**City of Marine City**

**City Commission**

**May 4, 2020**

A special meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Monday, May 4, 2020 by virtual telephone conference, and was called to order by Mayor Dave Vandenbossche at 7:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Dave Vandenbossche; Commissioners Jacob Bryson, Elizabeth Hendrick, Wendy Kellehan, William Klaassen, Paul Merchant (joined at 7:02 pm), Cheryl Vercammen; City Manager Elaine Leven, City Clerk Kristen Baxter

**APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Banners for the Class of 2020

City Manager Leven explained that the City had received a request to assist with the installation of senior banners for the Marine City High School Class of 2020. She said that the estimated cost of the labor was $2,000.

Speaking on behalf of the Senior All Night Party, Mary Beth Patsalis stated that the banners were a great way to honor and recognize the class of 2020, and also a great way to showcase the City. She said that each student would have a banner with their picture and their name. Mrs. Patsalis reported that the Senior All Night Party was willing to pay for the banners and the hardware to hang them. She said she understood that the cost for the Department of Public Works to install the banners would be approximately $2,000 with the assistance of DTE and said they would like to donate the hardware to the City when the banners were taken down.

DPW Superintendent Itrich commented and said he thought the banners were a great idea and reported that he met with a representative from DTE who said they were willing assist with the installation. DPW Superintendent Itrich said he was waiting for a commitment letter from DTE for the project.

Commissioner Vercammen inquired about the community involvement to raise money for the banners and asked if some of the donations could be used to offset the city’s cost of the installation. Mrs. Patsalis replied and said in addition to paying for the banners and the hardware, they were still hoping to have a party for the graduates sometime during the summer and they would need the remaining funds for that.

Commissioner Hendrick stated that she noted the current 2019-2020 City Commission budget had a balance of $2,300 that the Board hadn’t used and said it would be easy to move the money over to pay for the banner installation.

Mayor Vandenbossche agreed and said any donations made through community involvement could be used to pay for the banners and hardware.

Commissioner Hendrick and Mayor Vandenbossche thanked Mrs. Patsalis and the Senior All Night Party Committee.

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve moving forward with putting up the senior class banners and utilizing the Department of Public Works for the installation.

**Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to use $2,000 surplus funds from the 2019-2020 City Commission budget for installation of senior class banners.

**Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Vercammen, to adjourn at 7:14 pm. **Roll Call Vote**. Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter

City Clerk