

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 28, 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: Bronson, Mallory, Temple, Couture and Raab

Absent: Johnston

Public Comments:

- Ms. Susan Cheli requested that City Council try to keep the potential marijuana businesses in discreet areas, away from the downtown area.
- Mr. Louis Vallance discussed new investors coming to town and the due diligence they should perform, including making sure the City is providing services to their taxpayers. He also discussed the potential for Viking Cruises coming to the Great Lakes.

Approval of Agenda and Receive and File all Communications:

- Councilwoman Raab 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 January 14, 2020, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Couture. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications & Petitions:

- Hope Network Update – Ms. Sharen Lange.
 - Ms. Lange, president of Cheboygan Economic Development Group, reported that Hope Network was not successful with the application submitted for MSHDA funding in October of 2019. Based on the feedback provided by MSHDA, Hope Network will increase the number of units and reconfigure the parking and will resubmit the application in April of 2020.

Department, Boards and Commission Reports:

- Planning Commission Meeting, January 21, 2020.

General Business:

- Presentation of Annual Financial Report Year Ended June 30, 2019 – Gabridge & Co. – Mr. Neil Hammerbacher.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2019 as presented by Mr. Neil Hammerbacher of Gabridge & Company, seconded by Councilman Temple. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk's and Treasurer's Comments:

- City Clerk/Treasurer Brown reported on the requests for usage of City properties, Chief Jones will be handling the Walk 4 Warmth request from Cheboygan County United Way.
- City Clerk/Treasurer discussed the resignation letter received from Councilwoman Kwiatkowski on January 26th and the timeline for appointing a replacement with letters of intent due on February 19th and the appointment to be made on February 25th.
- City Clerk/Treasurer Brown reported on the 2020 election schedule as well as the openings that will be available on City Council in November of 2020.

City Manager's Report:

- City Manager Eustice discussed the draft ordinances for a zoning amendment and establishing the regulations for medical marihuana facilities, which were provided to Council tonight and recommended for adoption by the Planning Commission.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Couture requested additional time to review the proposed ordinances.
 - Mayor Bronson will revise the proposed ordinances, removing areas of redundancy, and will provide the new versions of the ordinances to Council.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to schedule a public hearing for February 25, 2020 to adopt an ordinance to authorize and regulate the establishment of medical marihuana facilities, seconded by Councilwoman Raab. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

Committee Updates:

- The Organizational Analysis Committee needs to schedule another meeting, per Mayor Pro Tem Couture. City Manager Eustice reported that he will be absent for the next council meeting on February 11th but could schedule a meeting prior to the second council meeting in February.
- Councilman Mallory reported on the various committees that have been established within the DDA/Main St Board and updated Council on current projects for the Design Committee.
- Mayor Bronson appointed Councilwoman Raab to the CCE 911 board with the next meeting scheduled for February 5, 2020.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:

- Mayor Bronson inquired about the sidewalk program for the upcoming year. City Manager Eustice reported that he is working on a Request for Proposal for one contractor to complete all of the applicant's sidewalks.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:37 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

Councilwoman Diane E. Raab