

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 25, 2023

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

Roll Call:

Present: Raab, Mallory, Mills, Dodd, Darling and Bedwin.

Absent: Kwiatkowski

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:

- None.

Approval of Agenda and Receive and File all Communications:

- Councilwoman Mills moved to approve the agenda and receive and file all communications. Seconded by Councilwoman Raab. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

- Councilwoman Darling moved to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of June 27, 2023, as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Mills. Motion carried unanimously.
- Councilwoman Dodd moved to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes of June 13, 2023, as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Mills. Motion carried unanimously.

Departments, Board and Commissions:

- Office of Emergency Management, June Report.
- Cheboygan Fire Department, June Report.
 - Councilwoman Raab expressed her appreciation for these reports.

Bills and Disbursements:

- Prepaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of June 2023.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin moved to approve the prepaid bills and disbursements for the month of June 2023 in the amount of \$1,077,559.47. Seconded by Councilwoman Darling.
 - Councilwoman Mills commented that this document is titled as a "Check Register", she would like it documented and titled as the unpaids or prepaid bills.
 - A roll call vote was taken. Councilwoman Dodd abstained from voting on check number 35478 to Dodd's Tree Service. Motion carried unanimously.
- Prepaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of July 2023.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin moved to approve the prepaid bills and disbursements for the month of July 2023 in the amount of \$1,629,725.47. Seconded by Councilwoman Mills.
 - Councilwoman Mills commented regarding the title of the document being "Check Register".

- Executive Assistant Casey Clear explained the difference in the report presented to Council today and the report they are used to getting. The check register is a report generated right from BS&A's system. Clear said she could contact BS&A to see if they can change the standard name of their report. The check register are checks that have been issued and have been paid. The next report for the unpaids says "Invoice Register", those are invoices still in the system waiting for the checks to be printed, to be paid.
- Councilwoman Mills expressed that she understands what Clear is explaining, she just wants the document title to match what is in the motion.
- Clear explained the previous process of how the unpaid and prepaid report was generated.
- A roll call vote was taken. Councilwoman Dodd abstained from voting on check number 35507 to Dodd's Tree Service. Motion carried unanimously.
- Unpaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of July 2023.
 - Councilwoman Mills moved to approve the unpaid bills and disbursements for the month of July 2023 in the amount of \$32,423.65, also known as the invoice register for the City of Cheboygan. Seconded by Councilwoman Darling.
 - A roll call vote was taken. Councilwoman Dodd abstained from the payment to be made to Dodd's Tree service. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions:

- Consideration of Resolution Adopting the Cheboygan County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
 - Councilwoman Dodd moved to adopt the resolution adopting the Cheboygan County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Seconded by Councilwoman Mills.
 - Sabolsky explained what the Hazard Mitigation Plan is to Council.
 - A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

General Business:

- Consideration to Rezone the Property located at 525 E State St (R-2) Two Family Residential to (B-1) Local Business, Parcel ID #052-W59-004-001-01.
 - Councilwoman Mills moved to rezone the property located at 525 E State Street, Parcel ID #052-W59-004-001-01 from (R-2) Two Family Residential to (B-1) Local Business. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin.
 - Councilwoman Mills asked that since this is going to be used as a church, has the parking issue been resolved.
 - Sabolsky said that is a condition under their special use permit. Sabolsky has not received a parking plan from them yet. Part of the parcel is zoned correctly, and another part of the parcel is not zoned correctly. With this motion, Sabolsky said Council is clearing up the discretion in the zoning. The Planning Commission is in favor of this. Sabolsky explained that the building was zoned B-1 already, and the vacant lot next to the building was not (it was zoned R-2).
 - A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.
- Fee Schedule for the City of Cheboygan Ice Rink/Ralph G. Cantile Arena.
 - Councilwoman Darling moved to approve the 2023/2024 fee schedule for the City of Cheboygan Ice Rink/Ralph G. Cantile Arena. Seconded by Councilwoman Mills.

