will be done this year (2018), which is the last year in this current millage. He noted Twin Lakes Road was added through savings. He then pointed out the Federal Aid Project for this year, which is on East Mullett Lake Road and has been an ongoing project over the last few years through Federal Aid and millage monies and they will have completed M-33 to Indian River, all but one mile of new road surface. Mr. Paquet then explained in 2019 they will be doing a portion of Mann Road, resulting in all of it done to Black Lake; he noted part of it is Federal Aid money and part of it is millage money. As they get more money from the State through registration of vehicles and fuel tax it increases the MTF Funds, which are roads they would like to do, briefly explaining the roads under MTF Funds. Mr. Paquet stated a lot of these roads lead to and from Cheboygan and will benefit Cheboygan. He then explained the monies are spread out throughout the County.

Mr. Paquette stated the City receives roughly \$100,000.00 per year from this millage and he thinks City Manager Eustice has demonstrated good usage up by the High School and will be using some more of it on Huron Street during the coming future. He then stated he thinks they have demonstrated as a Road Commission that they have given all the money back from the millage to roads. They have not bought a piece of equipment. He thinks as the economy of Cheboygan continues to grow and people come from the south they are going to find our roads are better than most, which is the Road Commission's goal. The Commission is focusing on all the primary roads; they also gave back \$250,000.00 to a local Township on a match program; if they matched 50%; the Road Commission matched 25% and did the engineering. The Commission is doing 10 more projects with local Townships through that program. We have 8 Townships now that have road millages from 6 when they started. There are some Townships that don't have millages but put in considerable money into their local roads. Mr. Paquet went on to state in this program, over 25 miles of new roads were built, which is not counting the local. Councilwoman Riddle stated she noticed on the handout the mention of a PASER Study, asking if the Road Commission uses that. Mr. Paquette made mention that the proposed projects are all PASER 2 or 3; noting they do use the PASER Rating and are even doing the dirt roads in the County so the Townships know the status of their dirt roads, also. Councilwoman Riddle asked if the Commission finds the PASER Study helpful. Mr. Paquette replied yes, noting they are even getting the Townships to put in five year plans, especially the ones with millage. He then stated he was at the Township Association Meeting two weeks ago and they passed a resolution 100% in support of renewing the millage, although they did not get it last time. The Commission has done a lot of good with it and want to continue it. Mayor Bronson asked if that election is August 7. Mr. Paquette replied yes. Mayor Pro Tem Couture said if the Commission continues the program County-wide, he would be in favor of a resolution, asking if this could be placed on the next Agenda. Mr. Paquette explained if you have an assessed value of \$100,000.00, it will cost you \$50.00 per year.

City Manager Eustice commented the projects the City has completed with the four-year road millage have been Lincoln Avenue, Duncan Avenue, Elm Street (between Huron Street and Main Street), and we still do have about \$120,000.00 banked, which will be used for repaving Huron Street from Lake Street to the City Beach and the cul-de-sac around the City Beach, which will happen this year. Councilwoman Riddle said that will be a really good improvement because a lot of people use that road. Mayor Pro Tem Couture stated they are

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certainly rooting for this millage, too, no doubt. City Manager Eustice stated in the plans also is paving the boardwalk down Huron Street to the City Beach for biking and walking.

▪ **Prepaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of May 2018.**

Ms. Trudy Lofgren inquired on the expenditure to Alerus Financial. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski explained the City has two retirement plans, one being a defined benefit and the other is a Hybrid. The defined benefits payments are paid directly to MERS and they have a third party administrator for the Hybrid Plan, which is Alerus Financial. Ms. Lofgren then inquired on the payment to Citizens National Bank for the street sweeper, asking if that is an annual payment. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski replied yes. Ms. Lofgren also inquired on the expenditure to K.P. Neuman for the Façade Program, which is grant reimbursable, asking if this is for Marcella's. City Manager Eustice replied yes, noting it is a 100% reimbursable cost noting the City pays it up front to keep the project moving. Ms. Lofgren asked which boiler was inspected in the expenditure to Michigan Mechanical North, LLC. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski replied boilers at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and here at the City Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the prepaid bills and disbursements for the month of May 2018 in the amount of \$448,160.30; supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

▪ **Unpaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of May 2018.**

Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski noted one invoice came late from Fastenal, which was added for a revised May 2018 Unpaid Invoices.

Councilwoman Riddle moved to approve the unpaid bills and disbursements for the month of May 2018 in the amount of \$44,411.17; supported by Councilman Temple. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

Department, Board and Commission Reports:

▪ **Downtown Development Authority Board Meeting, May 1, 2018** - City Manager Eustice reported they are still working on the LED lighting in downtown. The City is asking the DDA to pay the change out in the streetscape lighting from its current lighting to LEDs, which will be a cost savings overall both in the life of the bulb and the energy savings. The DDA wants additional information on how they are going to be reimbursed and exactly how they are going to benefit from it because there is some concern because they currently pay \$4,000.00 annually for electricity on a portion of the lighting. DPW Director Karmol, Stan's Electric and All Phase Electric will meet to determine exactly what the DDA is paying for and how the cost savings is going to benefit the DDA. He thinks once the DDA gets the information, they will move forward and change out the lighting to LED. He stated they are determined to go with a softer bulb, noting there are three lights in downtown, one being 5000 lumens, 4000 lumens and 3000 lumens. The lower is the softer the light. The DDA has determined the softer light, more of a yellow light, was the best thing for downtown. Mayor Pro Tem Couture asked if it was going to be consistent throughout. City Manager Eustice replied yes. He then noted that Petoskey went with a brighter light, higher lumen, and it did not work out for them. So we have some experience with someone else going with a brighter light. Petoskey ended up having to shield some of their lighting because it was too light. Mayor Bronson noted there is 3000 lumens in front of Linde Furniture. Councilwoman Riddle asked who paid for the

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purchase of the street lights on Main Street in the DDA District. City Manager Eustice replied the DDA, noting it was part of the Streetscape Project. Councilwoman Riddle asked what is all involved in what the DDA would be paying for in changing over to LEDs. City Manager Eustice explained it is not just the light itself, the fixture has to be changed. The DDA is only paying for the streetscape lights; the City is paying for the other lights. Councilwoman Riddle stated she wrongly thought there were other lights other than the street lights in the Main Street area. It seems most appropriate to switch over. City Manager Eustice commented the DDA just wants some clarification on the numbers. Mayor Bronson stated this whole process opened some questions and they are still trying to determine the answers.

