

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 7, 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: Bronson, Mallory, Couture, Kwiatkowski, Temple, and Johnston

Absent: King

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

Public Comments: None

Approval of Agenda and Receive and File all Communications:

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

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

- Councilman Mallory moved to approve the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2019 as presented, supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. Motion carried unanimously.
- Councilwoman Johnston moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2019 as presented, supported by Councilman Temple. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings:

- Consideration of an Application for Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for 221 N. Main Street.
 - Mayor Bronson opened the public hearing at 7:05 pm.
 - City Manager Eustice reported that parcel 3 listed on the application will be removed when the application is submitted.
 - No public comments.
 - Mayor Bronson closed the public hearing at 7:10 pm.
 - Councilwoman Johnston moved to approve the Application for Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for 221 N. Main Street for Cheboygan Main Street, LLC, supported by Councilman Mallory. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of an Agreement for Conditional Transfer of Property
 - Mayor Bronson opened the public hearing at 7:11 pm.
 - No public comments.
 - Mayor Bronson closed the public hearing at 7:14 pm.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the Agreement for Conditional Transfer of Property between the City of Cheboygan and the Township of Inverness and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the same on behalf of the City of Cheboygan,

supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

Bills and Disbursements:

- Prepaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of April 2019.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the prepaid bills and disbursements for the month of April 2019 in the amount of \$676,863.35, supported by Councilwoman Johnston. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Unpaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of April 2019.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the unpaid bills and disbursements for the month of April 2019 in the amount of \$58,336.14, supported by Councilman Mallory. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

Department, Boards and Commission Reports:

- Department of Public Safety Monthly Statistics-March 2019

Resolutions:

- Consideration of a Resolution demonstrating support for the City of Cheboygan to Achieve the Pure Michigan Trail Town Designation.
 - Councilwoman Johnston moved to adopt the resolution demonstrating support for the City of Cheboygan to achieve the Pure Michigan Trail Town Designation and the Pure Michigan Land Trail Mullett to Mackinaw, supported by Mayor Pro Tem Couture. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

General Business:

- Consideration to reappoint James Granger to the Planning Commission.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to reappoint James Granger to the Planning Commission, term to expire May 5, 2022, supported by Councilman Mallory. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration to reappoint James Maynard to the Planning Commission.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to reappoint James Maynard to the Planning Commission, term to expire May 5, 2022, supported by Councilwoman Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of purchase of Cheboygan County Tax Foreclosed Parcels located within the City of Cheboygan.
 - Councilwoman Johnston moved to authorize the City Clerk/Treasurer to execute the Waiver of First Right of Refusal to acquire the tax foreclosed parcels that were foreclosed upon in 2019 and authorize the City Clerk to sign the Waiver of First Right of Refusal, supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration to schedule a Public Hearing for June 11, 2019 for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Operating Budget for all funds of the City of Cheboygan.
 - Councilwoman Kwiatkowski moved to table the consideration to schedule a Public Hearing for June 11, 2019 for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Operating Budget for

all funds of the City of Cheboygan, supported by Councilman Mallory. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk's and Treasurers Comments:

- Revenues & Expenses by Fund as of April 30, 2019.

City Manager's Report:

- City Manager Eustice reported that the DPW is still in the process of cleaning up brush.
- City Manager Eustice mentioned that there is a Community Clean Up scheduled for Saturday May 11th, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. There will be dumpsters located at the Ice Rink, City Hall and the County Fairgrounds. Additionally, Charlie Hague will be located at the City Hall to pick up old electronics. City Manager Eustice also discussed the Downtown Development Authority's recent discussion of mini-grants for downtown business owners.

Committee Updates:

- The Downtown Development Authority will be changing the lights in Washington Park to LEDs. May 10, 2019, there will be a workshop at Alpena Community College regarding the new Farm Bill. Back to the Bricks Car Show will be downtown Cheboygan on June 10th and plan to bring 275 cars to town.
- Blight Committee is looking at scheduling a meeting during the week of May 13th.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:

- Mayor Pro Tem Couture inquired about the Coast Guard City Designation. City Manager Eustice responded that there is a committee handling that designation and they are scheduled to meet again on May 22, 2019.
- Councilwoman Johnston discussed the training she attended in early May with the Michigan Municipal League. The training covered Master Planning and Budgeting. Councilwoman Johnston also discussed the Enbridge Safety meeting she attended. Councilwoman Johnston mentioned that she is looking at scheduling a tour of the Enbridge pump stations in Mackinaw City and Indian River.
- Mayor Bronson inquired about the Sidewalk Program. City Manager Eustice reported that there has been some difficulty finding a contractor willing to commit to the entire project; he will reach out to applicants and inform them they should find a licensed contractor. Mayor Bronson also inquired about Smith Creek and other watersheds. City Manager Eustice discussed the current issues with the beaver damming up the water flow; he is working with Luke Tromble and Cam Cavitt to acquire grant funding to clean out Smith Creek and other areas of the watershed.
- Mayor Pro Tem Couture asked if it would be possible to get a list of current contracted services and when they expire.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:06 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