- Councilwoman Darling asked why the fee was higher for men's league versus the women's league.
- Sabolsky explained that the men's league has more people compared to the women's league, so the cost is divided between more people for the men's league versus the women's league. Sabolsky explained that is how it has always been done. Youth Hockey is the largest user of the ice, so they have always been given a lower rate because of that, same with the High School Hockey team. Sabolsky said it will not fully cover our loss for the ice rink. This will generate between \$15,000 - \$17,000 in more revenue based on past experiences. The last time rates were raised was in 2017. Sabolsky said that the ice rink is an enterprise fund; we had some really rough years financially with the ice rink while it was closed during the COVID pandemic. That was a large loss that the City is still carrying.
- Mayor Mallory suggested clarifying the User Group Fees. Mayor Mallory assumed the rate was per person for the year.
- Sabolsky said the rate is per hour.
- A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Bids.
 - Councilwoman Mills moved to award the bid for the Court Street Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Replacement to J&N Construction in the amount of \$4,271,884.60. Seconded by Councilwoman Dodd.
 - Councilwoman Darling asked if there was a start date.
 - Sabolsky directed Councilwoman Darling's question to Hubbell, Roth and Clark representative, Bryan Swenson.
 - Swenson doesn't know the exact start date yet. Swenson does know that the projected project finish date is November 15th of this year. Swenson believes the start date will be as soon as possible.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin clarified the targeted completion of November 2023.
 - Swenson said that is the intent.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin said Council was told Court Street would be next years project.
 - Swenson said there were three different options for completion; to have Court Street done this year, to split the job up between this fall and next summer, or do the entire project next summer. J&N let HRC know that they wanted to finish it this year.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin asked how much of Court Street is being done.
 - Swenson said they are doing from Huron Street to Watson Street, he believes.
 - Councilwoman Dodd inquired about what bid bonds are.
 - Sabolsky explained what a bid bond is to Council.
 - Mayor Mallory asked if Sabolsky could explain the money figures on the document.
 - Sabolsky said that most of the money is coming from the SRF funds. On this bid, we could use our PA 51 funds for the road construction. We are estimating that about \$390,000 will come out of the PA 51 fund, but it could be as high as a million. Sabolsky said we have those funds.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin said that he thought the million dollars in that fund was being set aside for Court Street once we got a matching State grant, but since we are doing it this year, does that free up money for additional projects next year.

- Sabolsky said it will, we didn't have to use the match for this because we got the full grant. Sabolsky said there are some monies out there that we can use on other projects.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin clarified that this year we are doing Mill Street and Court Street and Cuyler Street and Huron Street are next year.
 - Sabolsky said yes, if we get the grant funding. Sabolsky said we have an application in for that and we are hoping to get it. We do keep putting money away in the event we do need a match, but we have been very fortunate on these projects because it did not require a match.
 - Clear said that when you see the CWSRF and DWSRF, those are the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. Different funds are used for different parts of the project. Clear said for the lead service line and these two parts of Court Street, it was 100% grant funded through ARPA. Clear explained that we request the funds and then we can pay the contractors once we receive the funds.
 - Councilwoman Raab asked how the order in which the roads would get fixed was decided.
 - Sabolsky said that Jason Karmol, about 5-6 years ago, had all our roads ranked. Sabolsky said we use that selection system to figure out which street would be next.
 - Clear said for the lead service line replacement, that is going to be determined on the amount of identified lead service lines in the area. Clear said as we are going out and checking more areas, it might reprioritize different areas of the town depending on the amount of lead service lines.
 - Mayor Mallory said the number that concerned him was the big red one and if Sabolsky could explain that figure.
 - Sabolsky said that is the contingencies. Sabolsky said if you take the red number and add it to the \$390,000, you get about a million dollars. If you go to the second page of the letter, you'll see "could be up to a million dollars". So, if we don't use the contingencies, then that money can be used for something else.
 - Councilwoman Mills asked how citizens will be notified of the construction.
 - Sabolsky said that once the bids are taken care of, we will work to get the word out to the residents in that area. Sabolsky hasn't decided on how to inform the residents, but that will be figured out.
 - Mayor Mallory asked if any residents will be 'locked in' during the project.
 - Swenson said that part of the construction is that they cannot lock in a house for more than one day. They have to be informed prior to doing that. If they have special circumstances where they have to be in and out of their home during the day, then they have to be provided another way for access. Whether that be another driveway made of gravel, or something of that nature so they can still enter and exit their property.
 - Mayor Mallory asked about the specifics of the construction project.
 - Swenson said that he is not sure on the specifics of the construction project just yet, they need to talk to J&N and find out what their construction plan is going to be.
 - A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Bids.

