

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 14, 2020

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, Johnston, Bronson, Mallory, Temple and Raab

Absent: Kwiatkowski

### Public Comments:

- Ms. Susan Cheli discussed the development of the Medical Marijuana Ordinance, even though she is not a resident of the City of Cheboygan she is still a community member and wants to see the development controlled so the retail businesses are located in discreet areas.

### Approval of Agenda and Receive and File all Communications:

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

### Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

- Councilwoman Raab moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of December 23, 2020 with the completion of City Manager Eustice's comments regarding the property north of the County Marina, seconded by Councilman Temple. Motion carried unanimously.

### Public Hearing:

- Consideration to Establish a DDA Commercial Rehabilitation District; Proposed District being 807 & 811 East State Street, Pursuant to Public Act 210 of 2005.
  - City Manager Eustice explained this public hearing will establish the district and a separate public hearing would be held to determine the tax abatement.
  - Mayor Pro Tem Couture inquired about establishing a district for the entire City limits. City Manager Eustice explained that this program is used in distressed areas to promote investment and development but the entire City is not considered distressed.
  - Mayor Bronson suggested the Council consider setting additional districts, such as around Mackinaw Avenue.
  - Councilwoman Johnston also mentioned establishing additional districts now so progress isn't slowed down.
  - City Manager Eustice discussed a program offered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to establish Commercial Corridor Districts which may also assist in development.
  - The public hearing was opened at 7:22 pm.
  - Ms. Trudy Lofgren commented that the district will be great for Mr. Migda and the entire east side of town.
  - The public hearing was closed at 7:23 pm.

- Councilwoman Johnston moved to adopt a resolution to establish the DDA Commercial Rehabilitation District #2 at 807 & 811 East State Street and contained in said resolution, Pursuant to Public Act 210 of 2005, seconded by Councilwoman Raab. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

**Bills and Disbursements:**

- Prepaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of December 2019.
  - Motion by Councilwoman Johnston to approve the prepaid bills and disbursements for the month of December 2019 in the amount of \$807,535.87, seconded by Councilman Mallory. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Unpaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of December 2019.
  - Motion by Councilwoman Raab to approve the unpaid bills and disbursements for the month of December 2019 in the amount of \$49,565.18, seconded by Councilman Temple. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

**Department, Boards and Commission Reports:**

- Planning Commission Meeting, December 19, 2019.
- Department of Public Safety Monthly Statistics, September, October & November 2019.

**General Business:**

- Consideration to allow the Cheboygan Area Arts Council (CAAC) to paint the exterior wall of Gordon Turner Park Restrooms.
  - Councilman Mallory moved to allow the CAAC to paint the exterior wall of the Gordon Turner Park restrooms, seconded by Councilwoman Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Revenue & Expenses by Fund as of December 31, 2019.
- City Clerk/Treasurer Brown reminded everyone that the Extraordinary Governance Training will be held in the Council Chambers on January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-7:30 pm.

**City Manager's Report:**

- City Manager Eustice provided the October 1, 2019 Funding Round Tax Credit Activity report. Hope Network did not receive the funding they had applied for but they will resubmit the application for the April 2020 round of funding
- City Manager Eustice also provided copies of the contract proposals from City Attorney Thomas Hungerford and City Attorney Stephen Lindsay. City Manager Eustice plans to renew both contracts for an additional three years unless Council has any objections.

**Committee Updates:**

- Councilwoman Raab discussed the Historic Resources Committee meeting. The Huron Street Tabernacle sale should be completed with Mary Hebert by the end of January. The St. Charles

Church hosted the Toast of the Town on January 1, 2020 with good attendance. The roof repairs are complete and the pillars will be repaired next.

- Councilman Mallory reported on the DDA/Main St meeting. Bobie Crongeyer has been selected as the new secretary/treasurer. The Board is working with the Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce to fund the Pure Michigan Campaign and is also working on a grant through EGLE for a car charging station. City Manager Eustice will be setting up Cheboygan.org emails for the DDA/Main St Board members.

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

- Councilwoman Johnston inquired about the Recreation Authority and the appointing of a secretary to the Parks & Recreation Commission. City Manager Eustice responded that those issues would be discussed at the next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. Councilwoman Johnston also discussed the shortage of garbage cans at Festival Square during the Christmas Parade. Councilwoman Johnston reported a good turnout at the local movie. Councilwoman Johnston also commented on the Art Vision meeting and the forward momentum with their projects.
- Councilwoman Raab reported that there was a group of individuals working on submitting an application to HGTV for a small town remodel.
- Mayor Bronson discussed his opinions on the difference between city residents and nonresidents. He does not want to discourage nonresidents from commenting on City issues however, they do not contribute monetarily to the City.
- Councilman Temple agreed that nonresidents should not be discouraged from commenting.

**Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:10 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

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Councilwoman Diane E. Raab