

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 27, 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: Couture, Mallory, Temple, Bronson and Johnston

Absent: Kwiatkowski and O'Brien

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 August 13, 2019, supported by Councilman Mallory. Motion carried unanimously.
- Councilwoman Johnston moved to approve the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2019, supported by Councilman Temple. Motion carried unanimously.

Reading of Ordinances:

- PILOT Ordinance [Payment in Lieu of Taxes] for Hope Network Project (Cheboygan One Limited Dividend Housing Corporation).
 - City Manager Eustice read in the title of the ordinance, "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."
 - City Manager Eustice reported that City Attorney Lindsay has reviewed the proposed ordinance and has made corrections which are reflected in the ordinance presented.
 - City Manager Eustice stated that the proposed ordinance will only apply to Phase One of the project, which is a 40 unit development. Per the proposed ordinance, the units developed for low income persons and families will be subject to a tax exemption, allowing for an annual service charge of 4% instead; all other units will be taxed as if the development were not tax exempt.

Department, Boards and Commission Reports:

- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board Meeting, August 12, 2019.
- Historic Resources Commission, August 5, 2019.

General Business:

- Consideration to Schedule a Public Hearing for September 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for the Approval Consideration of the Planned Unit Development Project for Hope Network and a Pilot Ordinance [Payment in Lieu of Taxes] for Hope Network Project (Cheboygan One Limited Dividend Housing Corporation).
 - Councilman Mallory moved to schedule a public hearing for September 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for the approval consideration of the Planned Unit Development for Hope Network and a Pilot Ordinance [Payment in Lieu of Taxes] for Hope Network Project (Cheboygan One Limited Dividend Housing Corporation), supported by Councilwoman Johnston. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk's and Treasurer's Comments:

- Clerk/Treasurer Brown reported that the auditors, Gabridge & Co. will be on site October 21-25 to complete the fieldwork for the 2018-2019 FY audit.
- Clerk/Treasurer Brown reported that there is tentative date scheduled of October 3, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. for Parliamentary Procedure training by the MSU Extension.
- Clerk/Treasurer Brown also mentioned that the recorded and typed meeting minutes for the other Boards and Commissions are being added to the City website.

City Manager's Report:

- City Manager Eustice discussed a joint meeting with the Planning Commission, City Council, and City Attorney Stephen Lindsay regarding the ordinances for Medical and Recreational Marijuana. Mayor Bronson suggested a Joint Committee Meeting instead with 2 members of the Planning Commission and 2 members of City Council. Municipalities and Townships will need to either opt out by December 6, 2019 or develop zoning ordinances.
- City Manager Eustice reported that the roof repairs for the Opera House are complete. Additional work will need to be done to address covering the entrance and address the venting system.

Committee Updates:

- Organizational Analysis Committee is reviewing the positions in the office in anticipation of a couple retirements in early 2020. Councilman Temple is no longer on the Committee, Councilman Mallory will be his replacement.
- Blight Committee still hasn't received a copy of the proposed Rental Ordinance. There is still discussion of hiring a blight officer. Mayor Bronson suggested a potential partnership with other townships or the county. Councilwoman Johnston requested that a set schedule be established for the Committee.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:

- Councilman Temple inquired about the status of the old Cheboygan Hardware store. City Manager Eustice reported that they are waiting on the proper permits to secure the seawall.

- Councilwoman Johnston discussed the City Birthday Celebration and how well things turned out. She also reported that she is working on a marketing plan for the Parks & Recreation Commission.
- Councilman Couture asked for an update on the appraisal of the DNR property north of the County Marina. City Manager Eustice reported that the appraisal is scheduled to be completed the week of Labor Day.
- Mayor Bronson requested an update of the 1st Street culvert replacement. City Manager Eustice responded that he will check with DPW Director Jason Karmol on the status. Mayor Bronson also mentioned a citizen who was stuck in their driveway due to the project on Sixth St, he wanted to be sure that we are notifying citizens of projects in process.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:57 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