

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 28, 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, King, Kwiatkowski, Temple, and Johnston

Absent: Couture

### Public Comments:

- Mr. Ray Lofgren commented on the condition of the property near and around the State Street Bridge, the grass is overgrown and looks to be in a state of disrepair. There are also weeds coming out of the grates and dead trees along Main Street. He also noted that there were several commercial operations in residential neighborhoods.
- Ms. Susan Cheli added that the grass at the empty lot where Gold Front was located is very overgrown and there are dead trees along Main Street. She also inquired about the Lincoln Street Bridge being painted this summer.

### 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:

- Councilwoman Johnston moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2019 as presented, supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

### Communications and Petitions:

- Cheboygan Area Arts Council Presentation by Kathy King Johnston, Executive Director, postponed until June.

### Department, Boards and Commission Reports:

- Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, April 17, 2019
- Historic Resources Commission Meeting, May 6, 2019
- Planning Commission Meeting, May 20, 2019

### Resolutions:

- Resolution of Authorization for Risk Reduction Grant Program Application and Local Match.
  - Councilman King moved to authorize the submission of a Risk Reduction Grant Program application through the Michigan Township Participating Plan for \$3,735.00, and a local match of \$1,000.00 to purchase body cameras and docking stations, supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 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.
  - Councilman King moved to schedule a Public Hearing for June 25, 2019 for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Operating Budget for all Funds of the City of Cheboygan, supported by Councilman Mallory. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

**General Business:**

- Letter of Resignation from Gerald M. Brown from Cheboygan Fire Department effective May 31, 2019.
  - Councilwoman Johnston moved to accept with regret the resignation of Gerald M. Brown from the Cheboygan Fire Department effective May 31, 2019, supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of recommended 2019/2020 Property-Tax Millage Rates for the Bonds and City Operation Requirements.
  - Councilman King moved to approve the recommend property-tax millage rates for the bonds and operation requirements as presented, supported by Councilwoman Johnston. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration to schedule a Public Hearing for June 11, 2019 to establish a Special Assessment District in accordance with Public Act 33 of 1951.
  - Councilwoman Johnston moved to schedule a Public Hearing for June 11, 2019 to establish a special assessment district for the purpose of a police and fire protection property tax levy in accordance with Public Act 33 of 1951, supported by Councilman King. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration to schedule a Public Hearing for June 11, 2019 to Provide the Estimated Appropriations of the Police and Fire Departments and the Estimated Levy for the Special Assessment District in accordance with Public Act 33 of 1951.
  - Councilwoman Johnston moved to schedule a Public Hearing for June 11, 2019 to provide the estimated appropriations of the police and fire departments and the estimated levy for the special assessment district in accordance with Public Act 33 of 1951, supported by Councilman Mallory. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

**City Clerk's and Treasurers Comments:**

- Snowplowing Report for Ice Pavilion-2013 through 2019
  - City Clerk/Treasurer Brown reported that the snowplowing for the Ice Pavilion will need to be sent out for bids next fall based on the expense from this year.

**City Manager's Report:**

- City Manager Eustice reported that the 425 Agreement with Inverness Township is scheduled to be signed on June 13, 2019.

- City Manager Eustice discussed the City of Cheboygan being selected to receive a Business Development and Market Analysis Investor Report on the Industrial Park. The Northern Lakes Economic Alliance applied to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation on behalf of the City to have the study completed. A team from the MEDC is scheduled to be here Wednesday, June 19 and will collect data over the next couple of months.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to review a variance request to build a garage on a property located along Bayview Dr.
- City Manager Eustice discussed painting the Lincoln Ave Bridge. The engineering specs have been received and Rowe Engineering can manage the bid process.

**Committee Updates:**

- Councilman Mallory discussed the positive feedback and areas for improvement that we received after meeting with the Main Street Board.
- Blight Committee will meet either Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> or Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Organizational Committee is scheduled to meet June 11<sup>th</sup> prior to the next Regular Council Meeting.

**Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:**

- Councilman Mallory requested a tour of the Water and Wasterwater Treatment Plant and Department of Public Works for the entire council to be scheduled.
- Councilman King discussed his concerns regarding the current downsizing of the local editor at the Cheboygan Daily Tribune.
- Councilwoman Kwiatkowski asked if it would be possible to get the property around State Street Bridge cleaned up within the next week.
- Councilman Temple stated that the grass at the old Gold Front property needs to be cut. He also inquired about when the project at the Old Hardware building will start. City Manager Eustice reported that the project should start within the next month, they are in the process of pulling the proper permits.
- Councilwoman Johnston agreed with the other comments regarding the dead trees and overgrown grass issues. She also inquired about the process for checking in with the Department of Public Works and making sure that the critical projects are getting done. Councilwoman Johnston asked about the plans for the burnt out house on 'C' Street. City Manager Eustice reported that the county is in the process of the tax foreclosure and will likely tear the building down.
- Mayor Bronson inquired about the property located north of the County Marina and whether we had heard anything from the State of Michigan. City Manager Eustice responded that the State is still in the process of completing an appraisal. Mayor Bronson also asked about the suggestion made at the Public Forum to have the Council Meetings live streamed. Clerk Treasurer Brown and City Manager Eustice responded that live streaming options had not been researched yet.

**Adjournment:**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Mayor Mark C. Bronson

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Clerk/Treasurer Bridget E. Brown

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Councilman Brett Mallory

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Councilwoman Sara Johnston

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Councilman Vaughn Temple

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Councilman Nathan H. King

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Mayor Pro Tem Nicholas C. Couture

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Councilwoman Betty A. Kwiatkowski