Mayor Pro Tem Couture asked if the DDA 2018/2019 Budget was discussed, asking if there has been any discussions for projects like a DDA Master Plan. City Manager Eustice replied yes, they have a Sub-Committee for the Developmental Plan and they are in the process of revising it looking at what is in the existing Plan and any additions. There are five recommendations from the DDA to add to the Plan. Mayor Bronson commented there has been a meeting since these minutes came out. He noted that the City Beach has been included in the Plan. Mayor Pro Tem Couture stated that is what he wanted to know; that somebody was on it. City Manager Eustice stated the Port of Cheboygan Project is also included since it is in the DDA District.

Mr. Scott Herceg, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, stated the Michigan Main Street Committee Meeting is tomorrow morning and they will be talking about the City Beach in that session, as well. Councilwoman Riddle stated she will be attending that meeting tomorrow morning.

■ **Special Planning Commission Meeting, May 24, 2018** – Mayor Bronson stated this will be talked about next on the Agenda.

General Business:

■ **Consideration of Site Plan, 1576 Mackinaw Avenue – 20' x 24' Office Addition – Mr. Dave Tomac** – City Manager Eustice stated this is a relatively simple Site Plan that had to go to the Planning Commission. There were some issues getting a quorum for the Planning Commission and we are addressing much of the Boards and Commissions tonight so we have better attendance. We did finally have a Special Planning Commission Meeting and our By-Laws say we can have Planning Commission members call in and participate in the meeting and their vote counts, which we did have to do with this meeting. The recommendation from the Planning Commission was to approve the Site Plan for a 20' x 24' office addition on an existing storage building at the former Rivertown Homes site on Mackinaw Avenue. There were two modular home sites, Wrightway Homes and Rivertown Homes, side by side. City Manager Eustice went on to explain the office building for Rivertown Homes was a modular home and when they closed they moved it, which left a 900 square foot garage there, which is a non-conforming use because you can't just have a storage building, which is not the current property owner's fault. It is really taking a non-conforming use by putting an office addition on to the building into a conforming use. We are addressing getting full membership on the Planning Commission. He reiterated that it is the Planning Commission's recommendation to recommend to Council the approval of the Site Plan. He then noted that the current Zoning Ordinance requires the Planning Commission's recommendation must then go to Council for final approval. He also noted that if the Planning Commission recommended that it not be

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approved, the City Council can overturn that, as the City Council has the final decision on any kind of development.

Councilwoman Riddle moved to approve the Site Plan for a 20' x 24' office addition at 1576 Mackinaw Avenue by Mr. Dave Tomac; supported by Councilman Temple. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bronson then noted that the City Manager has an application for a new Planning Commission member, which will appear on a later Agenda.

▪ **Consideration to Schedule a Public Hearing for June 26, 2018 for Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Operating Budget for all Funds of the City of Cheboygan –**

Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to schedule a Public Hearing for June 26, 2018 for adoption of the fiscal year 2018-19 Operating Budget for all funds of the City of Cheboygan; supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

▪ **Consideration of Purchase of Cheboygan County Tax-Foreclosed Parcels located within the City of Cheboygan** – City Manager Eustice explained there are four parcels, including one commercial property and three residential properties, which all have buildings on them. The City of Cheboygan has the right of first refusal on tax foreclosed properties. The recommendation is to waive our right of first refusal so the County can send them to auction. He then stated he does not feel there is any benefit for the City to own any of these four properties whatsoever. In the case of the commercial property he is aware of multiple people that want to bid on it and we want to keep it on the tax roll. We don't need any houses.

Councilwoman Riddle moved to authorize the City Clerk/Treasurer to execute the Waiver of First Right of Refusal to acquire the tax foreclosed parcels that were foreclosed upon in 2018 and authorize the City Clerk to sign the Waiver of First Right of Refusal; supported by Mayor Pro Tem Couture. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

▪ **Consideration of Appointment of Mary Hebert to the Historic Resources Commission, Term to Expire March 25, 2023.**

Councilwoman Kwiatkowski moved to appoint Mary Hebert to the Historic Resources Commission, term to expire March 25, 2023; supported by Councilwoman Riddle. Motion carried unanimously.

▪ **Consideration of Appointment of Bobie Crongeyer to the Historic Resources Commission, term to Expire March 25, 2023.**

Councilwoman Kwiatkowski moved to appoint Bobie Crongeyer to the Historic Resources Commission, term to expire March 25, 2023; supported by Councilman Temple. Motion carried unanimously.

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▪ **Consideration of Appointment of Lois Ballard to the Historic Resources Commission, term to Expire March 25, 2022.**

Councilwoman Riddle moved to appoint Lois Ballard to the Historic Resources Commission, term to expire March 25, 2022; supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

▪ **Consideration of Appointment of William Clouser to the Parks & Recreation Commission, term to expire July 1, 2021.**

Councilman Temple moved to appoint William Clouser to the Parks & Recreation Commission, term to expire July 1, 2021; supported by Mayor Pro Tem Couture. Motion carried unanimously.

