

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 10, 2022

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Tebo in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Kwiatkowski, Tebo, Raab, Mallory, Darling, and Mills

Absent:

Approval of Agenda and Receive and File all Communications:

- Councilman Kwiatkowski moved to approve the agenda and receive and file all communications. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mallory. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

- Councilwoman Raab moved to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of April 26, 2022, as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Darling. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Don Dailey discussed in regards to the structure fire that happened on Sammons Street.

Public Hearing:

753 N. Main Street, Cheboygan, MI.

- Consideration of Special Use Permit.
 - City Manager Sabolsky commented that the Planning Commission approved the Special Use Permit and the Site Plan at their meeting.
 - Public hearing/comment was opened at 7:07pm.
 - Councilwoman Mills commented on the letter from Cheboygan County Road Commission.
 - Wendy Flemming wants this to be a full-time rental, not a seasonal rental/VRBO.
 - Councilwoman Mills asked Flemming if she has any problems with the noise, alarms, etc that goes on at the Road Commission.
 - She responded that she is aware.
 - Pat Gildner commented that she thinks this is a great idea.
 - Public hearing/comment closed at 7:10pm
 - Councilwoman Raab moved to approve the Special Use Permit for WB Vacation Properties for property located at 753 N. Main Street, Cheboygan, MI. Seconded by Councilwoman Mills. A roll call was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Site Plan.
 - Public hearing/comment opened at 7:11pm.
 - No comments from the public.
 - Public hearing/comment closed at 7:11pm.

- Councilwoman Raab moved to approve the Site Plan Application located at 753 N. Main Street, Cheboygan, MI. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mallory. A roll call was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Water-Related Infrastructure Application for a Community Development Block Grant as Administered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.
 - Sabolsky commented that this is the grant they discussed in the past. Now looking for Council approval to officially submit the application.
 - Public hearing/comment open 7:13pm.
 - Sabolsky commented that this project addresses the road right outside of City Hall (Huron Street) all the way to Court Street. This would look at the water, sewer, some of the approaches, drains and the road in that direction.
 - No public or Council comments.
 - Public hearing/comment closed 7:13pm.
 - Councilwoman Raab moved to approve the Water-Related Infrastructure Application for a Community Development Block Grant Funds as Administered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Seconded by Councilwoman Mills. A roll call was taken, motion carried unanimously.

Communications and Petitions:

- Coast Guard Connections Committee Update, Sherry Nelson and Joanne Cromley.
 - Sherry Nelson commented how Cheboygan applied to be a Coast Guard City in 2019 and was denied in 2021. Nelson discussed different things that are done for the Coast Guard such as welcome bags, pot lucks, the library display during the month of August, Children’s Trail display of art work, etc. Nelson discussed funding for the Committee such as possible fund raising or grant funding. Said Councilwoman Raab offered to fill the grant out. Nelson said they will probably apply to be a Coast Guard City in another year.
 - Sabolsky said there needs to be a way to figure out how to handle money for the committee. Sabolsky mentioned maybe having a conversation with the Chamber or DDA to possibly partner with them when selling their items.
 - Wendy Flemming asked what the benefit is of being a Coast Guard City.
 - Nelson said at City entrances you can say “Coast Guard City” or “Coast Guard City” can be put on City stationary.
 - Councilwoman Darling said they get great feedback about the potlucks from the Coast Guard.

Departments, Board and Commissions:

- Office of Emergency Management, April Monthly Report.

Bills and Disbursements:

- Prepaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of April 2022.
 - Councilman Kwiatkowski moved to approve the prepaid bills and disbursements for the month of April 2022 in the amount of \$553,064.87. Seconded by Councilwoman Raab. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

- Unpaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of April 2022.
 - Councilwoman Raab moved to approve the unpaid bills and disbursements for the month of April 2022 in the amount of \$88,391.39. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mallory. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions/Proclamations:

- Mayor Proclamation recognizing John Gravlin.
 - Councilwoman Raab moved to approve the Proclamation of Special Recognition of John Gravlin. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mallory. Motion carried unanimously.

General Business:

- Consideration of a Reuse Overlay District Application from Steve Voisin – 610 Cuyler.
 - Councilwoman Raab moved to approve an application to allow the former Armory building to be used as an events facility and three live/work units. Seconded by Councilwoman Mills. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Mural in Washington Park.
 - Owen Goslin from the Cheboygan Area Arts Council discussed the mural project on the south side of the existing mural. They are back for formal approval from Council. The design of the mural shows all four seasons of Cheboygan with different activities.
 - Pat Gildner discussed the fundraising for the mural. Their timeline is to have the mural done in September. Says they may need some help from City workers as this project continues.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Mallory asked about the aluminum backing.
 - Gildner said that this backing is a higher quality version of what's on the historical mural.
 - Councilwoman Raab asked when the project will start.
 - Gildner said they should start sometime this week.
 - Councilwoman Raab moved to approve the Cheboygan Area Arts Council's design for the mural and permission to commence the project in Washington Park. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mallory. A roll call was taken, motion carried unanimously.