- Councilwoman Mills moved to award the bid for the Lead Service Line Replacement and Service Line Material Verification Program to Underground Infrastructure Services in the amount of \$552,395.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Dodd.
- Councilwoman Raab asked where all the money is coming from for all these projects.
- Sabolsky said that this project and the project for Court Street, that they just awarded the bid to, are grant funded from the Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF. Sabolsky said they were supposed to be loans, but because of our financial condition and the well handling of EGLE funds, it was given to us in grants. We do not have to pay this back. Sabolsky said that this money that Council is approving, with the exception of the road in the Court Street project (the project Council just awarded the bid for), which was \$390,000, and possibly up to a million dollars, is paid for by a grant. The \$390,000, possibly up to a million dollars, would come out of a fund called PA 51, which is money we get from the State for major road improvements. Karmol has been saving it for projects like this. Sabolsky explained how other major projects are being paid for.
- Councilwoman Raab asked for the price for building a new water tower.
- Swenson responded that he couldn't say the exact cost, but its whatever the bid came in at.
- Sabolsky said that those bids were approved about a month ago.
- Council and Sabolsky discussed other projects.
- A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Reappointment.
 - Councilwoman Mills moved to reappoint Christy Stempky to the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors, term to expire June 23, 2027. Seconded by Councilwoman Darling.
 - Council discussed commission by-laws.
 - A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager's Report:

- Sabolsky reported that it was announced that the City and the Little League received a grant from the County's Youth Grant Program for \$100,000. Those funds will be used to construct a building about 1,000 square feet with a concession stand, warming area and bathrooms. Sabolsky has started to work with the engineer on the project. Sabolsky thanked the Little League and other organizations that participated with the City on this. Sabolsky also expressed his appreciation for the County's support. This building will be in Major City Park. Sabolsky said another \$50,000 is needed to complete the project.
- Sabolsky discussed the Michigan Community Center Grant application. Sabolsky will be working on this grant for Major City Park. It is for income eligible communities. For this grant, you can apply for capital projects or programming projects and Sabolsky thinks we need to go for capital projects. There are a number of buildings in that area that need some help. Sabolsky said that we could also use some of that money for the ice area and the recreation center. The City could receive up to 2.5 million dollars. Sabolsky said he will start working on that soon and the grant is due August 31st.
- Sabolsky said that the City will also be putting in for the Consumers Energy Grant. We first need to submit a letter of interest. If we are selected, then we can apply to up to \$250,000. There are

two categories that they are funding and those categories are neighborhood revitalization and the other is arts and culture. Sabolsky wanted to let Council know that it is an extremely competitive grant. He is not sure what we will apply for yet regarding this grant.

- Tokio Insurance, our property and liability carrier, met with Sabolsky. He met with Risk Assessor, Lori Burton. Sabolsky said that we have a number of issues that we need to address. Burton was impressed by our improvements and progress since the last time she was here. Burton will provide us some sample policies and documents that we can use and modify so that we are more compliant with what our insurance company is looking for. Burton also told us to apply to their grant cycles. Burton suggested putting in for some cameras at City Hall and some security measures for City Hall.
- Sabolsky has been looking into leases on City properties. Sabolsky is working on finding all the lease agreements for the City for properties and right of ways. Sabolsky has reached out to someone at the USGS regarding the boats down there. They do owe us some funds from the last few years. We currently have a permit for the right of way, and on the permit they wrote terms of a lease. Sabolsky is unsure of how they were able to do this. Lindsay and Sabolsky have met and discussed this. Going forward, we will have leases with conditions and specifics. Sabolsky mentioned a group called the Azar Group, they are over between US Oil and Walstrom Marine. Sabolsky cannot find a copy of a lease or application. A gentleman from the Azar Group provided Sabolsky a document, but it was not signed by the Azar Group or the City. Sabolsky said that if they do not find us any proper paperwork, Sabolsky will have to ask them to move their equipment. The equipment is an old ferry, an old crane, and an old barge that is stuck in the mud. Sabolsky said there are a number of locations that he has to contact where people are using City right of way or City property. Sabolsky will get them into a lease so the City is getting properly compensated for our land/use of our land.
- Regarding the fishing piers, Sabolsky reported that construction has been completed, the building inspection has been finished and he believes the occupancy permit has been issued. Sabolsky said some differences are trying to be settled between the soil erosion inspector and our contractor. There are some wetlands over where the piers are on the boardwalk. Sabolsky said they are trying to get us to do some improvements to that, which we don't want to get involved with. Sabolsky explained that when wetlands are involved, there are new sets of permits, applications and other things along that line. He reported that he will let Council know how that's going when there is more information.
- Sabolsky said that we are waiting to hear if we got the Sparks Grant. Those funds will be used to pave the Children's Trail and install the other three fishing piers. Sabolsky thinks we have a good chance of getting that.
- Sabolsky will be gone from August 13th through the 16th. He attending his first major conference since he has been here. Sabolsky reported that it's the Michigan Economic Developers Association Meeting in Marquette. Sabolsky said there are quite a few workshops on housing that he will be attending.
- Regarding the Walstrom project, Lindsay and Sabolsky met with representatives from Walstrom to modify the existing easement and record a new one. We have a sewer line that goes under their existing building and we have a sewer line that goes under their new building that they are building. Sabolsky said we are trying to get that all straightened out so that if something happens to that sewer line and we have to cut up concrete floors and other things such as that,