▪ **Consideration of Appointment of John Costin to the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors, Term to Expire September 13, 2022.**

Councilwoman Riddle moved to appoint John Costin to the Downtown Development Board of Directors, term to expire September 13, 2022; supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

▪ **Consideration to Take Request for Proposals for Painting of Lincoln Avenue Bridge –**

City Manager Eustice reported the Lincoln Avenue Bridge is obviously in need of some upgrades in painting, especially the white concrete portion of the Bridge and it is going to be somewhat of a costly project. City Engineer James Granger will write the specifications and we would like to send out Request for Proposals to see what that cost would be. Mayor Pro Tem Couture asked how long ago was the last paint, knowing it was touched-up at one time since it was originally done. City Manager Eustice replied 2006. Mayor Pro Tem Couture then asked if that is normal or should that have held better, and should we have just left it concrete. He does not want to do it every 12 years if it is a super costly project. Perhaps we just power blast it off and go concrete, depending on the cost. Mayor Bronson remembers when the painting was done it was done late in the season and they pushed the envelope on it. City Manager Eustice commented Seaway Painting, who has the contract with the Mackinac Bridge, also did work on the State Street Bridge last year during the State Street Bridge Project. He thinks the issue with the Lincoln Avenue Bridge was that it was painted immediately and the concrete was not allowed to cure. Most the painting companies say you need to wait three months, but we did not have time to wait three months unless we pushed it into the next year, which is probably what we should have done. Mayor Pro Tem Couture stated he would be interested to see some examples of longevity of painting similar exterior structures from those we get bids from; then weigh the cost versus the longevity and then make a decision. Councilman Temple said probably what should have been done when they built it was seal it and let it set until the following year. Councilwoman Riddle stated she likes the idea that Mayor Pro Tem Couture had of sandblasting off the paint, adding we have to look at the maintenance issue. Councilman Temple stated if it is sandblasted it has to be caught and cannot go into the River. City Manager Eustice commented when the Little Black River Bridge was done, they did not paint it; they put a seal coat on it and waited like 90 days to even seal coat the concrete. Mayor Pro Tem Couture stated there are companies that work on the water and is not sure if they do that kind of work, but there is somebody that does this for a living. Mayor Bronson stated when the City Engineer is doing the specifications all these

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things needs to be addressed, but right now all we are doing is the Request for Proposals (RFP) and get numbers back.

Councilwoman Kwiatkowski moved to take Request for Proposals for the painting of the Lincoln Avenue Bridge with the specifications drafted by City Engineer James Granger; supported by Councilwoman Riddle. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

▪ **Consideration of Reappointment of William Horntvedt to the Planning Commission, Term to Expire May 10, 2021 AND to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Term to Expire May 10, 2021, as Required by Ordinance.**

Councilman Temple moved to reappoint William Horntvedt to the Planning Commission, term to expire May 10, 2021 AND to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire May 10, 2021 as required by Ordinance; supported by Mayor Pro Tem Couture. Motion carried unanimously.

▪ **Discussion of Docking for Fishing Vessels** – Mayor Bronson stated the City Manager was checking with City Attorney Stephen Lindsay about the thought that there needed to be liability insurance and now it is not an absolute requirement. City Manager Eustice stated City Attorney Lindsay’s original opinion was that there should be liability insurance. Our insurance carrier says we are covered and now City Attorney Lindsay says that is okay as long as the City is covered and the City Council is okay with leasing to a company that does not have their own liability insurance. Mayor Pro Tem Couture said it is simple if we don’t require someone who leases from us a particular liability then we pick up that risk and it is on the City. Even though it is not coming out of the City’s pocket that is the kind of decision the Council has to make for the taxpayers. City Manager Eustice said, as stated earlier by Mayor Pro Tem Couture, the Farmer’s Market is a good example. They don’t have their own liability insurance and we have a lease agreement and don’t charge them for it, but it is a situation where we are covering their liability. Mayor Pro Tem Couture stated anything that draws people is a liability risk, the City Council needs to address it and have a policy that we adhere to and it comes down to all the other things they have talked about including contract services, etc.; if we have a lease we should have a policy for that even though each lease will be different, i.e. food carts versus fishing vessels – for everyone having a lease with the City. It is not fair to have one person provide liability insurance and another not. Chief Jones stated the Council did make that part of the license agreement for food carts. Mayor Pro Tem Couture stated he remembers that, but then the Farmer’s Market is free rein – we provide them with a Pavilion. It is a little different but not all the way different. This needs to be discussed. Councilwoman Riddle commented she thinks it is necessary that they provide their own liability insurance. Mayor Pro Tem Couture stated it could be as simple as forming their own entity and that entity provides it and they all have a portion of that through dues or what not. Our lease is with the entity, the Farmer’s Market, not with each individual participant. We need to have a discussion with City Attorney Lindsay here and Council needs a copy of the leases we have in the City, including the one that is on E. Third Street. Mayor Bronson stated we lease to Ryba Marine, too. City Manager Eustice replied yes. Mayor Bronson said it seems the County did a lot of this discussion a few years ago with the Fairgrounds and their contracts, adding this conversation sounds a lot like that conversation.

