

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 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: King, Riddle, Couture, Kwiatkowski, Bronson and Temple

Absent: Lavender

Councilman King moved to excuse Councilman Lavender; supported by Mayor Pro Tem Couture. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

- Ms. Susan Cheli wanted to apologize to the City of Cheboygan on behalf of Inverness Township and the potential lawsuit.
- Mr. Stephen Sweet discussed a blight ticket that he was issued and inquired if there was anything that could be done. He is having issues with his contractor and can't get the dumpster removed from his property. City Manager Tom Eustice explained to council that he had received a citizen complaint from Mr. Sweet and would follow up with him.
- Ms. Trudy Lofgren inquired about the Rahmberg Study and when it would be addressed again. She was informed about the Special Meeting that will be held on October 23, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.
- Mr. Jerry Sova discussed his new water bill and the quality of the water, stated that it was four times his normal rate and he can't drink it.
- Mr. Jerry Malloy came to answer any questions about the Live Barn contract for broadcasting hockey games.
- Ms. Mary Hebert wanted to thank the council members and public, specifically Councilwoman Riddle and Ms. Sharen Lange for supporting FallFest.
- Mr. Art Roznowski inquired about the new water/sewer rate increase and how much the rates actually increased. He wondered if this was something that could be published again in the newspaper.
- Ms. Sharen Lange discussed her concerns about the potential Inverness Township lawsuit as she lives in Inverness Township but runs her business in the City of Cheboygan. She is currently working with the CEDG to bring in new business to Cheboygan County and isn't sure how she should proceed or what to tell these potential investors. She also discussed her concerns about the new tax abatement programs available.
- Ms. Colleen Davis discussed the higher water rates and how difficult it would be to pay on a fixed income. She wondered if there was another way to pay for water and sewer improvements with tax money.
- Mr. Stephen Sweet discussed his water issues, he is going through a water filter every three months when it should last a year. He also wondered if the city would give any breaks to non-profits. Mayor Bronson explained that non-profits are given a break on their property taxes.

Approval of Agenda and Receive and File all Communications:

- Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the Agenda and receive and file all communications; supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

- Councilman King moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2018 as presented; supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. Motion carried unanimously.
- Councilwoman Kwiatkowski moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2018 as presented; supported by Councilwoman Riddle. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills and Disbursements:

- Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the prepaid bills and disbursements for the month of September 2018 in the amount of \$758,750.81; supported by Councilman Temple. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the unpaid bills and disbursements for the month of September 2018 in the amount of \$110,211.41; supported by Councilman King. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

General Business:

- Motion by Councilman King to support the Mayoral Proclamation for Chamber of Commerce Month October 2018; supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk's and Treasurers Comments:

- Auditors will be on site doing fieldwork October 15 through October 19, 2018.

City Manager's Report:

- The Department of Natural Resources will decide on October 18, 2018 whether it will be giving the City the property located north of the County Marina.
- The owner of 431 N Main St has discussed the possibility of gifting the property to the city. City Manager Tom Eustice is working on getting a baseline environmental analysis to determine the level and extent of contamination on site. He thinks there may be some grant money out there to clean the property up so that the city could auction it off.
- Discussed the Live Barn contract to broadcast hockey games at no cost to the city.

Committee Updates:

- Community Garden still has four open plots for next spring. Anyone interested can contact Councilwoman Riddle.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:

- Councilman King asked about the street lighting around the High School. There was a student who was hit while riding his bike to school one morning. The Superintendent does have funding

for a cross guard at the intersection of Lincoln and Loomis. Per Chief Jones the lights along Lincoln have already been updated to LED lighting.

- Mayor Bronson inquired about the lighting costs now that the new LED lights have been installed. City Treasurer Bridget Brown stated she would bring those figures to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Mayor Mark C. Bronson

Clerk/Treasurer Bridget E. Brown

Councilman Joseph Lavender

Councilwoman Winifred L. Riddle

Councilman Vaughn Temple

Councilman Nathan H. King

Mayor Pro Tem Nicholas C. Couture

Councilwoman Betty A. Kwiatkowski