

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 10, 2020

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Mallory moved to appoint Councilwoman Johnston Chair, seconded by Councilman Temple. Motion passed unanimously

Present: Johnston, Mallory, Temple, Raab and Ptasnik

Absent: Bronson and Couture

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 February 25, 2020, seconded by Councilman Temple. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications and Petitions:

- Michigan Municipal League Weekender Update, Councilwoman Johnston.
 - Councilwoman Johnston discussed the conference she recently attended which covered finance and budgets. Councilwoman Johnston suggested creating a more transparent budgeting process along with making the budget easier to find online for residents. She also discussed paying for a utility rate audit to verify that the City has the appropriate rates set for utility billing.
 - City Manager Eustice discussed the decrease to State Revenue Sharing as well as the issue with the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A which impacts the City revenues.

Bills and Disbursements:

- Prepaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of February 2020.
 - Motion by Councilwoman Raab to approve the prepaid bills and disbursements for the month of February 2020 in the amount of \$581,390.68, seconded by Councilman Temple. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Unpaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of February 2020.
 - Motion by Councilwoman Raab to approve the unpaid bills and disbursements for the month of January 2020 in the amount of \$56,052.24, seconded by Councilman Mallory. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions:

- Consideration of a Resolution Supporting a Grant Application to the Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.
 - Councilman Mallory moved to adopt the following Resolution: City Council Resolution Supporting a Grant Application to the Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, seconded by Councilwoman Ptasnik. A roll call vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

General Business:

- Consideration of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Hope Network Housing and Community Development/Cheboygan One LDHA LP located at 418 Cuyler Street, Cheboygan, Michigan.
 - City Manager Eustice reported that the Public Hearing for this development was held at a Special Planning Commission Meeting, prior to the current Council Meeting. Planning Commission is recommending that the PUD for Hope Network Housing and Community Development on Cuyler Street be approved. The project is still subject to Site Plan Review by the Planning Commission.
 - Ms. Trudy Lofgren inquired who would set the property tax rates for this development and whether that would change based on the change in the project. City Manager Eustice responded that the tax rates have already been set by the Council via an ordinance for a payment in lieu of taxes and will be based on a percentage of the cost of development.
 - Mr. Steve Brisson requested more transparency and sharing of information in the planning process. He also requested that they ask for input from neighborhood residents about the development.
 - Ms. Lisa Brisson commented that the original plan included a community garden next door to their home, the new proposed plan has a three-story apartment building right out the window.
 - Councilwoman Raab inquired if a meeting could be set up to allow community and neighborhood residents the opportunity to provide input.
 - City Manager Eustice responded that Hope Network has been responsive to input from residents.
 - Councilwoman Raab moved to approve a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Hope Network Housing and Community Development/Cheboygan One LDHA LP located at 418 Cuyler Street, Cheboygan, Michigan and described as follows: PLAT OF MCARTHUR SMITH & CO'S FOURTH ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CHEBOYGAN, LOT 14, BLK 1; N 13FT LOT 13, BLK 1 & PT OF LOT 15, BLK 1, LYING S OF MCRR SPUR. (SEC 31, T38N, R1W) Property ID No. 055-M32-001-005-00, PLAT OF MCARTHUR, SMITH & CO'S FOURTH ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CHEBOYGAN, LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 15 & 16, BLK 1, LYING N OF MCRR ROW SPUR. (SEC 31, T38N, R1W) Property ID No. 055-M32-001-001-00, AND PLAT OF MCARTHUR SMITH & CO'S FOURTH ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CHEBOYGAN, LOTS 17 & 18, BLK 1 *EXC: N 3FT. (SEC 31, T38N, R1W) Property ID No: 055-M32-001-001-01, seconded by Councilman Mallory. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk's and Treasurer's Comments:

- Revenues & Expenses by Fund as of February 29, 2020.

City Manager's Report:

- City Manager Eustice reported that the Presidential Primary is currently being held at the Recreation Center.
- City Manager Eustice reported that the DDA/Main Street Program is in the process of hiring an interim director.

Committee Updates:

- Councilwoman Johnston reported that the Blight Committee met; they have revised the Rental Registration Ordinance and expect to send that to Council for approval soon.
- Councilwoman Raab reported that the Historic Resource Commission will have a Funding Committee Meeting on March 19th to discuss grant opportunities.
- Councilman Mallory reported that Hive North was awarded \$25,000 through the Match on Main Program. The DDA/Main Street Board has approved the interim director to work as many hours as necessary to fill that position. The Musicfest for 2020 has been cancelled.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:

- Councilman Temple inquired about an update on the property north of the County Marina. City Manager Eustice reported that he is currently waiting on the lease agreement from the State of Michigan.
- Councilwoman Johnston inquired about any contact with LIAA in regards to the Recreation Authority. City Manager Eustice reported that he has not had contact with the LIAA but will discuss it at the next Recreation Commission Meeting.
- Councilwoman Raab wanted to thank all of the residents who provided input for the Hope Network Development.
- Councilman Mallory would like to see more feedback from the residents on the Hope Network Development.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 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 Diane E. Raab

Councilwoman Ashley Ptasnik