

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 23, 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, Kwiatkowski, Riddle, Bronson, Lavender, Temple and Couture

Presentation of Community for a Lifetime Certificate:

- Presented by Ms. Kate Schultz and Ms. Kimberly Pappas.
- Only one of several communities in the state to receive this award.
- Enhances senior compatibility for the community, focuses on inclusion (education), housing, and healthcare.
- Opens up the city for grant opportunities.

Public Comments:

- Ms. Jamie Chimner presented her concerns about current legislation that will allow 5G infrastructure in the right-of-way.
- Mr. Jon Krucheski also discussed his concerns about 5G and right-of-way. He would like to see a resolution opposing small wireless facilities.
- Mr. Joseph Chimner is also concerned about the 5G towers going up and the potential for negative health effects and more violence.
- Ms. Gloria Dabbs discussed her concerns about her water billing. Her water usage has been higher than it should be since August 2013. She would like to know why her water meter was installed in the pit by city employees. Also discussed her concerns about the water rate increase, fiber optics being installed in her yard, and a blight issue at Lund's.
- Mr. Jerry Sova of 214 S F St came to discuss the water rate increases and the impact on senior citizens and low income families.

Approval of Agenda and Receive and File all Communications:

- Councilman King 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 Special City Council Meeting minutes of September 25, 2018 as presented, supported by Councilwoman Riddle. Motion carried unanimously.
- Councilman Lavender moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2018 as presented, supported by Councilman Temple. Motion carried unanimously.
- Councilman King moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2018 as presented, supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications & Petitions:

- DPW Director Mr. Jason Karmol updated council on his Asset Management Plan based on DEQ noted deficiencies and funding. Status of grants will be available the second week of November.

Department, Boards and Commission Reports:

- Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, September 19, 2018.
- Downtown Development Authority Board Meeting, October 2, 2018.
- Historic Resources Commission Meeting, October 15, 2018.

Resolutions:

- Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Kenneth N. Sheldon, supported by Councilman Temple. Motion carried unanimously.
- Councilwoman Riddle moved to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Christopher F. Lindsay, supported by Mayor Pro Tem Couture. Motion carried unanimously.
- Councilman King moved to adopt the Revised Resolution of the City of Cheboygan regarding Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Application No. 2018-01, supported by Councilman Lavender. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.
- Councilwoman Riddle moved to adopt a Resolution in Support of Commitment and Cooperation with the Michigan Main Street Program in becoming a Select Main Street Community, supported by Councilman Lavender. A roll call vote was taken. Yes votes: King, Kwiatkowski, Riddle, Bronson, and Lavender. No votes: Temple and Couture.

City Clerk's and Treasurers Comments:

- The auditors were on site October 15, 2018 through October 19, 2018. It will still be several weeks before the final report is issued. The City is subject to a Single Audit this year due to the influence the city has over The Housing Commission.
- Clerk/Treasurer Brown discussed the billing for the Streetlights per a request from Mayor Bronson at the prior meeting. The bills had not decreased since the LED conversion, Consumers Energy was notified and they are in the process of crediting the City approximately \$30,000.
- Councilwoman Riddle requested that the DDA add an item to the next meeting agenda to address the conversion of the DDA lighting.

City Manager's Report:

- The City has not received an answer from the DNR regarding the transfer of the property located north of the County Marina. City Manager Tom Eustice is working with MEDC for grant funding in conjunction with the new fuel tanks at the marina.
- Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce was designated as the Small Chamber of the Year.
- Bois Blanc Island is currently looking at purchasing and developing a ferry service just north of US Oil.
- The Conservancy property is currently being developed with walkways and an observation deck, should be open in the spring.
- Major City Park is being updated with a new walking path and potential fishing docks and a kayak launch.

- November 1st Cheboygan will hold the 2nd Annual Invest Cheboygan County event.

Committee Updates:

- Councilman King reported that the Blight Committee is working on a potential dump day.
- City Manager Tom Eustice reported that the Port Committee is working with Durocher Marine to increase import business and recruit new business/development.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:

- Councilman King wanted to thank Councilman Lavender for his dedication.
- Councilwoman Kwiatkowski wanted to thank DPW Director Jason Karmol and his crew for getting the fire hydrant on Duncan Ave fixed.
- Mayor Pro Tem Couture wanted to mention that there is positive momentum in our downtown but we already have the proper channels in place to promote the downtown, restructure may not be necessary. He has reservations about creating a new full time position. Would like a report on Gloria Dabbs and what happened. Mayor Pro Tem Couture also discussed the water rate increases and the necessity of infrastructure upgrades.
- Mayor Bronson discussed the water rate increases which included two years of discussion and thought. Also reported that Library hours will be increased as of November 5, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 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