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Mr. Jason Grondin stated they talked about the rates and that there could be a catch with the grant on the rates, noting he does not know what the gentleman is paying on E. Third Street, but there is probably 150 to 160 feet of boat there. He thought he heard \$3,000.00 per year. City Manager Eustice said that was correct. Mr. Grondin stated this is quite a bit of savings in comparison to what they would be charged and they don't have near the boat length he has. He is trying to compare apples to apples and understands it is a different agreement with the grant, noting he was paying \$200.00 a month to lay at E. Third Street so he was paying almost as much as him with a 25 foot and he has over 150 feet of boat. He noted there is no power there. At the County Marina when they lay there the County does not require liability insurance and they have not asked them to prove they have it. Mr. Grondin then asked if they could offload at the City Marina, or would they have to find another place to offload. Chief Jones replied yes, as long as it is kept clean and it would have to be washed down. Mr. Grondin commented they could do it with a bucket of water, noting they do not have power hoses. Chief Jones stated they only need a garden hose and hose it down, adding there is power and water there. Mr. Grondin stated if there is an expense for the water, he would bring a bucket and a brush and broom it. He then stated he does not know how close he can get to the boat and may have to walk it across an area if they can't back right up somewhere. Mayor Pro Tem Couture asked Mr. Grondin when he would look at starting docking and when he needs the dock and space. Mr. Grondin stated right now he has to put his boat in every day. Mayor Pro Tem Couture said so Mr. Grondin would use it fairly immediately if he found a spot. Mr. Grondin replied yes, depending on the rates and he is not sure where they are on that. He could do it tomorrow. Mayor Pro Tem Couture stated in his opinion there needs to be further discussion across the board on the leases that we put together and thinks if Council thinks it is appropriate then we do a temporary space to set them up so that they can operate out of that location; however, he is not sure that is the proper way. He is hesitant about no liability insurance at the moment but he does not want to hold them up right now, but he does not want it to take six months for us to have an answer. Mayor Bronson stated he would agree and perhaps we could get them at the City Marina where they are able to use their boats; the E. Third Street lease is a whole different issue that we can discuss because he thinks there are other things that need to be talked about there; we have an existing lease with somebody there and does not know when it ends. City Manager Eustice said it is a 10-year lease, noting he has talked with Mr. Al Heismann, who has the lease, and he is willing to get out of there for a period of time because he normally moves the Polaris that is sitting there right now but they are working on the motor, which is part of the issue, but he normally would move that and there would be no boat there during the summer months as he takes it to St. Ignace. Councilman Temple asked why we would have a lease that long, 10 years. City Manager Eustice replied he wanted to do it for a longer length of time because he knew he would be there. Mayor Bronson commented he has also spent quite a bit of money in improvements on that piece of property, too. City Manager Eustice noted Mr. Heismann also has a permit for that, but he is not certain about the dredging. He has a permit for all the work he did, i.e. put a storm sewer in from Coast Guard Drive all the way to the water, then filled it in and took the ditch out basically. Mayor Bronson said the street ends are reoccurring issues and may be something that we investigate in further depth and come up with a plan. On the other side of the River when the Bois Blanc Ferry was at one of the street ends, Council went through quite a bit with that lease. He then stated that is fine to get the fishermen a place on the River and is hoping we can move ahead fast. Mayor Pro Tem Couture stated we have some sort of precedence of contracts with required liability insurance right now and have leases out

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requiring that right now. We do need to address this and sooner than later. We also have contracts that we do require it, of course, with the Coast Guard, and he thinks the whole discussion needs to be had. Councilwoman Riddle asked if it is possible by the next meeting to get a list of all of the leases that we have and those leases that have required liability insurance and those leases that have not, so Council has all the information and can discuss it. Is it possible to pull that all together? City Manager Eustice replied we can do that. Councilwoman Kwiatkowski asked Mr. Grondin if he has insurance. Mr. Grondin replied no, he is not required. City Manager Eustice informed Council the US Geological Survey leases Second Street and that is all fenced in, where the Bois Blanc ferry operated out of. The property has been improved at a cost of about one-half million dollars. They still pay a \$3,000.00 lease and that is why Mr. Al Heismann and Mr. Jim Azar pay \$3,000.00 because we have a comparable lease agreement with them. The right-of-way is only 66 feet and Mr. Grondin stated there is 150 feet of boat there, but Mr. Heismann stores the boat on land for part of the year. Councilwoman Riddle stated the encroachment is an issue. City Manager Eustice stated the encroachment is an issue for Walstrom Marine; the City surveyed it and there is 4 ½ feet of Walstrom Marine's dock that is on the City right-of-way. There is no encroachment from the boat onto Walstrom's dock; it is their dock into our right-of-way and Walstrom's knows that and he has shown them the survey. Mr. Albert LeBlanc stated he put two years in between Ryba's and Durocher's for \$300.00 a month and had no liability and they didn't require him to have any liability to have it and that was through the town. When he got booted out was when the City did sell the property.

Mr. Ray Lofgren asked if the man on E. Third Street has insurance. City Manager Eustice stated Mr. Jim Azar is the owner of the boat, but Mr. Al Heismann manages it and they do have insurance. Mayor Bronson asked if we want to have direction to allow them to dock until our next meeting or do we want to wait until the next meeting because otherwise he is pulling in and out every day. Councilwoman Riddle said he would like to allow them to stay at the dock because it is into the season and we will be addressing all of the issues at the next meeting. Mayor Couture stated he thinks if it goes through just know there may be a change in this, but we are going to address it all which is more than just Mr. Grondin's and Mr. LeBlanc's. He would like to see them operating at least at their leisure. Mr. LeBlanc said that he and Chief Jones discussed the liability insurance at one time and he thought it would be really expensive but after pricing it it wasn't that bad. In case somebody happens to step out of the boat and falls and hurts themselves, that part was horrible. It is when he had to do it for his business that it went right through the roof.

Mayor Bronson then asked what kind of direction the City Manager would like from Council, i.e. a motion to move ahead with this? Mayor Pro Tem Couture asked if Council wants the City Manager and Chief to figure out a temporary rate. City Manager Eustice stated he thinks the rate should be with administration. Mayor Bronson stated the City is constrained by the State's requirements, too. City Manager Eustice said he thinks the appropriate motion would be to approve these commercial fishermen to dock there temporarily until the City comes to a final decision on liability insurance, as to whether or not require it, and to change our policy. He thinks our risk is very limited right now. Councilwoman Riddle stated the City Manager and Chief will get together to discuss the figure.

