

**City of Marine City
City Commission
February 21, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, and was called to order by Mayor Vandenbossche at 7:00 pm.

After a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Vandenbossche.

Present: Mayor Dave Vandenbossche; Commissioners Jacob Bryson, Elizabeth Hendrick, William Klaassen, Paul Merchant, Cheryl Vercammen; City Manager Elaine Leven, City Clerk Kristen Baxter

Also in Attendance: City Attorney Robert Davis

Absent: Commissioner Wendy Kellehan

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Merchant, to excuse Commissioner Kellehan from the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Communications

Received:

- Departmental Activity Reports
- MCAFA Run Report
- Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2019
- Planning Commission Annual Report for 2018

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to receive the Communications. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

Rosalie Skwiers, 211 Michigan, stated her concern for the Recreation Proposal on the agenda and said our government should not be competing against businesses who already offer many of the activities.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the Agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Merchant, to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2019. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Presented:

- Business License – Marine City Viking Fitness Center
- Business License – VJ Storage, LLC
- Business License – Dairy Queen

Motion by Commissioner Klaassen, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to accept the Consent Agenda and file.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2019-002 – Zoning Ordinance with Miscellaneous Changes Including Map Amendment – Second Reading/Adoption

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to rescind the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-002.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-002 with the exception of Section 1, which includes Zoning Ordinance Sections 160.020, 160.021, and Section 160.175, which was the map amendment.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Ordinance No. 2019-003 – Retirement Systems/Post-Retirement Health Care Benefits Plan & Trust – Second Reading/Adoption

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Bryson, to approve the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-003 Retirement Systems, Post-Retirement Health Care Benefits Plan and Trust.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Board Vacancy – Pension Board

An application was received from the following resident:

- Rosalie Skwiers, 211 Michigan

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to appoint Rosalie Skwiers to the Pension Board for a term ending December 31, 2022. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

In-Car Cameras

Chief Heaslip provided a final invoice for three Getac in-car cameras in the amount of \$19,521.97. The purchase of the in-car cameras was approved at the February 7, 2019 meeting with the cost not to exceed \$20,000. The Board asked for the exact cost of the purchase so the vote could be ratified.

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Bryson, to ratify the vote for the purchase of three Getac in-car cameras at a cost of \$19,521.97.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Body Cameras

At the February 7, 2019 meeting, the Board elected to wait for the approval of the body cameras until more information was received about the cost for storage. Chief Heaslip reported that he was able to obtain a revised quote from Getac for six body cameras, which included a five-year guarantee for cloud storage. He said the cost for cloud storage would cost a total of \$1,800.00 per year for both the body camera and in-car camera.

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Bryson, to approve the purchase of six Getac body cameras at a cost of \$5,449.72, and \$1,800.00 per year for cloud storage for the body cameras and in-car cameras.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2019-004 – Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments – Introduction/1st Reading

Motion by Commissioner Merchant, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the introduction of Ordinance No. 2019-004 – Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

King Road Park Bids

DPW Superintendent Itrich reported that he had received three sealed bids for the paving portion of the King Road Park Improvement Project. He recommended that the City contract with Asphalt Unlimited at a cost not to exceed \$8,875.00.

Commissioner Hendrick suggested that the City take a look at transitioning the basketball court to a skating rink.

DPW Superintendent Itrich said he didn't have it bid out that way and stated that to do so, the court would have to be extended and would need curbed sides. He also said that the court would be painted and he didn't know how the water would affect the paint. He offered to compare the price of transitioning the court to an ice rink with the cost of the liner and wood used for supports.

Motion by Mayor Vandebossche, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to approve the contract between the City of Marine City and Asphalt Unlimited for the paving of the King Road Park, in the amount of \$8,875.00, and an additional amount no greater than the materials cost of wood and liner to expand the basketball court to accommodate a curbed, drainable ice rink.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandebossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Beach Parking Bids

DPW Superintendent Itrich reported that he had received three sealed bids for the Beach and Mariner Park Parking Lot Improvement Project. He recommended that the City contract with Hess Asphalt at a cost not to exceed \$19,850.00 for the parking improvements. He also requested an additional \$2,000.00 to be used for sidewalk paving.

