

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**June 11, 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, Johnston, and King

Absent: None

Public Comments:

- Ms. Trudy Lofgren inquired about getting the tall weeds removed from along the river across from Louie's and also in front of the fence across from the old hardware store along State Street.
- Mr. Ray Lofgren discussed the property around the State Street Bridge having overgrown grass. He also mentioned grass clippings in the street and sidewalk around town.
- Ms. Susan Cheli mentioned the dead trees along Main Street.

Approval of Agenda and Receive and File all Communications:

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

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

- Councilman King moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2019 as presented, supported by Councilwoman Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings:

- To Establish a Special Assessment District within the Following Proposed Boundaries, in Accordance with Public Act 33 of 1951 – All Real Property within the Geographic Boundaries of the City of Cheboygan and/or within the Jurisdictional Control of the City of Cheboygan, Including all Properties that have come within the Jurisdiction of the City of Cheboygan through a Contract Pursuant to Public Act 425 of 1984, except Property Exempt from the Collection of Taxes under the General Property Tax Act.
 - Public Hearing was opened at 7:08 p.m.
 - Ms. Trudy Lofgren asked for an explanation on the Public Hearing. Mayor Bronson explained that both Public Hearings were set for the potential Police and Fire Millage, this would set the boundaries for the tax millage.
 - Public Hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.
 - Councilwoman Johnston moved to Approve and Establish a Special Assessment District within the Following Proposed Boundaries, in Accordance with Public Act 33 of 1951 – All Real Property within the Geographic Boundaries of the City of Cheboygan and/or within the Jurisdictional Control of the City of Cheboygan, Including all Properties that have come within the Jurisdiction of the City of Cheboygan through a Contract Pursuant

to Public Act 425 of 1984, except Property Exempt from the Collection of Taxes Under the General Property tax Act, supported by Councilman Mallory. A roll call vote was taken. Yes votes: Kwiatkowski, Johnston, Bronson, and Mallory. No votes: Couture, King, and Temple. Motion Passed.

- To Provide the Estimated Appropriations for Police and Fire Protection and Consideration to Set the Proposed Special Assessment in the Special Assessment District for the Purpose of Defraying a Portion of the Cost of the Operation and Maintenance of the City Police and Fire Departments and Directing the Preparation of the Special Assessment Roll, in Accordance with Public Act 33 of 1951.
 - Public Hearing was opened at 7:15 p.m.
 - Mr. Ray Lofgren commented on the lack of sales in his development due to property taxes being too high. He also discussed the fact that the water rates were just raised a year ago.
 - Ms. Trudy Lofgren inquired if the City would lose any officers if this millage isn't approved. Mayor Bronson explained that there aren't any plans at this time to cut any officers but that may need to happen in the future.
 - Public Hearing was closed at 7:21 p.m.
 - Mayor Tem commented that he has some reservations regarding the millage. He believes that there alternative options available; a city income tax or contracting out the police and fire services for example.
 - Councilman King mentioned the new DDA position that was created and how that impacted the general fund. He is uncomfortable implementing the millage without a referendum.
 - Councilman Mallory moved to approve and Provide the Estimated Appropriations of 2 Mills for Police and Fire Protection and Consideration to set the Proposed Special Assessment in the Special Assessment District for the Purpose of Defraying a Portion of the Cost of the Operation and Maintenance of the City Police and Fire Department and Directing the Preparation of the Special Assessment Roll, in Accordance with Public Act 33 of 1951, no support. Motion failed.

Bills and Disbursements:

- Prepaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of May 2019.
 - Councilman King moved to approve the prepaid bills and disbursements for the month of May 2019 in the amount of \$321,831.45, supported by Mayor Pro Tem Couture. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Unpaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of May 2019.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the unpaid bills and disbursements for the month of May 2019 in the amount of \$60,503.14, supported by Councilman Temple. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

Department, Boards and Commission Reports:

- Main Street Downtown Development Authority Meeting, April 30, 2019.
- Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, May 15, 2019.

General Business:

- Consideration to Appoint William M. Price to the Historic Resources Commission.
 - Councilman King moved to appoint William M. Price to the Historic resources Commission, term to expire March 25, 2021 (remainder of term vacated by Jeanette Bronson), supported by Mayor Pro Tem Couture. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk's and Treasurers Comments:

- Revenues & Expenses by Fund as of May 31, 2019.
- City Clerk/Treasurer Brown reported on the update at Kiwanis Park; the ground cover has been ordered and should be arriving in the next two weeks.

City Manager's Report:

- City Manager Eustice reported that there will be a Public Participation Forum Follow Up at the Library on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
- City Manager Eustice reported that the 425 Agreement with Inverness Township is scheduled to be signed at the Inverness Township Hall on Thursday June 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Updates:

- Blight Committee met along with City Attorney Stephen Lindsay. The rental/fee ordinance was revisited.
- Organization Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
- Recreation Commission is working on grant applications and the Trails Town Designation.

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.
- Councilwoman Johnston discussed the current blight situation and that all residents are being assessed. Councilwoman Johnston also mentioned the profane graffiti on the old Catholic School, she would like to see it cleaned up immediately.
- Councilman King reported that he is resigning from City Council effective immediately.
- Mayor Bronson mentioned that there were bricks along Main Street that were lifting and needed to be addressed. Mayor Bronson also mentioned that the Michigan Municipal League is holding a planning session on marijuana in Michigan. City Manager Eustice reported that Jim Grainger would be attending the training. Mayor Bronson reported that the Sidewalk Program started today at his house; it was suggested that City Manager Eustice reach out to the other applicants to inform them that they would need to find a contractor and also an outline of the steps they should take to complete the program. Mayor Bronson inquired if the Sewer Agreement would be revisited now that the 425 Agreement will be finalized. City Manager Eustice reported that they could meet again and review the sewer contract with Inverness Township.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Mark C Bronson

Mayor Mark C. Bronson

Bridget E Brown

Clerk/Treasurer Bridget E. Brown

Brett Mallory

Councilman Brett Mallory

Sara Johnston

Councilwoman Sara Johnston

Vaughn Temple

Councilman Vaughn Temple

Resigned from Council

Councilman Nathan H. King

Nicholas C Couture

Mayor Pro Tem Nicholas C. Couture

Betty A Kwiatkowski

Councilwoman Betty A. Kwiatkowski