

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 22, 2019

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Couture in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Kwiatkowski, King, Johnston, Mallory, Temple, and Couture

Absent: Bronson

Councilwoman Kwiatkowski moved to excuse Mayor Bronson; supported by Councilman Mallory. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

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 Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

- Councilman Temple moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2019 as presented, supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications and Petitions:

- Downtown Enhancement Administrator Kirsten Guenther presented an overview and an update of the Cheboygan Main Street Program Application, including the timeline going back to October of 2016. The presentation to the State for the Select Level is scheduled for February 12, 2019.

General Business:

- Councilman King moved to award to Gourdie-Fraser/Hubbell, Roth & Clark the consultant for the WWTP Refurbishment and Master Plan, supported by Councilman Temple. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Councilwoman Johnston moved to reschedule a Public Hearing for February 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to consider an amendment to Chapter 96, Parks & Recreation, of the Cheboygan City Code, Section 96.52A, supported by Councilman King. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

- Vince Lumetta wanted to recognize Kirsten Guenther and the entire Steering Committee for the work on the Michigan Main Street application. He is hoping for full support from the City Council Members.

City Clerk's and Treasurers Comments:

- Clerk/Treasurer Brown mentioned that the 2018 W-2s were in the process of being distributed.

City Manager's Report:

- City Manager Eustice discussed the potential transfer of the property north of the County Marina. Per the letter from the Department of Natural Resources, there will be a 10% transaction fee based on the appraised value of the parcel. The appraisal has not been completed but the fee could exceed the approximate \$10,000 expense that was anticipated.

Committee Updates:

- Blight Committee has reconvened. The Committee is currently looking at potential fees on rental properties and inspections.
- Organizational Analysis Committee met today. The Committee is working on reorganizing and determining what direction to move forward in. The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2019.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:

- Councilwoman Kwiatkowski inquired if there has been any word on Meijer. Per City Manager Eustice, the 425 agreement is under review but there is still open communication with Mr. Jones. Councilwoman Kwiatkowski also asked if there were responses being sent to customers with questions about water bills. Mayor Pro Tem asked if we could draft a form letter to send in response.
- Councilman King mentioned the Career Technology Education Open House at the High School scheduled for January 23rd from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. If school is cancelled due to weather, the Open House will also be cancelled.
- Councilman Mallory mentioned the improvements that he's noticed due to the efforts of the DDA. Councilman Mallory also inquired about the City Newsletter and whether additional information could be included such as new businesses to improve communication.
- Councilwoman Johnston inquired about the meeting minutes from other Boards and Commissions and whether they could be posted on our website. Councilwoman Johnston also mentioned what a great job the Parks & Recreation Commission was doing.
- Mayor Pro Tem inquired about the next goal for the Parks & Recreation Commission. Per City Manager Eustice, the Recreation Plan needs to be submitted to the DNR by February 1st. After that, grants can be written and submitted for funding. The Commission is also looking at forming a Recreation Authority.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor Mark C. Bronson

Clerk/Treasurer Bridget E. Brown

Councilman Brett Mallory

Councilwoman Sara Johnston

Councilman Vaughn Temple

Councilman Nathan H. King

Mayor Pro Tem Nicholas C. Couture

Councilwoman Betty A. Kwiatkowski