we are not responsible. Sabolsky explained that when you have an easement, that means you have a right to get to that land. If they are putting a layer of concrete over, we are working out with Walstrom that they would pay to remove that layer. Any excavation under that would be our responsibility because we would have to do that whether the concrete was over it or not. Sabolsky also reported that he finalized the details of the landscaping plan with Walstrom's CEO. Sabolsky is waiting on some final documents on that.

- Regarding Rehmann Group, the Finance Committee, Sabolsky, and Clear met with Mike from Rehmann. They discussed the process and next steps of modernizing the City's financials. Mike said that Clear is doing a great job as our finance person.
- Schneider, Daily and Sabolsky met with the Commander of the Army Corps of Engineers at Gordon Turner Park. They shared their maintenance plan for 2023. They will be up here in a couple of weeks to start some renovations as well as cleaning up some of the brush and debris. Sabolsky asked them to remove some of the brush for us at the Crib Light while they are out there. Sabolsky said they will replace some of the old signs while they are out there, replace some rocks that have been displaced by some of the storms and they will also paint the blue railing. Sabolsky said that the City has painted the red railing around the Crib Light. Sabolsky said he, the DDA and the Chamber of Commerce walked around Gordon Turner Park gathering ideas on what to do to revitalize the park.
- Sabolsky explained that the reason some of the City Hall parking lot is torn up is because we are fixing the storm sewers. Sabolsky said that Schneider and him have been looking into paving and striping the City Hall parking lot as well as the Huron Street parking lot. Schneider has approached her Executive Committee about paving and striping the lots; she will be seeking approval at the next DDA meeting.
- Sabolsky had a meeting with MDOT about the Route 23 project. That will be taking place in 2028. They will be working on Duncan to past the bridge on Little Black River. Sabolsky asked for some improvements near Main Street and Huron Street because he feels that a lot of that is not safe; people come around those corners very fast and we have a lot of pedestrians in that area. Sabolsky also asked for a crosswalk at Kiwanis Park and some lights to slow down traffic. Sabolsky also brought up the crosswalks and having those painted. MDOT told Sabolsky that they do not have the funds to do that this year, but he sent Sabolsky the guidelines for painting the crosswalks. Schneider and Sabolsky are seeking out some quotes to get that done.
- Mayor Mallory commented that one of the signs for the crosswalk got hit the other day and it seems to be leaning into traffic a bit.
- Sabolsky responded that it is a State sign, but he may be able to send someone out to try to fix it.
- Regarding the pocket park, Sabolsky is working with Kurt Chambers to resolve the issues with the pocket park. Sabolsky reported that there is some debate among the various groups in the area about the spelling of Cheboygan and the meaning of Cheboygan. In August, they will be meeting and having a discussion to try to figure out a compromise. We are looking for grant funding to pay for some improvements in that park such as landscaping, some pavers, some benches, etc. Sabolsky reported to Council that he has put the pocket park on hold because he doesn't want to move forward if we need to possibly come back and change things or add things.

