

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 13, 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, Temple and Couture

Absent: Lavender

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

Public Comments: None

Approval of Agenda and Receive and File all Communications:

- Councilwoman Kwiatkowski moved to approve the Agenda and receive and file all communications, supported by Councilman King. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

- Councilwoman Kwiatkowski moved to approve the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2018 as presented, supported by Mayor Pro Tem Couture. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2018 as presented, supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications & Petitions:

Consideration of DDA Recommendation – Fund Development Plan and Communication Plan – Main Street Select Level Application

- Plans must be approved in order to submit the application which is due on December 7, 2018.
- Councilwoman Kwiatkowski moved to approve the Fund Development Plan and Communication Plan with regard to the Main Street Select Level Application; supported by Councilman King. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

Bills & Disbursements:

Prepaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of October 2018

- Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the prepaid bills and disbursements for the month of October 2018 in the amount of \$1,189,112.58; supported by Councilman Temple. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

Unpaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of October 2018

- Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the unpaid bills and disbursements for the month of October 2018 in the amount of \$62,096.04; supported by Councilman King. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

Department, Boards and Commission Reports:

- Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, October 17, 2018
- Downtown Development Authority Board Meeting, November 6, 2018

General Business:

Consideration of City Council 2019 Regular Meeting Schedule

- Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the City Council 2019 Regular Meeting Schedule as presented, with the second meeting in December 2019 to be determined at a later date; supported by Councilman Temple. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration to Take Proposals for the 2019 Sidewalk Program

- City Manager Eustice reported that there are currently 8 applications that have been filed to date but residents are struggling to find contractors who are willing to take on these small jobs. He would like to take proposals so all the sidewalks are completed by the same contractor.
- Councilman King moved to approve the taking of Proposals for the 2019 Sidewalk Program; supported by Mayor Pro Tem Couture. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Exemption from Senate Bill 7 – Publicly funded Health Insurance Contribution Act for the Year 2019

- Clerk/Treasurer Brown reported that this is an annual exercise that requires Council to select one of three options for Health Insurance Contributions. Option #1 is adoption of the hard caps set by the state, option #2 is an 80/20 split, with the employer paying 80% of the total cost. Or option #3 which is a complete opt out of paying any costs. It was recommended that council adopt option #1 to conform to the union contracts.
- Mayor Pro Tem moved to accept the recommendation of Option #1-State hard Cap with regard to Senate Bill 7 – Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act for Year 2019; supported by Councilman Temple. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk's and Treasurers Comments:

- General election was held on November 6, 2018 without incidence.
- New Council Members will be sworn in on November 27, 2018.

City Manager's Report:

- The state has not made a decision yet regarding the property north of the County Marina, they have pushed that back to December.
- The walkway at City Beach is scheduled to be repaired this winter by Ryba Marine.
- Inverness Township Board will be meeting tonight with the 4 new board members and will address the suit against the City.
- The proposal from Gourdie Frazier to repair the Lincoln Ave Bridge was supplied for informational purposes only. City Manager Eustice will be discussing the project with a local contractor as well.

Committee Updates:

- Organizational Committee met last week to review job descriptions.
- Blight Committee is scheduled to meet on November 26th.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:

- Councilwoman Riddle inquired about her involvement with the Community Garden, she would still like to be involved. Also asked Kirsten to discuss the Ladies Night Event scheduled for November 14th.
- Councilman King suggested that the members of the Main Street Program talk to the county for support. He also inquired about another leaf pickup this fall if the snow melts. Lastly, he reported that the Cheboygan Area High School will be hosting an Open House Mid-January.
- Mayor Pro Tem Couture mentioned the training that is being offered by the Michigan Municipal League for new/existing council members.
- Mayor Bronson wanted to thank Councilwoman Riddle for her time and dedication on City Council.

Public Comments:

- Council requested that Mr. Ray Lofgren publicly comment on the Inverness Township Meeting. Mr. Ray Lofgren reported that the new board voted to dismiss the case against the City of Cheboygan and will start negotiations again regarding a 425 agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 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