

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 23, 2019

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, Johnston, Bronson, Mallory, Temple and Couture

Public Comments: None

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 Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

- Councilwoman Johnston moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2019 as presented, supported by Councilman Temple. Motion carried unanimously.

Department, Boards and Commission Reports:

- Special Planning Commission Meeting, April 1, 2019.
 - Special meeting was scheduled to complete the Master Plan. The Master Plan is currently available for review and comment at City Hall. It will remain open for review and comment for 63 days following the April 9, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting.
- Downtown Development Authority Board Meeting, April 2, 2019.
 - Special Meeting scheduled for April 25, 2019 to prepare for the Baseline Assessment.
 - Next Regular Downtown Development Authority Board Meeting has been rescheduled from May 7th to April 30th.
 - Baseline Assessment for Main Street Program scheduled for May 13th and 14th.

General Business:

- Consideration to place 6-month delinquent water/sewer utility bills as liens on the 2019 summer tax roll.
 - Clerk/Treasurer Brown reported that the delinquent amount has dropped approximately \$12,000 since it was first presented to council a month ago. Utility customers will have until June 10, 2019 to pay the delinquent amount or it will be added to their property taxes.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the placing of 6-month delinquent water/sewer utility bills as liens on the 2019 Summer Tax Roll and direct the City Assessor to spread these amounts against the properties, supported by Councilman Temple. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk's and Treasurers Comments:

- Clerk/Treasurer Brown reminded the councilmembers that the first Regular City Council Meeting in May has been rescheduled from May 14, 2019 to May 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

City Manager's Report:

- City Manager Eustice reported that the Public Hearing for the City of Cheboygan on the 425 Agreement with Inverness Township has been scheduled for May 7, 2019. Inverness Township has not scheduled their Public Hearing yet; their attorney has recommended that they speak with the United States Department of Agriculture regarding their debt before they schedule the Public Hearing.
- Preliminary Budget provided for review.
 - Budget workshop scheduled for May 7, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Committee Updates:

- Organizational Analysis Committee reconvened prior to the Regular City Council Meeting tonight.
- Blight Committee is still waiting on an opinion from City Attorney Lindsay. City Manager Eustice will reach out to the City Attorney Lindsay to schedule the next meeting.
- Mayor Bronson inquired about the Development Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Couture replied that he would like to see the committee meet and work on the Sewer Agreement.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:

- Councilman King inquired about the Brownfield Committee and when they would meet next. City Manager Eustice replied that they typically only hold one meeting a year to elect officers, otherwise the meetings are scheduled as needed. Councilman King reported that the School District is still waiting to hear from the State of Michigan if any of the snow days will be forgiven. Councilman King also reported on the Microsoft Deal that's available to students and community members; they can train and be certified in Microsoft products through the school.
- Mayor Pro Tem Couture reminded the attendees that Ladies Day will be held at the Cheboygan Ice Pavilion on Thursday May 2nd, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Couture inquired about whether tree services have been sent out for bids and whether that should be done to determine if we were getting the best rate. City Manager Eustice reported that we have only taken bids for the Pinehill Cemetery. Mayor Pro Tem Couture also asked about the City Dump for leaves and yard debris and what would be open this year. City Manager Eustice reported that the only location open this year is the dump on Eastern Avenue between Lincoln Avenue and Vanyea Road. Mayor Pro Tem Couture is looking for some clarification as far as who can dump there and how that's being monitored.
- Councilwoman Johnston inquired about the Opportunity Zones and whether the entire City of Cheboygan was in that zone. City Manager Eustice reported that only the East side of the City falls into the Opportunity Zone; he will provide additional information to the Councilmembers regarding the program. Councilwoman Johnston also inquired about the application to become a Coast Guard Community. City Manager Eustice replied that there is a committee actively

working on the application. Councilwoman Johnston mentioned that she would like to see all of the Boards and Commissions Minutes added online.

- Councilman Mallory discussed the Post Office and that they may require residents to move mailboxes to the street if the sidewalk is unsafe.
- Mayor Bronson mentioned that a manhole on Taylor Street near the Armory is raised above the street several inches. Mayor Bronson also mentioned that the Census Bureau was looking for employees to conduct the upcoming census; applicants must be over the age of 18. Mayor Bronson discussed the suggestion that was made at the Public Forum to live stream City Council Meetings. City Manager Eustice replied that he would look into the options for live streaming. Mayor Bronson discussed a training that he would be attending on May 31st in Lansing regarding Succession Planning.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor Mark C. Bronson

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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