Motion by Commissioner Vercammen, seconded by Commissioner Bryson, to approve the contract between the City of Marine City and Hess Asphalt for the Beach and Mariner Park parking lot, not to exceed \$19,850.00, as well as an additional \$2,000.00 to be used for the paving of the sidewalk from the guardrail to the parking lot.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandebossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Recreation Proposal for Service

In an effort to offer Marine City and the surrounding area diverse options for recreational activities, Life Skills proposed a contract with the City to provide services at 515 South Parker Street. Representatives David Wagner and April Morrow spoke about the business proposal and said they would like to survey residents to see what programming they would like offered.

Commissioner Vercammen questioned how they were different from River Rec Teen Zone, Washington Life Center, and Library programs.

They responded that they would be inclusive of all ages, not just seniors or teens.

Commissioner Hendrick commented that the fees may be an issue, in addition to other facilities offering the same topics. She stated that the community really wanted to see a swimming program, and suggested that before the City contracted with Life Skills, they first see if the community was interested, and get their feedback and direction for classes.

City Manager Leven explained that Life Skills was asking the City to contract with them and assist with marketing and mailings approximately one to four times a year. She estimated the cost at \$2,000 per mailing, with a possible annual cost of \$8,000 a year.

Commissioner Merchant asked if the City contracted with Life Skills would it save money.

City Manager Leven responded and said that in the past, the Recreation Department budgeted \$40,000 for part-time staff. She said the savings would depend on how much marketing was done for the program.

City Attorney Davis cautioned that the City would have to be clear if it was to be a private program or a City-sponsored program and said it could easily be clarified and addressed with language.

The Board directed the City Manager to work with Life Skills to get feedback from the community and language requirements worked out.

Blue Water Shopper

Mayor Vandenbossche inquired what could be done about the Blue Water Shopper to get them off of the ground because they were creating a nuisance.

City Attorney Davis replied and said the City could ban the papers or keep them and require that receptacle/newspaper tubes be provided for them to be placed in.

City Manager Leven inquired if there was a legal way to regulate this, possibly with an Ordinance.

City Attorney Davis to look into the legality of requiring distributors of the paper to put receptacles in place and report back to the Board with his findings.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Disbursements

Motion by Commissioner Merchant, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to approve total disbursements, including payroll, in the amount of \$209,055.09.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Preliminary Financial Statements

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to accept the Preliminary Financial Statements and place them on file. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Leven reported on the following:

- Attended Trail Towns, MCAFA, and TIFA Subcommittee
- Had a follow-up call with the DEQ and DPW Superintendent Itrich regarding the Water Plant response letter
- Strategic Planning Session scheduled for March 4th at 6 pm
- Met with the City Attorney and reviewed outstanding issues
- Reported that Patrick Hupcik's last day was February 28th and wished him well in his retirement

- Sympathies to the family and friends of Bud Babchek who was a member of the TIFA Board and Historical Commission

COMMISSIONER PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Vercammen announced that the Blueways of St. Clair was hosting a summer paddle on May 29th. She reminded everyone that money was currently being raised for the Summer Flower Program.

Commissioner Merchant conveyed his sympathy to the Babchek family.

Commissioner Klaassen reminded everyone to help keep the streets from flooding by shoveling out the drains.

Commissioner Hendrick congratulated Patrick Hupcik on his retirement and thanked him for his service to the City. She thanked everyone who attended the Wild Game dinner and asked that people shovel their sidewalks for the postal delivery people.

Mayor Vandebossche commented that there had been several bad fires in the community recently and asked that everyone help out the fire victims however they could.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Merchant, to adjourn at 8:05 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter

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City Clerk