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Councilwoman Riddle moved to approve these commercial fishermen to dock there temporarily until the City comes to a final decision on liability insurance, as to whether or not require it, and to change our policy, with the City Manager and Chief discussing the docking fee; supported by Councilman Temple. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk's and Treasurer's Comments:

- **Upcoming Election** – Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski stated there are three Council seats and the Mayor's seat coming up for re-election at the November 6, 2018 election. In order to file with the City to run you have to pick up Nominating Petitions and our Charter calls for a minimum 25 registered voters signing your Petition and we always encourage people to get at least 35 or 40 signatures so you can be sure you have 25. There is an Affidavit of Identity that needs to be filled out. He knows for sure Councilman Lavender is not going to be running. Councilwoman Riddle and Councilwoman Kwiatkowski plan on running. Mayor Bronson said he is undecided but he is expecting to run again. Petitions are due by July 19, 2018, 4:00 p.m. Mayor Bronson asked if you have to do the Affidavit each time. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski stated he will check with the County or the Election Bureau.
- **Certificate of Deposit - \$2,000,000.00** - Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski referred Council to a handout regarding an investment opportunity. Mayor Pro Tem Couture asked if this investment is from City dollars being put in trying to get a little interest. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski explained that a little more than a week ago, a representative from Flagstar stopped in his office and they were offering 2.3% on a CD and we have not seen rates like that in 10 years, so he decided he would put that out to all the local banks. What he would like to do is invest \$2,000,000.00 because the Operating Fund right now has 3.9 million dollars and we have tax season coming up, so there will be an influx of about 1.3 million dollars in City taxes in July; water & sewer rates are going up so we will have an influx of cash there; therefore, he is not concerned about the term, but with the Flagstar offer we would see \$46,000.00 a year in interest income; and Citizens National Bank is a 3-year CD with an average rate of 3.1%. When comparing Flagstar with Citizens we are within \$1,000.00. We are looking at \$189,000.00 in interest revenue in 3-years. The second one was First Federal of Northern Michigan, now called MBank, offered a rate of 2.65% for 25 months and the yearly return on that would be \$53,000.00 in interest revenue; and First Community offered 2% a year and the yearly return would be \$40,000.00. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski informed Council he did not put this on the Agenda because he got the last rates late on Friday. If Council is willing to invest some funds, he would recommend going with Citizens National Bank, which is about \$60,000.00 a year in tax free revenue. Mayor Bronson asked if the City has CDs right now. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski stated the only CDs the City has right now is our Perpetual Care Fund and those are at First Federal. Mayor Bronson asked about spreading this to all three businesses. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski stated in the past the City has always taken the best rate because the more you invest the better the rate, so that is why we got these rates. If we cut those by one-third the rates are going down. Mayor Pro Tem Couture asked City Manager Eustice if he was onboard with this for budget purposes and all that. City Manager Eustice replied yes absolutely. Mayor Bronson commented this is about the only way municipalities can invest monies. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski stated the City is governed by P.A. 20 and the safest things for the City to invest in are treasuries and CDs. Councilwoman Riddle asked if Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski is looking for a motion.

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Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski replied he really wasn't; he was going to bring it back at the next meeting. City Manager Eustice commented Council cannot make a motion because it was not on the agenda. City Manager Eustice stated CD rates are now starting to go up and we do have interest bearing checking accounts and that's where this money sits now, but it is very minimal. CDs were not much higher than interest bearing checking accounts for a long time. Also there is a no penalty clause if we were to withdraw a certain portion of the money from the CD. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski stated he would have to check with Ms. Val Jones on that. Mayor Pro Tem Couture pointed out it says that every 6 months you can withdraw. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski commented on having a certain amount of liquidity.

- **Introduction of Ms. Bridget Brown** – Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski stated he would like to introduce Ms. Bridget Brown, who will be the Clerk/Treasurer in nine days now. She is working very, very hard with him mainly focusing on the financial side, the accounting, and she is doing very well. She is comfortable with our BS&A software and is a fan of Excel spreadsheets that he uses a lot of. He told her once he is gone she can have him on speed dial, but thinks she will do alright. Mayor Pro Tem Couture stated he appreciates that, too. Mayor Bronson inquired as to MERS issues with consulting. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski stated there is supposed to be 60 days separation but realistically we are coming up to the end of the quarter; there are Federal and State Reporting that has to be done, and he told Bridget he would be here to help her. Councilwoman Riddle welcomed Ms. Brown.

City Manager's Report:

- **4th of July Parade** – City Manager Eustice asked Scott Herceg, Chamber Director, to comment on the 4th of July Parade. He noted that Mr. Herceg and Chief Jones worked together to make some parking arrangement changes for the parade. Mr. Herceg explained they have asked the last couple of years for parking restrictions in the downtown section for two reasons: (1) safety, and (2) general viewing. He went on to state with cars parked up and down Main Street has caused concern for some of our parade participants as far as kids darting out in between cars to go get candy, etc. By removing those cars it helps with the field of view and then general visibility, not to mention the home town parade feel of kids being able to sit on the curb and put blankets and lawn chairs out. The last couple of years the Chamber has asked for that type of accommodations and they have gotten great reviews back from business owners and citizens alike. Mr., Herceg went on to state that his Office Coordinator, Polly Schneider, himself and Chief Jones met and talked about the 4th of July. They have asked for roadside parking to be restricted on the east side of Main Street from the former KFC building north to State Street and then on the west side of Main Street from Elm Street to Festival Square. This will essentially leave the section in front of Modern Pharmacy and the Dairy Queen able to be parked in, as well as the section in front of Linde Furniture and the Gold Front. He went on to explain part of the thought is with Washington Park being such a great park for Cheboygan and potentially stacking people fairly deep in the Park with good sight lines to the parade. With as long as the parade route is, they thought there was ample places for people to park. Councilwoman Riddle asked what has been addressed in terms of handicap accessibility. Mr. Herceg replied it was not really discussed that in any specificity, but he would think there would plenty of room on the sidewalks and with the other parking that would still be available would hope there would be enough space to accommodate that. Mayor Bronson stated with the parade coming out of the County Building, if people wanted to stay in their cars and view the parade they could go further south. Mr. Herceg commented that is