- Regarding the Police Union contract, Sabolsky has received a letter of acceptance of our offer, with a minor caveat that Sabolsky is sure they can get resolved before the next meeting. The details of the contract will be provided to Council. Sabolsky reminded Council that when the draft contract is provided to Council, that it needs to remain confidential.
- There is a MEDC Regional meeting tomorrow. Sabolsky will be attending some of that. They will be showcasing some of our businesses in town. Anyone involved in economic development in the region should be there.
- Sabolsky commented that the Fire Department Picnic and the Coast Guard event were both great and people seemed to be enjoying themselves at both events.
- Sabolsky discussed the event at the wastewater treatment plant that he, Karmol, Councilwoman Mills and representatives from EGLE attended. EGLE took great videos and photos of our wastewater treatment plant.
- Sabolsky reported that we have hired Kortny Hahn. Hahn will be working for the City part time to write stories regarding the City and to help spread the word about things happening in town. Sabolsky said that we will be posting a monthly newsletter to go out that Hahn will help us with.

Public Comments:

- David Rutkas lives at 528 S Huron street, the historic Jacob Post house. Rutkas said that he is the author of the public comment provided in the packet. Rutkas came to Council to restate his concerns and request regarding the Historic District ordinance. Rutkas expressed that he was surprised the ordinance was passed and discussed the items in the ordinance that concern him. Rutkas stated that he is committed to historic preservation and doesn't want to impede in any way from property owners seeking grant funding for historic preservation. Rutkas says that the new ordinance causes more burdens and he has a hard time identifying the benefits. Rutkas said that the CLG program does not provide financial benefit to individual property owners. Rutkas explained the burdens that property owners would have due to this ordinance. Rutkas requested Council to reconsider the implications of this ordinance and to consider modern amendments and when Council chooses to implement this, to implement for properties that absolutely need historic preservation so it doesn't burden the citizens.

Council Response to Public Comments:

- Councilwoman Darling asked about the plaque that Rutkas mentioned in his letter.
- Rutkas stated that under the previous ordinance, Historic Resource, by opting into that system, you received a plaque that designated your property as a Cheboygan historic resource. Rutkas is wondering since that program/ordinance was repealed, does the plaque need to be returned. Since Council repealed that ordinance, Rutkas said that the program that gave the plaques doesn't exist anymore and asked Council for clarification.
- Mayor Mallory said that would be his assumption.
- Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin said that about a month ago, he voiced concerns about the Historic District Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin told Rutkas that the final paragraph of his letter matches with his thoughts on the matter. Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin said that the Historic District ordinance has been passed and there is a very motivated group of people who are on that Commission. The comments that Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin said a month ago were not meant to

get them to stop and say this isn't worth pursuing, the CLG has a value. Based on Rutkas' letter, its caused Sabolsky and Council to do some research. The funds through the CLG can only be applied for by local governments. With the research, all the people who have gotten money due to the CLG status were all cities, not individual property owners. Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin said that the primary focus of launching this Historic District Commission, the goal cannot even be achieved based on the guidelines of that State program. Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin said that some major thought does need to go into what the Historic District Commission is going to do or not do. Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin said that the ordinance was passed and unless we repeal it, it needs to be followed concerning appointments and procedures. Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin said that him and Mayor Mallory were in the City Hall building last week and a man showed up and said that he is on the Study Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin said that there is no Study Committee because it has not been created by Council yet. If we are going to go forward with this ordinance, it needs to be done right and it needs to be done in a way that it makes sense for the residents.

Committee Updates:

- Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin said that the Finance Committee met on Friday. They were given an update on the study of the Inverness sewer rates. They also met with Rehmann Group and learned about how they are modernizing and updating the finance software. They let the Finance Committee know that detailed financial reports are on their way.
- Councilwoman Raab reported on the Historic District Commission. Councilwoman Raab told Rutkas that the Commission got his letter and she appreciates everything that he wrote. Councilwoman Raab said that we were suppose to revisit this issue in the first Council meeting in July, which was cancelled. Councilwoman Raab reported that the ordinance for the Historic District Commission follows State guidelines from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Councilwoman Raab discussed the ordinance and the Commission. Councilwoman Raab said that there are currently four people appointed to the Commission and many other people that want to be apart of the Commission. Regarding the Study Committee, Councilwoman Raab said that she did not see in the ordinance that they had to be appointed by the Mayor/Council. Councilwoman Raab said she has been the liaison for this Commission since she has been on Council and discussed the importance of preservation and the passion that people have. Councilwoman Raab asked what the City wants the Commission to do. If the Commission is doing something wrong, they will fix it.
- Mayor Mallory said that he has told Councilwoman Raab that he would like a meeting with a few people on the Historic District Commission and a few Council members. Hopefully the questions Councilwoman Raab is asking can be answered with this meeting.
- Sabolsky suggested also inviting Rutkas to said meeting to point out his concerns. Sabolsky said that from the beginning, we were told that this CLG program could help the property owners, but from the research that Sabolsky did, he found that it will not help property owners. It will help the City if we choose to use it and have eligible properties, it can also help non-profits. Sabolsky said that last year, only \$171,000 was granted through this CLG program. Sabolsky discussed historic preservation and the ordinance. Sabolsky mentioned the advertisement for the Commission to have an architect appointed. Sabolsky talked to Mayor Mallory and Mayor

