

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 8, 2021

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

Roll Call:

Mayor Tebo reported Councilwoman Brandt resigned effective June 3, 2021.

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

Absent:

Approval of Agenda and Receive and File All Communications:

- Mayor Pro Tem Mallory moved to approve the agenda and receive and file all communication, seconded by Councilman Hocquard. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

- Councilman Kwiatkowski moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting minutes of May 25, 2021 as presented, seconded by Councilman Hocquard. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications and Petitions:

- Scott Susalla, Branding and Marketing Presentation.
 - Mr. Scott Susalla presented his branding and marketing projects for Strait5 Creative and his idea for a magazine highlighting the communities on the Northeast side of the Lower Peninsula.
- Ron Marshall, Citizens Climate Lobby
 - Mr. Rom Marshall with the Citizens Climate Lobby, presented on the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, specifically how imposing a price on carbon can reduce higher global temperatures.
- Bryan Groff, Social District Proposal
 - Mr. Bryan Groff with the Cheboygan Brewing Company, presented his proposal on the temporary closure of Pine Street and the development of a social district.
 - Councilman Hocquard moved to add Consideration of the Social District Proposal to the June 22, 2021 Regular City Council agenda for formal action, seconded by Councilman Kwiatkowski, motion carried unanimously.

Bills and Disbursements:

- Prepaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of May 2021.
 - Councilwoman Raab moved to approve the prepaid bills and disbursements for the month of May 2021 in the amount of \$262,964.71, seconded by Councilman Kwiatkowski. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

- Unpaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of May 2021.
 - Councilman Hocquard moved to approve the unpaid bills and disbursements for the month of May 2021 in the amount of \$201,940.95, seconded by Councilman Archambo. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

General Business:

- Consideration to place 6-Month Delinquent Water/Sewer Utility Bills as Liens on the 2021 Summer Tax Roll.
 - Clerk/Treasurer explained the process for placing the delinquent water/sewer utility bills as tax liens for any amounts 6 months past due as of September 1, 2020.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Mallory moved to approve the placing of 6-month delinquent water/sewer utility bills as liens on the 2021 Summer Tax Roll and direct the City Assessor to spread these amounts against the properties, seconded by Councilman Kwiatkowski. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Bids-Fire Truck
 - Councilwoman Raab moved to award the bid for the purchase of the City owned property, being a 1985 GMC 7000 Series Firetruck to Mr. Brandon Latsch in the amount of \$3,335.00, with the purchaser bearing all costs with regard to any fee associated with purchase of property, seconded by Councilman Archambo. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration to Schedule a Public Hearing for June 22, 2021.
 - Councilwoman Raab moved to schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, June 22, 2021 to file an application for federal financial assistance with the United States Department of Agriculture for water system improvements, replacements and rehabilitation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mallory. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Art Mural by the Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce.
 - City Manager Tom Eustice explained the mural would be painted by Ben Dratnell at no cost to the City.
 - Councilwoman Raab moved to allow the Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce paint an art mural in the hallway of Washington Park public restrooms, seconded by Councilman Kwiatkowski. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Donation.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Mallory moved to accept the donation from Thomas Chastain of Property at 321 S Main Street, being parcel #054-P41-003-009-00, seconded by Councilwoman Raab. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk's and Treasurer's Comments:

- Clerk Treasurer/Brown reported the notices for filling the vacant council seats have been posted online and published in the newspaper. Affidavits of Identity and Nomination petitions for the November 2, 2021 Special Election are due to the City Clerk by July 20, 2021.

City Manager's Report:

- City Manager Tom Eustice reported the incoming City Manager will start Monday, June 21st. He is in the process of working out living arrangements.

Public Comments:

- Ms. Trudy Lofgren thanked Council for fixing the pavers at the corner of State Street and Water Street.
- Mr. Dale Rieger commended the city staff for being hardworking and conducting themselves as public servants.
- Ms. Diane Mills commented on the recent generosity of the citizens during the poppy seed sale, over \$6,000 was raised.
- Ms. Connie Rieger thanked the city for accepting the donation of the riverfront property from Tom Chastain and thanked everyone for their hard work.

Committee Updates:

- Mayor Pro Tem Mallory reported the DDA is moving forward with the elevator repairs at the pedestrian bridge. They are also working on the Government for Tomorrow program and the board has elected new officers. Other projects include the Main Street website, the placement of Urn-E, the rain garden at Water Street parking lot, and the planters downtown. A special meeting is scheduled for June 11th to authorize the transfer of the "Bunny Wall" to the developers.
- Councilwoman Raab reported the Historic Resource Commission met and they are working on redefining the direction of the commission. She also reported the new tower for the CCE 911 emergency services has been installed.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:

- Mayor Tebo reported the date and time of the Fourth of July parade has been updated, it will be held on Saturday, July 3, 2021 at 10:00 am with the same route as years prior.
- Councilman Hocquard inquired about the potential donation from The Woods. City Manager Eustice responded that he will invite representatives from the company to a council meeting for further discussion. Councilman Hocquard also inquired on the status of the property line issues for Mr. Preseau. City Manager Eustice responded that City Attorney Stephen Lindsay has all of the necessary paperwork drafted and Mr. Preseau is satisfied with the resolution.
- Mayor Tebo inquired about a street cutout on Center Street and when that would be repaired. City Manager Eustice responded that the street is scheduled to be repaired this summer.
- Councilman Kwiatkowski inquired when the elevators at the footbridge would be operational. City Manager Eustice responded they expect the repairs to be completed this summer.
- Mayor Pro Tem Mallory requested that the worn out sign at the Wastewater Treatment Plant be replaced.
- Mayor Tebo inquired about the status of a Blight Enforcement Officer. City Manager Eustice reported a part-time employee has been hired.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Mayor Leslie A. Tebo

Clerk/Treasurer Bridget E. Brown

Councilman Brett Mallory

Councilwoman Ashley Brandt

Councilman Ken Kwiatkowski

Councilman Kasey Hocquard

Councilwoman Diane E. Raab

Councilman RJ Archambo