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what he thought. Someone commented the Salvation Army has quite a bit of parking area. Mayor Bronson also noted parking at the bank at the corner of Court and Main Streets. City Manager Eustice noted there is no motion Council needs to make or do, unless Council has an issue with this, adding this can be approved administratively between Chief Jones, Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski and himself as far as blocking the parking off. Mr. Herceg noted the parade route is from the County Building on Main Street to the Eagle's parking lot and the parade begins at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Bronson inquired as to the number of participants. Mr. Herceg answered they are coming in now and a lot of times there are some at the last minute and he would anticipate as many as the last parades.

▪ **Huron Street Project** – City Manager Eustice reported the Huron Street project is on schedule. There was a little bit of a delay early on due to running into a couple of minor situations, but it is moving along very well. We have some concerns with the coordination of the demolition of the Gold Front Building and the end of the Huron Street project. He met with Mr. Jeff Lawson, Cheboygan County Administrator, yesterday and Mr. Lawson finally got some information from the contractor as far as a start date and their timeframe. They are going to start June 25 as far as the asbestos abatement side of it; someone will come in and remove the asbestos and their hope is to begin to get the facility down starting roughly July 2 and have it down by July 15. It may not be landscaped or completely finished but at least the building would be out of there. City Manager Eustice went on to state they are trying to coordinate, because the City will be past the Gold Front building by the end of June with the water piping, and behind Festival Square by the end of June or at the latest the first week in July. Then we will be ready to pave, which is the concern. Most of the demolition will occur and be removed on the Huron Street side. We are likely going to have to delay paving Huron Street until that building is gone because we don't want excavating equipment and trucks moving over newly paved asphalt, which will slow it down a little bit. Councilwoman Riddle asked if they are planning on starting demolition before July 4. City Manager Eustice replied yes. Councilwoman Riddle then stated she is concerned about people wanting to be in and around that area when there is a demolition going on. City Manager Eustice noted they will not be working on July 4. Councilwoman Kwiatkowski stated we will be responsible and block it off. Mayor Pro Tem Couture commented not "we", they. Councilwoman Riddle asked if Chief Jones will make sure it is secured. Chief Jones replied he suggested to City Manager Eustice that we talk to them. Mayor Pro Tem Couture asked if they are pretty certain that when tearing that down the building next to it will not go with it. Chief Jones commented that is their problem. Mayor Pro Tem Couture stated for us to make sure no one is in those buildings. City Manager Eustice said their engineers are pretty confident that the structures that are there are going to be okay; they may not look great once the wall adjacent to it is gone, which is on the property owner that is still there. Mayor Pro Tem Couture commented that is not going to happen. Councilman Temple said regardless it has to come down, adding he walked down Main Street about two weeks ago there was a lot of brick laying on the sidewalk on Main Street. City Manager Eustice noted the front of the building is very much deteriorated. Mayor Bronson said it might not take much for it to come down. City Manager Eustice noted everything will collapse in and the company that is doing it knows what they are doing, adding they took down the Woolworth building. Councilwoman Riddle stated she walked past there this weekend and noticed really nice architectural detail at the top. City Manager Eustice stated they looked at trying to save the northern most part of the building, which is newer. The brickwork on the southern half is nice looking but is deteriorating so

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badly. They looked at trying to save a historical wall. City Manager Eustice informed Council they are working diligently on trying to coordinate that, noting it is a busy time of year and it is unfortunate because we live in Michigan that this is when these kind of projects happen. Mayor Pro Tem Couture said there is a lot that has to be done before they implode anything. Councilwoman Riddle asked if there is a plan to have any kind of a press release when they are going to start the demolition for people to be cautious around that area. City Manager Eustice stated he will talk to County Administrator Lawson on that. Mayor Pro Tem Couture suggested blocking off the street for the time being. City Manager Eustice asked Tribune Report Hahn if what he said was correct, as she was in attendance at the County Building today. Ms. Hahn commented they said the demolition was going to be between the 1st and the 15th. Chamber Director Herceg asked if any of this will affect the Waterways Festival, which is the last weekend in June. City Manager Eustice said he does not think the asbestos side of it will, but we will have to keep the road open somehow. Chamber Director Herceg said he is thinking of Huron Street because Festival Square is a great place to park trucks and stuff, and that may be a problem sharing the space during that time period. Chief Jones stated they are only going to be doing the asbestos so there won't be any big equipment there and he will keep Huron Street cleared for the Festival. Mayor Bronson stated any big equipment will be put into the City parking lot. City Manager Eustice agreed, adding they will not be putting equipment in Festival Square. Mr. Ray Lofgren said one of the main concerns for the grant and the taxpayers was we were supposed to have gotten some sewer work, and wants to know if the City Manager is going to talk about this. He understands there is going to be no sewer, only water. City Manager Eustice answered that is true; they had to change the scope of the project. The original project was to include sewer or parts of sewer replacement. Mr. Lofgren stated that was before it was bid, because the bid from Elmer's was 1.6 million dollars. City Manager Eustice stated that was the first bid and then it was rebid and then the low bid from Wilkinson's was 1.1 million dollars, but that includes sections to sewer to be replaced. The engineering firm, Gordie Fraser cameraed the entire sewer system and we didn't find anything that looked like it needed to be replaced and anything that looked like it was a concern; so knowing what we applied for in the grant, entire water line and parts of the sewer system, we thought we might have some issues with the State. Because we didn't find any issues and the sewer looked like it was going to be adequate for a long period of time, we asked the State of Michigan to change the scope of the project. We were going to just patch the road initially where we tore it up and the finished product would not have looked as nice, but by utilizing the monies we were going to spend on the sewer system side of it, we asked the State if we could use it to resurface/pave the entire street completely. So we switched in the grant funding some sewer replacement to resurfacing the entire street for the length of the project, and they let us do that. Mr. Lofgren said he wants Council and the City Manager to know that he is a contractor and when you dig sewer and put in sewer line it is a lot more expensive for the contractor whether it is the Huron Street job or the Meijer's project. You are going from some cases 8 to 14 feet deep with the sewer line and it is deeper than a 6 or 7 foot water line. It is important in the water line that things are pretty much level but you don't have to worry about every 100 feet having to drop a quarter. Mr. Lofgren pointed out we are in a clay situation all over Cheboygan and it is expensive to go down 14 feet, as well as hauling the clay is very expensive. He went on to say he does not know the takeoff from the original job, and he is talking to somebody from Elmer's who is questioning this right now. As a taxpayer the concerning part is, and he will use his street as an example, last year the City went down Duncan Avenue and put a band-aid job on top of it and it looked beautiful. However, in a

