

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 13, 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: Johnston, Temple, Bronson, Mallory, O'Brien & Kwiatkowski

Absent: Couture

### 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:

- Councilwoman Johnston moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2019 supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

### Public Hearings:

- Consideration of Grant Application to the US Department of Agriculture/Rural Development for Grant Funding for the Purchase of a Computer Server and Equipment (In-car Computers, Desktop Computers and Body Cameras) for the Department of Public Safety.
  - Public Hearing was opened at 7:03 p.m.
  - Director of Public Safety Kurt Jones explained that the grant would be for \$25,000.00 and the City match would be \$9,542.00 for a total cost of \$34,542.00. In addition, the City was awarded \$3,735.00 from the Municipal Underwriters Risk Reduction Grant which will cover a portion of the City match.
  - Public Hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.
  - Councilman Mallory moved to approve the Grant Application to the US Department of Agriculture/Rural Development for grant funding for the purchase of a computer server, and equipment (in-car computers, desktop computers and body cameras) for the Department of Public Safety, supported by Councilman Temple. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

### Communications and Petitions:

- Presentation by David Karowe, Biology Professor at Western Michigan University/U of M Biological Station and Deb Hansen on 100% Renewable Energy Cities in Michigan.

### Bills & Disbursements:

- Prepaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of July 2019.
  - Councilman Mallory moved to approve the prepaid bills and disbursements for the month of July 2019 in the amount of \$1,922,261.50, supported by Councilman O'Brien. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Unpaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of July 2019.

- Councilman O'Brien moved to approve the unpaid bills and disbursements for the month of July 2019 in the amount of \$61,318.71, supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

**Department, Boards and Commission Reports:**

- Regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, July 17, 2019.
- Regular Planning Commission Meeting, July 22, 2019. Planning Commission Annual Report to the City Council, July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019.

**General Business:**

- Consideration of Bids – City Owned Property on Mill Street.
  - Councilwoman Johnston moved to award the bid for the purchase of City owned property on Mill Street, being Parcel No. 055-W58-000-022-00, to Thomas Bussler in the amount of \$5,101.00, with purchaser bearing all costs with regards to acquisition of title insurance, deed & document preparation costs, closing costs, recording fees, and any other fees associated with the purchase of this property from the City of Cheboygan; and the closing must take place within ten (10) days of acceptance by the City Council; also, the City Council approves the City Council Resolution for Sale of City Property, supported by Councilman Temple. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of FOIA Appeal.
  - Councilwoman Kwiatkowski moved to uphold the denial for public records received July 24, 2019, supported by Councilwoman Johnston. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion on Medical Marijuana Facilities Act.
  - City Council will need to decide how they want to proceed with the ordinances for these facilities and pass that information along to the Planning Commission for guidance.
  - Mayor Bronson and City Manager Eustice will set up a Special Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission and City Attorney Lindsay for further discussion and guidance.
- Consideration of a Permit for a Firework Display on August 24, 2019.
  - Councilwoman Kwiatkowski moved to approve the permit for the firework display on August 24, 2019, supported by Councilman O'Brien. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Training Material
  - Clerk/Treasurer Brown reported that she will provide potential training dates for Council to choose from.
- Revenues and Expenses by Fund as of July 31, 2019.

**City Manager's Report:**

- City Owned Properties.
  - City Manager Eustice prepared a map indicating which properties are owned by the City of Cheboygan.

- Pilot Program – Hope Network
  - City Manager read in the title of the proposed PILOT Program “An ordinance to provide for a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for a multiple family dwelling project for persons of low income to be financed or assisted pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, as amended.”
  - A tax analysis comparing the PILOT program and property taxes was provided by Virgie Ammerman, Executive Director of Affordable Living for Hope Network.
- City Manager Eustice reported that the Sixth Street Sanitary Project started on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- City Manager Eustice also reported that there is a Special Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. to award the bid for the Center St/Palmyra St Water Main Replacement Project.

**Committee Updates:**

- Organizational Analysis Committee meeting for August 13<sup>th</sup> was cancelled.
- Blight Committee is waiting for feedback from City Attorney Stephen Lindsay on the ordinance draft.
- DDA/Main Street is meeting Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Councilman O’Brien reported on the Enbridge presentation that he attended; packets were provided to councilmembers
- Councilman Temple inquired about the acquisition of the property located north of the County Marina. City Manager Eustice reported that he has spoken to the State and the appraisal should be completed in the next week.
- Councilwoman Johnston reported on the Governmental Stakeholder Meeting that she attended on August 1<sup>st</sup> at North Central Community College. She also inquired about the Energy Audits that were discussed during the renewable energy presentation. Ms. Deb Hansen suggested that the City check with Consumers Energy to see if they have any programs available. Additionally, she recommended checking with the City of Petoskey and Charlevoix to see who they used.
- Mayor Bronson inquired about the status of recording the Council meetings and the audio recordings from the other Boards and Commissions.

**Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 9:06 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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Mayor Pro Tem Nicholas C. Couture

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Councilwoman Betty A. Kwiatkowski