

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 11, 2025

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: Martin, Oliver, Ormsbee, Dodd, Mallory, Darling, Mills.

Absent:

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:

- None.

Approval of Agenda and Receive and File all Communications:

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

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

- Mayor Pro Tem Mills moved to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of February 25, 2025, as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Oliver. Motion carried.

Departments, Boards, and Commissions:

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

Bills and Disbursements:

- Bills and Disbursements for the Month of February 2025.
 - Councilman Ormsbee moved to approve the prepaid bills and disbursements for the month of February 2025 in the amount of \$3,342,694.62. Seconded by Councilman Martin.
 - Council inquired about the presented bills and disbursements. City Manager Sabolsky addressed their questions. Council and Sabolsky discussed the City's assistance with its finances.
 - A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations/Resolutions:

- Consideration of Recommendation of Certified Resolution for a Special License to Serve Alcohol on April 11th – 13th, 2025 at 480 Cleveland Ave (Ice Rink/Pavilion).

- Councilwoman Dodd moved to recommend the issuance of a special license to serve alcohol on April 11th – 13th, 2025 at 480 Cleveland Ave (Ice Rink/Pavilion). Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills.
- Sabolsky discussed the pool tournament event at the Ice Rink. Councilman Ormsbee expressed his disapproval of this resolution.
- A roll call vote was taken. Ayes from Mayor Mallory, Mayor Pro Tem Mills, Councilwoman Darling, Councilman Martin, Councilwoman Oliver and Councilwoman Dodd. Nays from Councilman Ormsbee. Motion carried.

General Business:

- 2024-2025 Budget Amendments (Discussion/Action).
 - Councilman Martin moved to authorize the City Finance Director/Treasurer to make amendments, as presented, to the 2024-2025 City Budget. Seconded by Councilwoman Darling.
 - Council inquired about the presented budget amendments. Sabolsky addressed their questions. Sabolsky further discussed the process of approving budget amendments.
 - A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.
- Council Organizational Issues (Discussion/Action).
 - Mayor Mallory passed out and read aloud to Council a resolution to formally address non-payment of City debt, and censure of Mary Darling for acts unbecoming of a City of Cheboygan Councilmember.
 - Councilwoman Dodd moved to accept the resolution as presented. Seconded by Councilman Martin.
 - Council had much discussion regarding the presented resolution.
 - A roll call vote was taken. Ayes from Mayor Mallory, Mayor Pro Tem Mills, Councilman Martin, Councilwoman Dodd, Councilwoman Oliver and Councilman Ormsbee. Nays from Councilwoman Darling. Motion carried.

City Manager's Report:

- Sabolsky informed Council that there will be a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority meeting this Thursday. Sabolsky discussed the agenda items of the Brownfield meeting.
- Sabolsky informed Council that since their approval of the Property Maintenance Code ordinance in February, he has written and sent three violation notices. Sabolsky said right now, we will be focused on properties with major exterior issues. Sabolsky discussed the process of dealing with properties in violation.
- Sabolsky discussed the culverts/ditches around town and the DPW process of cleaning them out.
- Sabolsky gave Council an update on the US Venture project. There was a bid opening on Monday, and by the end of the week, US Venture will be awarding those bids. US Venture informed us they will be hiring local sub-contractors and buying materials locally when they can.

City Clerk's Comments:

- Clerk Singles asked Council to sign the approved meeting minutes of February 25, 2025.

- Councilman Martin inquired about the East side stagnant/frozen water near some fire hydrants, asking if those fire hydrants would be frozen. Sabolsky addressed Councilman Martin’s question.

Public Comments:

- Mary Darling addressed the Council regarding the Rehmann bill situation and the resolution presented at this meeting.
- Louis Vallance expressed his frustration about the East side’s drainage issues and culverts. Sabolsky and Vallance discussed Vallance’s residency.
- Dar Olsen questioned when the City will be meeting with Inverness Township regarding the sewer situation.

Committee Updates:

- Mayor Mallory discussed a DDA sub-committee meeting and how the DDA will be receiving help with their Communication Plan through the MEDC. Councilwoman Dodd commented that the Saint Patrick’s Day parade is this Saturday.
- Councilman Ormsbee inquired about having swimming lessons for the youth in town
- Sabolsky, Councilman Ormsbee and some Parks and Recreation staff will have a meeting to discuss.

Adjournment:

- Mayor Mallory adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm.

Mayor Brett Mallory

Clerk Alyssa Singles

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Mills

Councilwoman Sierra Oliver

Councilman David Martin

Councilwoman Mary Darling

Councilman Leroy Ormsbee

Councilwoman Hayley Dodd