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sewer project the sewer will last 70 to 100 years and it's 14 feet deep. His concern is if we got a grant, why would it be non-important to put some sort of sewer in that's been in 30 to 35 years. City Manager Eustice commented the sewer went in 1978. Mr. Lofgren then questioned why shouldn't taxpayers worry about having a band-aid job on top and trading off something that is 14 feet deep; would that be a smart move? He knows that Wilkinson did not bid the first job and does not know if the bids were the same length water and sewer or not. City Manager Eustice replied the specifications were the same. Mr. Lofgren went on to state in talking with Elmer's in their 1.6 bid they had over \$800,000.00 in sewer and does not know how it relates to the job now. You can pave a lot of road if you are going over the top of it, so he can imagine we can go down and around Gordon Turner Park and come back for \$500,000.00 easily. Mr. Lofgren then said that was his concern and whether Council was aware of that; they are representing the taxpayers in the longevity of something and thinks it is very important to know that. He does not know if it is a wise move. Mayor Pro Tem Couture commented it was brought to his attention at one point and dropped off his radar. He asked if it was not required to be put out for another bid; if we were changing the scope of it he understands we had to get grant approval to change the scope of the project and it should have changed the cost of the project on how much money was being spent total and how much the contractor is going to do. Are they doing the repaving? City Manager Eustice replied yes, it is part of the contract. Mayor Pro Tem Couture asked if Wilkinson itself is doing the repaving. City Manager Eustice replied Reith-Riley is doing the repaving, as a sub-contractor which was also in the project. Mayor Pro Tem Couture said, like Mr. Lofgren, he does not know the exact numbers either but he wants to make sure that we are certain we did that appropriately. City Manager Eustice commented the State wanted to be certain, too, and it's all been approved by the State. It came down to the point of change the scope of the project or lose the money. Mayor Pro Tem Couture asked why. City Manager Eustice answered if they didn't approve the scope of the project, they would have pulled the grant. Mayor Pro Tem Couture says he understands it was all done prior to breaking ground. Councilwoman Riddle asked if the camera was to inspect the sewer and if it was a professional group that came in with equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Couture commented it seems in the contract world when you change a project, you should rebid it. Mayor Bronson said he thinks there was a time constraint where we couldn't because if we were to rebid it we would have lost it all. Mayor Pro Tem Couture stated he was glad that did not happen. Mayor Bronson explained we wanted to do parts of the sewer and the State told us we couldn't; we had to do it all or none, which is why it got held up from last season. The State said we had to do all the sewer. Mr. Lofgren asked what he means by do all the sewer. Mayor Bronson explained within the scope of that project. He then said DPW Director Karmol had a quote to go down and identify the bad spots and replace those parts of the sewer, but the State came back and said no if you are going to dig through you are going to have to dig it all up and replace all of it. Mr. Lofgren stated he wanted to bring this to the Council's attention that the sewer would be brand new. He then asked City Manager Eustice how many miles of asphalt is the City going to get for not doing the sewer for \$800,000.00. City Manager Eustice answered he does not know the exact distance but it's from Lake Street to Backus, so it is probably twice as much as we were going to lay down. He added we also did address some storm sewer situations in the scope change. Mr. Lofgren stated he missed quite a few meetings because of his surgery and does not know if this has been discussed before or not, but he does not know in three weeks how this can all be adjusted with the State especially when you are talking about bonding, Gordie Fraser and a whole lot of money. He is concerned about the longevity of the sewer.

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- **Closure of Butler Road between US 23 and Lake Huron** – Mr. Lofgren inquired about the continued closure of Butler Road between US 23 (E State Street) and Lake Huron wondering about the culvert delivery for this. City Manager Eustice stated it was supposed to be in Friday but it did not come in; it was a custom built culvert. Mr. Lofgren commented this is not a well-traveled road but it is a road that he likes to use quite a bit especially when the next road down he does not like to use when it is rainy or dusty. He went on to state the road has been closed for an awful long time.
- **Expenditure to Darrow for Sand & Road Mix** – Mr. Lofgren questioned the expense for sand & road mix from Darrow, which is a good company in Mackinaw City. The amount is just under \$5,000.00. He tried to tell the City before that Lofgren is the City of Cheboygan and they live here. We get very, very little asking of work to be done for the City. He then asked if this is a connection with Wilkinson, who does a lot of work for the City. Mr. Lofgren went on to state there are 4, 5 or 6 of us in Cheboygan County that have a sand or gravel pit. Either the City Manager or DPW Director Karmol ordered just under \$5,000.00, which is the limit. Mr. Lofgren noted when he missed the meetings they were looking at the right to sign contracts and is unsure if the amount of money was changed, but the City Manager wanted to endorse two contracts without going to the Council. He then referred again to the Darrow bill, which is just under the \$5,000.00 limit.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:

