

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 23, 2021

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent:

Approval of Agenda and Receive and File All Communications:

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

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

- Councilwoman Brandt moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting minutes of March 9, 2021 with the correction of the Historic Resource Meeting date, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mallory. Motion carried unanimously.
- Councilwoman Brandt moved to approve the Special City Council Meeting minutes of March 15, 2021 as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mallory. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications and Petitions:

- Alpena Transportation Service Center-Michigan Department of Transportation Project Update.
 - Mr. David Krentz updated Council on the US 23 paving project scheduled to start by mid-April and finish near the end of June, along with the proposed detour. Total project length is approximately seven miles long with resurfacing, new curb and gutter, and sidewalks and ramps.
 - MDOT field staff for the project introduced themselves, David Krentz, Kim Mullins, Alex Jozwiak and Greg Winfield. A contact sheet will be provided.
- Mr. Todd Preseau, Assessor's Plat-Mackinaw Avenue
 - Mr. Todd Preseau explained that the issues with the Assessor's Plat on Mackinaw Avenue have not been resolved and his property lines are still unclear.
 - City Manager Eustice responded that he would reach out to Jerry Malloy with Cheboygan Title and check on the status of the resolution.
 - Councilwoman Raab requested something in writing from Mr. Jerry Malloy verifying if the issues have been resolved and whether property owners can obtain title insurance.

Departments, Board and Commissions:

- Department of Public Safety Monthly Statistics, February 2021.

Resolutions:

- Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the Application and Approve Matching Funds for the City of Cheboygan for Major City Park Upgrades.

- City Manager Tom Eustice explained that the Resolution has been updated to reflect a 30% match from the City rather than the 21% stated in the original Resolution.
- Councilwoman Raab moved to adopt the Resolution Recreation Passport Grant Program-Resolution of Authorization to Submit Application and Approve Matching Funds for the City of Cheboygan for Major City Park Upgrades, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mallory. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

General Business:

- Consideration to Schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for a Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Abatement as Authorized by Public Act 210 of 2005 for 215 North Main St.
 - Councilwoman Raab moved to schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for a Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Abatement as authorized by Public Act 210 of 2005 for 215 North Main Street, seconded by Councilman Kwiatkowski. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of a Request from Blaine Lavigne to Schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for an Alley Vacation in Block 4 of Patterson's Addition No 1 via Resolution.
 - Councilwoman Raab moved to schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to consider an alley vacation in Block 4 of Patterson's Addition No 1 via Resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Brant. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of a Request from Nicholas Jarvis to Schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to consider a Vacation of a portion of Second Street via Resolution.
 - Councilwoman Brandt moved to schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to consider a vacation of a portion of Second Street between North F Street and Piret Street via Resolution, seconded by Councilman Hocquard. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Site Plan Review for Lume Cheboygan located at 1116 East State Street, Cheboygan, Michigan.
 - City Manager Eustice reported that the Planning Commission unanimously approved the Site Plan Review. Furthermore, Lume Cheboygan is working with the Michigan Department of Transportation to determine the storm water flow, State regulations are more stringent and supersede local requirements.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Mallory moved to approve the Site Plan Review for Lume Cheboygan, located at 1116 East State Street Cheboygan, Michigan, seconded by Councilman Kwiatkowski. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk's and Treasurer's Comments:

- Clerk/Treasurer Brown reported that to date she has received three letters of interest for the vacated City Council seat. Instructions for potential candidates are available online, letters can be submitted to the Clerk until April 22nd. Council will review the candidates and make an appointment at the April 27th meeting.

City Manager's Report:

- City Manager Eustice reported that the application for the City of Cheboygan to become a Coast Guard City was not approved. The committee developed to submit the application is working on developing additional programs to help members stationed in Cheboygan and will reapply.
- City Manager Eustice reported that he is in the early stages of Sewer Contract negotiations with Steve Cheli from the Inverness DDA, they are working on organizing meetings.
- City Manager Eustice reported that City Manager interviews would be held on Thursday, March 25th via Zoom.

Public Comments:

- Ms. Kate Schulz thanked council for approving the Resolution for the Passport Grant Application submission. She also reminded Council that the Recreation Commission no longer has a Council liaison to attend meetings.
- Ms. Nicki Kryska thanked council for the consideration of the tax abatement for 215 North Main Street.
- Mr. Martin Gildner commented that he was out of town and was not notified that the property across from Cheboygan Cement was being sold to Kasey Hocquard and developed for a marijuana business.
- Ms. Connie Rieger thanked council for approving the Recreation Grant Resolution and for their continued service.
- Mr. Louis Vallance commented that the city has misguided priorities by focusing on the fishing pier project rather than fixing the drainage on the east side of town and providing water and sewer services to people who need it.

Council Response to Public Comments:

- Mayor Tebo reported that he plans on appointing a new council member before appointing a new council liaison to the Recreation Commission. He also reported that he would be filling the empty seat on the Organizational Committee.

Committee Updates:

- Councilwoman Brandt reported that the Easter Egg Hunt would be held on Sunday, March 28th at Washington Park at 2:00 p.m.
- Councilman Hocquard reported that the Finance Committee met and discussed the Sewer Contract with Inverness.
- Councilman Kwiatkowski also reported that the Finance Committee met with the State of Michigan EGLE and discussed a consent order along with funding plans for the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades and obtaining bids for the project.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:

- Councilwoman Raab congratulated the City Manager on the birth of his first grandson.

- Councilman Mallory reported that the DDA organized a Downtown cleanup for March 25th at 5:00 p.m. He also reported that council received a letter from Cheboygan Area Public Library requesting some additional considerations for the temporary closure of Pine Street.
- Councilwoman Brandt inquired about the status of the city owned property on US 23 and the status of the bunny wall issue.
 - City Manager Eustice explained that City Attorney Stephen Lindsay is reviewing the questions in regards to the city property and any potential deed restrictions.
 - City Manager Eustice also responded that Alan Granger is in the process of surveying the property so that an additional 12 inches can be deeded to the investors but he does not believe that the DDA plans on any further compensation.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Mayor Leslie A. Tebo

Clerk/Treasurer Bridget E. Brown

Mayor Pro Tem Brett Mallory

Councilwoman Ashley Brandt

Councilman Ken Kwiatkowski

Councilman Kasey Hocquard

Councilwoman Diane E. Raab