

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 9, 2021

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Mallory in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Tebo joined the meeting via teleconference.

Roll Call:

Present: Kwiatkowski, Tebo, Raab, Mallory, Darling, Mills, and Hocquard.

Absent:

Approval of Agenda and Receive and File all Communications:

- Councilman Kwiatkowski moved to approve the agenda and receive and file all communications, seconded by Councilwoman Mills. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

- Councilwoman Mills moved to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of October 26, 2021, as presented, seconded by Councilman Hocquard. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings:

- Consideration to approve a Site Plan and Special Use Zoning Land Use Application.
 - The Public Hearing was opened at 7:02 p.m.
 - Ms. Lois Giles, who lives across the street from the school inquired what the solar panels would look like, how much sound they would make and whether there would be any landscaping.
 - Mr. Paul Clark spoke on behalf of the school, he discussed the money that the schools can save by using solar energy. He also reported the panels do not make any noise and landscaping could be added.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Mallory read a comment into the record from a Mr. Marvin Socha who also inquired about the noise, whether the wires would be run underground and whether there would be any landscaping. City Manager Sabolsky responded that there would not be any noise, the wires would be run underground, and no landscaping is currently required.
 - Councilman Kwiatkowski asked how far the installation of the panels would be from the playground. City Manager Sabolsky responded the panels would be installed on the opposite side of the property.
 - Ms. Debbie Bills commented that many kids use the playground after hours and asked how they would be kept off the panels.
 - Ms. Lois Giles inquired about the height of the panels. City Manager Sabolsky responded the panels would be approximately 5 ft tall.
 - The Public Hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

- Council discussed the potential for the City to be held liable for injuries
- Mr. Amos Perry commented that he and his brother strongly object to the project, the panels generate too much heat.
- Councilman Hocquard moved to approve the site plan and issue a Special Use Permit for Cheboygan Area School to allow Harvest Energy Solutions LLC to install a 4,800 square foot ground mounted solar array system at 428 Garfield Avenue, Cheboygan, Michigan, seconded by Councilwoman Raab. A roll call vote was taken. Yes Votes: Kwiatkowski, Raab, Hocquard, Darling, Tebo, and Mallory. No votes: Mills. Motion carried.

Departments, Board and Commissions:

- Office of Emergency Management, September Monthly Report

Bills and Disbursements:

- Prepaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of October 2021.
 - Councilman Kwiatkowski moved to approve the prepaid bills and disbursements for the month of October 2021 in the amount of \$1,354,420.40. seconded by Councilwoman Raab. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.
- Unpaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of October 2021.
 - Councilwoman Raab moved to approve the unpaid bills and disbursements for the month of October 2021 in the amount of \$54,913.14, seconded by Councilwoman Mills. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried unanimously.

General Business:

- Consideration of Site Plan.
 - Councilwoman Raab moved to approve the Site Plan Application for JTY Realty/Northern Michigan Engineering, located at 399 MM Riggs Dr, Cheboygan, Michigan, contingent on paved parking, seconded by Councilman Kwiatkowski. A roll call vote was taken. Yes Votes: Darling, Tebo, Mallory, Kwiatkowski, Raab and Hocquard. No votes: Mills. Motion carried.
- Consideration of Appointment.
 - Councilwoman Mills moved to appoint Keith Knecht to the Historic Resources Commission, term to expire March 25, 2022, seconded by Councilwoman Darling. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Appointment.
 - Councilwoman Raab moved to appoint Mali Thomas to the Historic Resources Commission, term to expire March 25, 2024, seconded by Councilwoman Mills. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk's and Treasurer's Comments:

- Revenue & Expense by Fund as of October 31, 2021.

City Manager’s Report:

- City Manager Sabolsky updated Council on several ongoing projects including: a meeting with Tip of the Mitt Watershed to address the dam, plan approval for the Fishing Pier Project, new employees and applicants for the City, an interview with Mike Grisdale, the Inverness Sewer Contract, charging stations, the Bois Blanc Island Tribunal, updating the Marijuana Ordinance, the ARPA Budget, the new infrastructure bills and an update on the elevators at the footbridge.

Committee Updates:

- Councilwoman Raab reported the Historic Resources Commission is still working on the new ordinance. She reported the 911 Board would be meeting later in the week and they are still determining membership. Lastly, she reported on her discussion with the Army Corp of Engineers regarding dredging of the Cheboygan River.
- Mayor Pro Tem Mallory reported the DDA Main Street Board tabled the closed session at the last meeting. The Board is working on getting the amended TIF Plan approved. They are also working on securing a contract with Hometown Heroes.

Adjournment:

- Councilman Kwiatkowski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Mills. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Leslie A. Tebo

Clerk/Treasurer Bridget E. Brown

Mayor Pro Tem Brett Mallory

Councilwoman Diane Mills

Councilman Ken Kwiatkowski

Councilman Kasey Hocquard

Councilwoman Diane E. Raab

Councilwoman Mary Darling