- **Time Period for Leases throughout the City for Council** - Mayor Pro Tem Couture stated he feels we need to put a time period on when we bring information with leases throughout the City to Council. He thinks it was too soon to bring them one meeting away, but thinks we should address it quickly, as the Farmer's Market and Food Carts are active. He wondered if the City Manager has enough information of what he would like the Council to discuss. He thinks they need to look at the current leases we have and the current situations. Mayor Bronson asked City Manager Eustice if there were more than 6 leases. City Manager Eustice replied no. Mayor Bronson then stated it seems to him they could have at least a list by the next meeting. Councilwoman Riddle agreed, stating Council could have a discussion and then make a determination as to how they want to follow through. Mayor Pro Tem Couture stated he wants to make sure it does not get tabled too long. City Manager Eustice suggested that Council at least look at the list of leases and who has liability and who does not. Mayor Pro Tem Couture asked information on each of those to discuss and go from there. City Manager Eustice informed Council we lease predominately all water front, other than Festival Square. Councilwoman Riddle stated she would also like to have the termination, such as the one that is a 10-year lease, as she would like to get an idea of the longevity of the lease.
- **Semi Traffic on US 23 from Mackinaw City** – Councilwoman Kwiatkowski stated it has been brought to her attention the loudness and noise from the semis coming into town on US 23 from Mackinaw City, noting it is 25mph and there should be reason for it. Perhaps a sign that says no jake brake and have it enforced. Chief Jones replied that sign cannot be enforced, noting Mackinaw City has been plagued with the problem for years coming off the bridge and you can't restrict these trucks on a State Highway. City Manager Eustice noted there is the same complaint on the east side of town.
- **Development Project** – Councilwoman Kwiatkowski inquired on the development project in Inverness Township, asking if it is not developing. She asked if there is anything that we as

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a City or the County can do because you know Inverness obviously doesn't want the project so it won't own it. Mayor Pro Tem Couture commented the City does not own the property. Councilwoman Kwiatkowski then stated there is a deadline coming up and they seem to be stalling until after the deadline. Mayor Bronson said he would think the County has more standing than the City does. City Manager Eustice stated he does not know if there is anything the City can do, but Mr. Lawson, County Administrator, is going to be scheduling another mediation meeting for what it is worth this month and is working with Mr. Ron Neuman, Inverness Township Supervisor, as to when it is going to happen. City Manager Eustice stated it is his opinion that Inverness Township is going backwards and going in a different direction. They have sent out a survey, which is a waste of time. Councilwoman Kwiatkowski then asked about having a second water tower, which was supposed to be started this past April. City Manager Eustice stated it is in the Master Plan and we are writing grants right now with the USDA and Ms. Lisa Fought of RCAP is helping the City. Councilwoman Kwiatkowski commented we certainly do not want to go backwards; we want to keep moving forward. City Manager Eustice stated it is going to be funded by the water and sewer rate increases. The water and sewer rate increases made this grant eligible and USDA Grants are 90% and 10% match. For the future of Cheboygan, this is what we need and it is how we are going to grow and be sustainable.

- **Community Garden** – Councilwoman Riddle reported the DPW helped with getting sand and manure to the garden. It was spread and rototilled. There was a delay because a family of Killdeer had a nest in the garden and they were not able to do anything in the garden until they were hatched and gone. Councilman Temple asked if there are any spaces left for people. Councilwoman Riddle replied no. In one of the spaces pumpkins are going in for the FallFest and then another space in the front they are doing more pumpkins for FallFest. The 4H group has a plot as well as other people. Councilwoman Riddle went on to state they were contacted by the Pastor of the Wesleyan Church and they have the old parsonage lot that is just in grass right now and they are going to allow us to have a community garden there, also. This is in the process towards developing something for next year, which would be raised beds. Councilman Temple commented that would be in the middle of a residential area. Councilwoman Riddle then stated there would be no room for having a fence around it and the Pastor is going to have Miss Dig come and figure out where underground pipes, etc. are. She noted that they wanted to have community gardens in different areas of the City and so this is kind of the beginning of that.

- **Kiwanis Park** – Mayor Bronson reported he went to help with Kiwanis Park and they were done by the time he got there. They were very complimentary of the City helping them out with site prep and the City helped them get the site ready in a day so all the equipment could go in. He noted kids have to wait a month before they can play on it and it has to be fenced off. City Manager Eustice stated the safe landing pad has to go down.

An audience member asked Councilwoman Kwiatkowski when is the Inverness Township deadline and whose deadline is that. Councilwoman Kwiatkowski stated she understood it is Meijer's deadline and it is October. Mayor Pro Tem Couture said the only deadlines there were when they put us on a list for a new building and we are nowhere near any store's deadline. Councilwoman Kwiatkowski added if they keep putting it off we won't get there and won't be put on the list again and from what she understands Meijer's said if we don't get on

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the list this time that is it. They don't need us. An audience member commented the recall is going forward.

Adjournment:

Councilman Temple moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.; supported by Mayor Pro Tem Couture. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Mark C. Bronson

Clerk/Treasurer Kenneth J. Kwiatkowski

Councilman Joseph Lavender

Councilwoman Winifred L. Riddle

Councilman Vaughn Temple

Councilman Nathan H. King

Mayor Pro Tem Nicholas C. Couture

Councilwoman Betty A. Kwiatkowski