Pro Tem Bedwin and they would prefer to put that on hold until all of this confusion regarding the Commission is figured out. Sabolsky discussed the City Hall/Opera House building.

- Councilwoman Raab asked if we should consider disbanding the Commission.
- Sabolsky thinks this meeting between Council and the Commission should happen. After the meeting and discussion, everyone can be on the same page moving forward regarding the Commission and historic preservation.
- Councilwoman Dodd said that the DDA did not meet.
- Councilwoman Mills reported that the Housing Commission met on the 18th of July. The general contractor was there and gave a breakdown of the 4-million-dollar project to rehab the housing units. Councilwoman Mills said the last piece of the puzzle is called Section 18, it is part of the package that has to go to HUD to get approved to be able to move forward and to start actually doing construction to these units. Councilwoman Mills said that Section 18 is no more than a checklist full of things needed such as the Declaration of Trust, award of the contracts, MOU's to be signed, etc. The Housing Director is working on that. There was a resolution passed at the Housing meeting; they are trying to get \$600,000 awarded to them and those funds would be applied to some of these expenses. They are looking for a part time Intake Specialist and there are two vacancies on the Commission.
- Councilwoman Raab asked if the Declaration of Trust could be explained.
- Councilwoman Mills said, in a nutshell, where the Cleveland Avenue apartments sit, its also sitting on the park. There was a trust that said all of that property belongs to the Housing Authority. There was suppose to be a split between the park and the housing and the split was never recorded. The Declaration of Trust needs to record that split.
- Sabolsky described the mistake that happened years ago regarding the split; a wrong legal description was used. Sabolsky discussed the way it is being corrected in present day.
- Councilwoman Darling discussed the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. At the meeting, they discussed the possibility of a dog park. Councilwoman Darling said the specifics regarding the dog park still need to be discussed and they are working on that. The Commission also discussed Felix Merchant Park and they thanked Sabolsky and City staff for removing all the old equipment. The next step for the Commission is discussing what to do next with Felix Merchant Park. David Martin is the lead on that project so he will be meeting with Sabolsky to discuss that with him. The Commission also discussed communication and Sabolsky discussed how there will be a newsletter coming out. Councilwoman Darling also reported that John Gravlin resigned from the Commission. Regarding the Board of Commissioners, Councilwoman Darling reported that they got a grant for the Orchard Beach Bridge. Councilwoman Darling commented on topics discussed at the BOC meeting such as reports from the hospital, the fair, and possible skylights being put in the jail. Councilwoman Darling said that the County has a new police vehicle.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:

- Mayor Mallory asked when Mill Street is starting.
- Sabolsky said that they are supposed to start this week.
- Mayor Mallory said that he toured the hospital a few weeks ago and they will be opening the mental health facility soon. There are 18 rooms in there. They mentioned possibly putting

money into the ER in the future. Mayor Mallory expressed his appreciation for City staff for taking on extra responsibilities while being short staffed.

- Councilwoman Raab and Councilwoman Darling also expressed their appreciation for City staff.
- Council thanked Phil Jankoviak for painting the fire hydrants.

Adjournment:

- Mayor Mallory adjourned the meeting at 8:46pm.

Mayor Brett Mallory

Clerk Alyssa Singles

Mayor Pro Tem Adam Bedwin

Councilwoman Diane Mills

Councilman Kenneth Kwiatkowski

Councilwoman Mary Darling

Councilwoman Diane E. Raab

Councilwoman Hayley Dodd