

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 6, 2021

The Special City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Tebo via teleconference at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Absent:

General Business:

- City Manager Interviews-Mr. Jason Smith.
 - Mr. Jason Smith Presented his Five-Year Plan for the City of Cheboygan including his goals for Roads & Infrastructure, Increasing Revenues, Economic Development & Blight Elimination, Equipment Maintenance, and the addition of a Quality of Life Department combining Parks & Recreation, Community Development, the Ice Arena, and Event Planning.
 - Mayor Tebo Inquired how he would empower his department heads. Mr. Smith responded that department heads typically have more knowledge in their fields and he trusts their recommendations.
 - DPW/Water & Wastewater Director Karmol inquired how he handles customer complaints and coordinating responses with department heads. Ms. Smith responded that with his media and communications background he would consider this a strength of his. He would craft a message with alternatives that still fit within the City Ordinances.
- Consideration to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Signatories and Appointing a Certified Officer for the Environmental Review for the Community Development Block Grant Application for Big Water-334-336 N Main Street, Cheboygan-5 Apts.
 - Councilwoman Brandt moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Signatories and Appointing a Certified Officer for the Environmental Review for the Community Development Block Grant Application for Big Water-334-336 N Main Street, Cheboygan-5 Apts, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mallory. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration to Schedule a Public Hearing for April 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for public comment on the proposed Community Development Block Grant Application for Big Water-334-336 N. Main Street, Cheboygan-5 Apts.
 - Councilwoman Raab moved to schedule a Public Hearing for April 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for public comment on the proposed Community Development Block Grant Application for Big Water-334-336 N. Main Street, Cheboygan-5 Apts, seconded by Councilman Kwiatkowski. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- City Manager Interviews-Mr. Daniel Sabolsky
 - Mr. Daniel Sabolsky presented his Conceptual Action Plan for the City of Cheboygan with a five year focus. Ms. Sabolosky discussed his ideas for the following areas; Human Resources and Organizational Structure, Budget & Finance, Technology, Community

Input/Feedback/Council Relations, Police and Fire Departments, Wastewater Plant and Sewer Lines, Water and Waste Lines, Parks and Recreation/Ice Rink, Economic Development/Planning/Zoning/Re-Development, Riverfront and Port, and Roads and Sidewalks.

- Councilwoman Brandt inquired about his management style. Ms. Sabolsky responded that he leads by example with a servant type leadership and a consensus basis.
- Mayor Tebo inquired if he agreed or disagreed with letting department heads manage their own departments. Mr. Sabolsky responded that he only gets involved when there is an issue.
- Councilwoman Raab inquired about relocating his family to Michigan. Ms. Sabolsky discussed his plans for moving here and how it worked for his family in the past.
- DPW/Water & Wastewater Director inquired how he deals with customer complaints. Mr. Sabolsky responded that he is by the books and will follow the City Ordinances but isn't opposed to revising ordinances if necessary.
- Councilman Hocquard moved to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to enter into employment negotiations with Mr. Daniel Sabolsky as the first choice candidate and Mr. Jason Smith as the second choice, seconded by Councilwoman Brandt. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

- Ms. Trudy Lofgren commented that Council made a great decision.
- Mr. Louis Vallance commented that Council made the right call.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Mayor Les 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