

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 11, 2024

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: Bedwin, Kwiatkowski, Dodd, Mallory, Darling, Mills.

Absent: Raab

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:

- No comments.

Approval of Agenda and Receive and File all Communications:

- Councilwoman Dodd moved to approve the agenda and receive and file all communications. Seconded by Councilwoman Darling. Motion carried.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

- Councilwoman Mills moved to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of May 28, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin. Motion carried.

Communications and Petitions:

- Cheboygan Fire Department, May Report.
- Cheboygan Police Department, May Report.

Bills and Disbursements:

- Prepaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of May 2024.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin moved to approve the prepaid bills and disbursements for the month of May 2024 in the amount of \$938,076.14. Seconded by Councilman Kwiatkowski.
 - Councilwoman Darling inquired regarding payments made to Rehmann. Treasurer Clear discussed the payments to Rehmann explaining that check 36707 was approved at the meeting in May in the unpaid bills report. Today, they would be approving the payment of \$3,915.00 to Rehmann. Clear, City Manager Sabolsky and Council discussed the future plans for utilizing Rehmann.
 - A roll call vote was taken. Councilwoman Dodd abstained from voting on check number 36754 to Dodd's Tree Service. Motion carried.
- Unpaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of May 2024.

- Councilwoman Mills moved to approve the unpaid bills and disbursements for the month of May 2024 in the amount of \$67,077.31. Seconded by Councilwoman Dodd.
- A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions:

- Consideration of Resolution.
 - Councilwoman Mills moved to approve the Resolution for the Cleveland Avenue Roadway Reconstruction Project funded by the Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program. Seconded by Councilman Kwiatkowski.
 - Sabolsky and Council discussed the project, the sources of funding, and the Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program.
 - A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Resolution.
 - Councilman Kwiatkowski moved to approve the Resolution for the Garfield Avenue Roadway Reconstruction Project funded by the Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin.
 - 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 2024 Summer Tax Roll.
 - Councilwoman Dodd moved to approve the placing of 6-month delinquent water/sewer utility bills as Liens on the 2024 Summer Tax Roll and direct the City Assessor to spread these amounts against the properties. Seconded by Councilwoman Mills.
 - Clear and Council discussed the water tax liens.
 - A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Recommended 2024-2025 Property-Tax Millage Rates for the Bonds and City Operation Requirements.
 - Councilwoman Darling moved to approve the recommended property tax-millage rates for the bonds and operation requirements as presented. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin.
 - Clear explained the L-4029 document to Council and explained all the tax rates.
 - A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.
- Listing of Public Auction Item.
 - Councilwoman Dodd moved to allow the City of Cheboygan staff to list the presented item online for public auction. Seconded by Councilwoman Darling.
 - A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager's Report:

- Sabolsky reported on the concession stand project. We are waiting on an erosion permit and a footer inspection. DPW will be roughing in the water and sewer connections next week.
- Work has started on Huron and Cuyler. Sabolsky is hoping for the rest of Court Street to be paved next week so that can be back open.
- The paving of Division Street is done and that street is back open.

- Interviews for Sergeant are next week. Four candidates are interviewing.
- NEMCOG will be scheduling a meeting with staff regarding the Master Plan and Zoning Code.
- Kelly Lively from Senator Peters' office called to inform us that our Federal appropriations request moved to the next round. That would be 3.5 million dollars for a sewer inflow and infiltration project.
- We have been working with Mackinac County and Bois Blanc Island for a new ferry terminal. That appropriations request went through Representative Bergman's office. Representative Bergman's office informed us that it has reached the House Appropriations Committee.
- Councilwoman Darling discussed how the intersection of Court Street and Western Avenue is not level. Councilwoman Darling questioned if that would be fixed. Sabolsky said that will be leveled out.

City Clerk's Comments:

- Clerk Singles informed Council that an Affidavit of Identity and nominating petitions are due Tuesday, July 23rd by 4:00pm to be on the November ballot for Council/Mayor.
- Mayor Mallory inquired about the ownership of the ferry terminal. Councilwoman Dodd questioned when the sidewalk in front of the Tissue Plant would be open again. Councilman Kwiatkowski inquired about the new terminal and the current ferry service. Sabolsky responded to all of the Council's questions and further discussed the details of this ferry terminal project.

Public Comments:

- Janet Gahn requested for the Council to have someone from the Executive Board of Cheboygan Housing to come and give an update on the rehabilitation project at a Council meeting. Gahn asked for a status update on the City owned property on US-23 that was approved to be listed with Billy Jewell. Gahn inquired about the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Gahn asked if there is a start date for the Ball/Bailey project and the status of Court Street. Gahn discussed a building that is on the corner of West State Street and Main Street across from the Subway and how it is blighted. Gahn thought it was going to be rehabbed. Gahn commented that the storm drains on S. Main Street in the area of the Tissue Plant are full and need to be cleaned. Gahn asked about the status of legal counsel for the Police Department. Gahn also asked for clarification on the amount of funds being delegated for the Veterans Park parking project.
- Jessie Moulder informed Council that nothing has been done about the ditches on Western Avenue, Court Street and Watson Street. Moulder asked who approved the plans for the Court Street project.

Committee Updates:

- Councilwoman Darling gave a quick update about collecting pledges for the dog park. Councilwoman Darling commented that the Parks and Recreation Commission will meet next month.
- Councilwoman Mills stated that the Housing Commission will meet next Tuesday.
- Councilman Kwiatkowski commented that the Finance Committee has not met.
- Councilwoman Dodd commented that the DDA meets next week on Tuesday.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:

- Mayor Mallory commented on misinformation being spread to the public and the importance of communicating accurate information. Mayor Mallory discussed formal censure and how Council people are always representing the City.

Adjournment:

- Mayor Mallory adjourned the meeting at 7:38pm.

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