

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 23, 2019

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Bronson in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Bronson, Mallory, Couture, Temple, O'Brien, and Johnston

Absent: Kwiatkowski

Public Comments:

- Ms. Trudy Lofgren inquired about getting the weeds in the sidewalks, the river bank, and the Opera House cleaned up.
- Mr. Patrick Orr inquired about the procedure with delinquent water customers and why the water service can't be shut off if the account is delinquent. Councilman O'Brien explained that there are State and Federal mandates that prevent municipalities from turning the service off.

Approval of Agenda and Receive and File all Communications:

- Councilwoman Johnston moved to approve the Amended 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 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2019 supported by Councilwoman Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications and Petitions:

- Presentation – Art Vision Cheboygan
 - Ms. Lindsey Gardner with the Michigan State University Extension presented the Art Vision Plan and gave an overview of the process and timeline.
- Jason L. Karmol, DPW Director – Addressing Questions from Council.
 - Mr. Jason Karmol, DPW Director updated the City Council with his current projects including the need for an additional 2 plow trucks, repairs on the 1st Street Bridge, the Sidewalk Program, the GIS Program, the Center Street Water Main Replacement, the 6th Street Sewer Replacement, and the Waste Water Treatment Plant Refurbishment.

Department, Boards and Commission Reports:

- Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting June 19, 2019.
- Special Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board Meeting, June 25, 2019.

Unfinished Business:

- Consideration to Take Bids to Sell City Owned Property on Mill Street.
 - Councilman O'Brien moved to approve the taking of sealed bids for City owned property on Mill Street, being Parcel No. 055-W58-000-022-00, with a minimum bid of \$2,500.00

due into the City no later than August 7, 2019, supported by Councilman Temple. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

General Business:

- Consideration of Bid Award – Sixth Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement, “F” Street to “A” Street.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to award the bid for the Sixth Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement, “F” Street to “A” Street to Tri-County Excavating in the amount of \$357,330.00, supported by Councilwoman Johnston. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration to Schedule a Public Hearing for August 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for the Cheboygan Public Safety U.S.D.A. Grant Application for Car and Office Computers, Equipment, Computer Server and Body Cameras.
 - Councilwoman Johnston moved to set a Public Hearing for August 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for the Cheboygan Public Safety U.S.D.A. Grant Application for car and office computers, equipment, computer server and body cameras, supported by Mayor Pro Tem Couture. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Appointment of David Bishop to Main Street Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to appoint David Bishop to the Main Street Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors, term to expire September 13, 2022, supported by Councilwoman Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Appointment of Bobie Crongeyer to the Main Street Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to appoint Bobie Crongeyer to the Main Street Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors, term to expire January 27, 2020, supported by Councilwoman Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Appointment of Christy Stempky to the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors.
 - Councilman Mallory moved to appoint Christy Stempky to the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors, term to expire June 23, 2020, supported by Councilwoman Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk’s and Treasurer’s Comments:

- Clerk/Treasurer Brown reported that the Special Election to fill the vacated City Council seat will be held on November 5, 2019. The nominating petitions and Affidavit of Identity were due today with two candidates submitting their names.

City Manager’s Report:

- City Manager Eustice distributed and discussed the draft copy of the ordinance of the PILOT Program for the Hope Network project. The ordinance is in the process of being reviewed by City Attorney Stephen Lindsay. Mayor Pro Tem Couture requested a tax analysis on the properties with the current taxable values and the proposed taxable values after the potential project.

- City Manager Eustice reported that the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on the Master Plan. The Plan has been adopted and will be added to the City website. The adoption of the Master Plan will help significantly with the requirements to become a Redevelopment Ready Community.
- City Manager Eustice reported that Russel Barrette resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals; that seat will need to be filled by a City resident.
- City Manager Eustice also reported that Michael Lalonde resigned from the Parks & Recreation Commission. They will be looking for a new commissioner and will review the applications already on file.

Committee Updates:

- The Organizational Analysis Committee is developing a succession plan and will revisit the original action plan to determine what still needs to be addressed.
- The Development Committee has a preliminary meeting scheduled to review the information in anticipation of the Meijer Development.
- The Inverness Sewer Committee is reviewing the existing Sewer Agreement. Inverness Township is contracting with a third party to review the current rates.
- The Blight Committee has a draft Rental Ordinance that is to be reviewed by City Attorney Stephen Lindsay. A copy should be provided to Council the second meeting in August. There is also a plan in place to hire a Blight Officer in the spring of 2020 pending the budget.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:

- Councilwoman Johnston requested information on training for Councilmembers, specifically what courses are available through the Michigan State University Extension and how it would be scheduled.
- Councilman O'Brien discussed the County Board of Commissioners meeting that he attended and the changes that have been presented by Circuit Court Judge Gauthier.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Mayor Mark C. Bronson

Clerk/Treasurer Bridget E. Brown

Councilman Brett Mallory

Councilwoman Sara Johnston

Councilman Vaughn Temple

Mayor Pro Tem Nicholas C. Couture

Councilwoman Betty A. Kwiatkowski