

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 22, 2020

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Tebo via teleconference at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Johnston, Tebo, Mallory, Kwiatkowski, Raab, Brandt, Hocquard

Absent:

Public Comments:

- Ms. Trudy Lofgren inquired if public comments could be moved to the end of the meeting so that public participants have an opportunity to comment on agenda items after they have been discussed by Council.
- Ms. Sharen Lange discussed the opportunity for a VA Clinic in Cheboygan County. She requested a letter of support from the City Council and/or the Mayor.
- Ms. Sherry Nelson agreed with the comments and inquiry made by Ms. Trudy Lofgren regarding the public comments.
- Mr. Louis Vallance discussed the City Charter and how residents on Eastern Avenue should not have to pay the cost of water lines and lack of drains, it is a public nuisance.

Council Response to Public Comments:

- City Manager Eustice responded that he appreciates Sharen Lange's due diligence and work on the VA Clinic opportunity and recommends individual letters of support from the Council and City Manager.
 - Councilman Mallory moved to approve the drafting of a letter in support of the VA Clinic in Cheboygan County, seconded by Councilwoman Raab, motion carried unanimously.
- City Manager Eustice reported that he would contact Louis Vallance to follow up on his concerns.

Approval of Agenda and Receive and File All Communications:

- Councilwoman Raab moved to approve the Agenda and receive and file all communications, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

- Mayor Pro Tem Johnston moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting minutes of December 8, 2020 as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Raab. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mayor Pro Tem Johnston moved to approve the Special City Council Meeting minutes of December 16, 2020 as presented, seconded by Councilman Hocquard. Motion carried unanimously.
- Councilman Hocquard moved to approve the Special City Council Meeting minutes of December 16, 2020 as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Brandt. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications and Petitions:

- Report on City of Cheboygan Main Street DDA Accomplishments, Current Projects, and Future Goals, Ms. Katie Duczkowski, Interim Director.
- Mr. Greg Elliott, update on Cheboygan Estates Project.
 - Mr. Greg Elliott presented the first phase of the project as the ten homes along Western Avenue. The second phase would include an additional thirteen homes along Stempky Street.
 - Councilwoman Brandt inquired about the timeline of the project in light of the proposed engineering contract and cost to the City. Mr. Greg Elliott responded that the first phase of the project can be completed without the engineering study.
 - Councilwoman Johnston inquired if the City should require a certain number of presales before moving forward with the engineering of additional roads.
 - City Manager Eustice reported that the approval of the Site Condo Plan for the first ten lots was tabled at the Planning Commission meeting on December 21, 2020 until they are provided more information.

Departments, Board and Commissions:

- Department of Public Safety Monthly Statistics, November 2020.

Resolutions:

- Consideration of a Resolution for the Designated Assessor Interlocal Agreement.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Johnston moved to approve the Resolution authorizing and approving the signing of an interlocal agreement for the Cheboygan County Designated Assessor, seconded by Councilwoman Raab. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

General Business:

- Consideration of Agreement for Professional Services with James H. Granger, City Engineer.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Johnston moved to table the consideration of Agreement for Professional Services with James H. Granger, City Engineer, until the Council received feedback from City Attorney Stephen Lindsay, seconded by Councilman Kwiatkowski. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

City Manager's Report:

- Discussion of Vacation Home Rental Ordinance, Chapter 120.
 - City Manager Eustice discussed amending the ordinance to allow short term rentals in residential neighborhoods, he believes that the current ordinance is unenforceable in those districts. He suggested having both City Attorney Stephen Lindsay and the Planning Commission review the ordinance and make recommendations for amendments.
- City Manager Eustice reported that the reinstatement of the Utility Committee would be very beneficial for Water/Wastewater Director Jason Karmol to help manage this large projects.

- Mayor Tebo reported that he would reinstate the Utility Committee to include himself, Councilman Kwiatkowski and Councilman Mallory.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:

- Councilman Kwiatkowski requested that Clerk/Treasurer Brown to provide an update on the amounts paid to Hubbell Roth & Clark.
- Councilwoman Johnston inquired about the alley approach damage behind South Street and what the plan is to get it repaired. Chief Jones responded that damages will be repaired when the ground freezes up. Councilwoman Johnston also inquired with Clerk/Treasurer Brown if there was an update on the Council training dates with MSU Extension. Clerk/Treasurer Brown responded no, she did not have a training date scheduled yet.
- Councilwoman Brandt inquired if the Ice Pavilion could be open for public skate for groups less than 20 people. City Manager reported that the public skate is not allowable at this time. Councilwoman Brandt inquired if the public comments should be moved to the end of the meeting.
- Mayor Tebo commented that he spoke with an individual who was willing to donate funds to develop a museum for the Lumber Industry in Cheboygan. He also reported that he spoke with the Governor’s office and has requested assistance with the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Mayor Leslie A. Tebo

Clerk/Treasurer Bridget E. Brown

Councilman Brett Mallory

Councilwoman Ashley Brandt

Councilman Ken Kwiatkowski

Mayor Pro Tem Sara Johnston

Councilwoman Diane E. Raab

Councilman Kasey Hocquard