City Manager's Report:

- City Manager Sabolsky discussed the Cheboygan County Community Foundation and how they gave us a grant for \$10,000. They met about 2 weeks ago and had a request for Cheboygan wanting our gateway project to be their showcase project. They would like to partner with us for the gateway project. With that we would have to enter in an MOU. Once we get the design for the project, they would like to go out and do the fundraising for us.
- Regarding the Opera House inspection, Sabolsky did sign the contract with HRC and reduced the price some. They will be here the early part of next week. Karmol volunteered some use of his drones for the outside pictures which is saving about \$5,000.
- On Saturday, US Representative Jack Bergman was shown through the Wastewater Treatment Plant. After the tour they met in Council chambers where they discussed water and sewer issues, drainage and Black River Watershed. Tip of the Mitt Watershed group was there as well. An attorney that helps small, financially struggling communities get money from the federal and state government was there as well.

- The Northern Lakes Economic Alliance has a conference this Friday. Schneider, Sangster, Sabolsky and Clear are all attending this conference.
- Sabolsky commented that we need to start discussing Karmol's retirement. He says that he will be retiring in 5 years. We will have to look at how we need to reorganize Public Works because we got extremely lucky as a City getting someone like Karmol. What we will have to do is probably separate Public Works into 4 different departments. In doing that, we have to look at staff to fulfill those rolls, develop a structure, and get training.
- We have started advertising for the open Council spot as Mr. Hocquard has stepped down.
- Regarding brush pickup, we have one man out with a health issue and another out sick and we need 4 people to do brush pick up efficiently.
- Councilman Kwiatkowski asked if there has been any movement regarding making a Watershed Authority.
- Sabolsky said they did find out that the City is not responsible for the dams out in the Township. We were responsible for 50 years and in 2010 we were relieved of that responsibility, but we did not know that. There will be a letter going out regarding this information. We will continue to work with them to find a solution.
- Mayor Pro Tem Mallory asked if Hocquard's position will be filled by November.
- Sabolsky said Mayor Tebo requested by the next meeting to have someone reappointed.

City Treasurer's Comments:

- Revenue & Expense by Fund as of April 30, 2022.

City Clerk's Comments:

- Clerk Singles commented on elections. Saying that she is trying to confirm with the Michigan Bureau of Elections when the nominating petitions and affidavits of identity are due for the General Election ballots. Council can pick up a nominating petition from her whenever.

Public Comments:

- Phil and Judy Jankoviak live at 617 Cuyler. Discussed the water problems from about 2 weeks ago. Almost everyone on Cuyler Street had backups in their basement. Also happened on B Street. They've always had problems with their sewer since they bought the house.
- Sabolsky said the City has to eliminate the infiltration into the system of storm water and we are in the process of doing that. When the Wastewater Treatment Plant is done, we will be able to handle more capacity. We are also working on cleaning and videotaping the sewer lines and finding out where the problem spots are.
- Pat Bolen discussed Hometown Heroes. He has talked with Schneider regarding the banners. The banner prices have been brought down to \$150. Thinks it will be excellent for Cheboygan. Bolen told Councilwoman Raab and the Coast Guard Connection Committee they might be able to help them become a non-profit.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Mallory explained that these brackets are coming from another City. The DDA approved the banners within the DDA district.

- Sabolsky said that the DDA bought the brackets and are trying to find a way to put up the brackets. The City has not agreed to put up the brackets yet because the poles belong to the DDA so we need to figure out how to make that work.
- Janet Gahn had a few comments. She discussed the rental home fires and thinks the City should do rental inspections for those who rent the homes. Alpena has a program where they do inspections on homes for renters and the owners are expected to fix the problems.
- Sabolsky asked for clarification from Gahn that the City would be responsible for inspecting the interior of those structures.
- That is how they have it set up in Alpena. It benefits the neighbors and the renters. Gahn talked about the rain erosion on the corner of Western and Lincoln. She called in regards to the erosion and cones were put up but gone soon after. A barricade did go up. Gahn also commented about the ~~access~~ access roads in Pinehill Cemetery. Nothing has been done to the roads that she brought to the attention of Council 10 months ago.
- Sabolsky commented that in the Capital Budget, there are some cemetery problems that need to be addressed and are on the to-do list. Sabolsky expressed that people tend to take the roads in the cemetery as a short cut and excel through the cemetery.
- Owen Goslin commented regarding the Follies performance that just went on this past week and some upcoming events happening at the Opera House.
- Gahn wanted to clarify that she is not talking about the paved roads in the cemetery, she is talking about the dirt roads in the cemetery.

Committee Updates:

- Mayor Pro Tem Mallory commented that Schneider started Director training. Discussed Hometown Heroes. Signed the Resolution for buying 220 Water Street.
- Councilwoman Mills was sent how many people they have on waitlist for the Housing Commission. The Housing Commission is working very hard to place people.
- Councilwoman Darling said that instead of doing a round-table, Commissioners will go out and talk to different groups using Parks and Recreation to see what their thoughts and suggestions are. They also discussed the Pocket Park and the Children’s Trail.

Adjournment:

- Mayor Pro Tem Mallory moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Seconded by Councilwoman Raab. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Leslie A. Tebo

Clerk Alyssa Singles

Mayor Pro Tem Brett Mallory

Councilwoman Diane Mills

Councilman Ken Kwiatkowski

Councilwoman Mary Darling

Councilwoman Diane E. Raab