

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 8, 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, Couture, & Kwiatkowski

Absent: None

Public Comments:

- Mr. Louis Vallance discussed the results of his well water test. He also discussed a resolution to completely open the Niagara Falls so that the Great Lake levels will go down.
- Mr. Ray Lofgren discussed the road issue his daughter is having off Eastern Avenue.
- Ms. Sheri Nelson commented on the Bring It Cheboygan group and the Huron Street Tabernacle property.
- Ms. Marcia Rocheleau discussed the Center St/North St project and the issue Beaugrand Township is having with the contractor storing and accessing material in their Township. She also mentioned the damaged structure along the Black River Watershed and how that would be resolved by the City.
- Ms. Trudy Lofgren inquired about Council's action when comments and concerns are discussed by citizens.

Approval of Agenda and Receive and File all Communications:

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

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

- Councilwoman Johnston moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2019 as presented, seconded by Councilman Temple. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications and Petitions:

- Greg Klinger, Redbud Roots, LLC – Presentation on Medical Marijuana Facilities.

Ordinances:

- Consideration to Schedule a Public Hearing for November 12, 2019 for an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Cheboygan by Adding Chapter 100, Article IX of the City Code.
 - Councilman O'Brien moved to schedule a public hearing for November 12, 2019 for an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Cheboygan by Adding Chapter 100, Article IX of the City code, seconded by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

- Consideration to Schedule a Public Hearing for November 12, 2019 to establish the Rental Registration Ordinance.
 - Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Couture to schedule a public hearing for November 12, 2019 to establish the Rental Registration Ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Johnston. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

Bills & Disbursements:

- Prepaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of September 2019.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the prepaid bills and disbursements for the month of September 2019 in the amount of \$569,800.95, seconded by Councilman Temple. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Unpaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of September 2019.
 - Councilman Mallory moved to approve the unpaid bills and disbursements for the month of September 2019 in the amount of \$58,931.68, seconded by Councilwoman Johnston. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

General Business:

- Consideration to Transfer \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Water Fund for the Center Street/North Street Water Main Replacement Project.
 - Councilwoman Johnston moved to authorize the City Treasurer to transfer \$500,000.00 from the General Fund to the Water Fund for the Center Street/North Street Water Main Replacement Project, seconded by Councilman Mallory. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Bid Proposals for the Issuance and Sale of the City of Cheboygan 2019 Capital Improvement Bonds.
 - Councilwoman Johnston moved to award the bid proposal from Citizens National Bank, Option 2, for \$500,000.00 at 3.625% for 15 years, seconded by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration to Give Permission to the Cheboygan Area Arts Council (CAAC) to Repaint the Bunny Wall next to Festival Square, i.e. Repainting the Bunnies and adding Cheboygan above the same, at no cost to the City.
 - Councilwoman Johnston moved to give the Cheboygan Area Arts Council (CAAC) permission to repaint the Bunny Wall next to Festival Square, repainting the bunnies and adding Cheboygan above the same, at no cost to the City, seconded by Councilman Mallory. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration to Approve/Disapprove the Drafting of a Medical Marijuana Ordinance by the Planning Commission.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the drafting of a Medical Marijuana Ordinance by the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilwoman Johnston. A roll call vote was taken. Yes votes: Couture, O'Brien, Johnston, Bronson, Mallory and Temple. No votes: Kwiatkowski. Motion Passed.

City Clerk's and Treasurer's Comments:

- Revenues & Expenses by Fund as of September 30, 2019.
- Clerk/Treasurer Brown mentioned that the Extraordinary Governance training tentatively scheduled for December 5th will be rescheduled for Thursday, December 12th at 5:30 pm. Per feedback from the Council, other local boards will be welcome to attend.

City Manager's Report:

- City Manager Eustice updated the Council on the Center St/North St Water Main Replacement Project. Sixth Street still needs a top coat which will be completed when Center St/North St are paved.
- City Manager Eustice reported that the Cheboygan Hardware Project is moving forward and the Meijer Property is currently being excavated.

Committee Updates:

- The Blight Committee met and drafted a Rental Registration Ordinance which will be presented to Council at the October 24th meeting with a public hearing scheduled for November 12, 2019.
- The Organizational Committee will meet with all of the Councilmembers at a workshop on Tuesday, October 22nd at 5:30 pm.
- The DDA/Main Street Committee is working on narrowing down their focus. The DDA Plan expires in 2022 so the Board will begin discussions on that renewal.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:

- Councilwoman Johnston inquired about the pothole in the Water Street parking lot and whether that could be filled prior to winter. She also requested that the staging of materials be discussed during the preconstruction meeting to avoid the issues that Beaugrand Township residents are having.
- Councilman Mallory inquired about the projects that are being planned for Spring/Summer 2020. City Manager Eustice reported that Court Street water/sewer replacement will likely be the next project along with a new water tower on the east side of the river.
- Mayor Bronson inquired about the reports of rusty water last week. City Manager Eustice explained that a vehicle hit a fire hydrant which caused our water tower to drain and likely stirred up the pipes as the lines filled back up.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:55 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

Councilman Michael C. O'Brien