**City of Marine City**

**City Commission**

**May 28, 2020**

A special meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, May 28, 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, Cheryl Vercammen; City Manager Elaine Leven, City Clerk Kristen Baxter

Also in Attendance: City Attorney Robert Davis

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Mayor Vandenbossche requested that agenda item #11-D Letter from Mayor be removed and a request for a Senior Class Parade be added.

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Vercammen, to approve the Agenda with the following amendment:

Remove Item #11-D and replace with Senior Class Parade

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Merchant, to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2020. **Roll Call Vote.**  Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Presented:

1. Monthly Activity Reports
2. MCAFA Run Report
3. Board Vacancies – Announcement
4. Maritime Days

Motion by Commissioner Kellehan, seconded by Commissioner Bryson, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

Disbursements

Motion by Commissioner Kellehan, seconded by Commissioner Vercammen, to approve total disbursements including payroll, in the amount of $368,802.88. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Proposed 2020-2021 Budget

Mayor Vandenbossche opened the Public Hearing to receive public comments for and against the proposed 2020/2021 Budget at 7:09 pm.

No one in the audience addressed the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Vercammen, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to close the Public Hearing at 7:11 pm. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution No. 005-2020: 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budget

Motion by Commissioner Kellehan, seconded by Commissioner Vercammen, to approve Resolution No. 005-2020: 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budget.

Commissioner Hendrick commented that she had concerns about the raises due to the State having a $3,000,000 short fall and said it was sending the wrong message at this time with people struggling and businesses failing with COVID issues. Also, she stated that employees were receiving raises, without evaluations.

In addition, Commissioner Hendrick suggested paying mileage to the Chief instead of paying $26,000 for him to drive a few blocks to work.

Commissioner Klaassen said the State was anticipating a budget deficit and asked where we were going to get money from. He said he feels at this time we should not be giving raises to employees.

**Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Kellehan, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: Hendrick, Klaassen. Motion Carried.

Fee Schedule

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Kellehan, to approve the fee schedule.

**Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Kellehan, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: Hendrick, Klaassen. Motion Carried.

Oxidation Ditch Coupling

DPW Superintendent Itrich requested approval of the purchase of two oxidation ditch couplings for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He said the original parts were 30 years old and were deteriorating.

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Bryson, to waive competitive bidding for the purchase of oxidation ditch couplings. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Bryson, to approve the purchase of oxidation ditch couplings through EVOQUA in the amount not to exceed $5,306.89. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Senior Class Parade

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Kellehan, to approve the parade for the Marine City Senior Class on June 7, 2020 at 5:00 pm. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Hendrick commented that the parade was a great idea and thanked the Senior All Night Party Committee for their support.

Mayor Vandenbossche also thanked the Senior All Night Party Committee for bringing the parade to his attention.

Water Main Projects – Construction Phase Service Cost

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Vercammen, to approve the water main construction phase service cost from Wade Trim not to exceed $9,000. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Ordinance No. 2020-001: Water-Sewer Rates – 1st Reading/Introduction

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2020-001: Water/Sewer Rates. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: Hendrick. Motion Carried.

Meeting Cancellation – July 2, 2020

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to cancel the July 2, 2020 City Commission meeting. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

In addition to the City Manager’s Report provided in the agenda packet, City Manager Leven added the following:

* Next City Commission meeting will be June 4th and will be held at 260 South Parker Street with public participation through Zoom

Commissioner Hendrick inquired about several items including additional garbage cans in parks and beach to prevent overflowing during the weekend, evaluation of boardwalks along parks to check for sink holes from high water and waves, and DPW being careful not to spray crack sealant on grass.

Mayor Vandenbossche asked for an explanation why the City was too busy to handle a recent MEDC grant opportunity and the Chamber of Commerce ended up having to navigate their way through it.

Commissioner Klaassen reported a parked car with expired plates.

**COMMISSIONER PRIVILEGE/LIAISON REPORTS**

Commissioner Vercammen said that she was very happy to see that we are moving forward with reopening businesses and said it was nice to see open signs in the windows. She encouraged people to stop and say hello to give public support to those businesses.

Commissioner Klaassen commented that he was glad to have donuts and coffee again in the morning with the opening of Paul’s Bakery. He said he was hoping to see more businesses open soon.

Commissioner Kellehan also said it was nice to have businesses be able to open their doors on Tuesday. She thanked the community for their support of the businesses and said that with our excellent community, we will crawl out of this.

Mayor Vandenbossche said we needed to open the community up and said it wasn’t fair the way the rules were with only opening one section of industry. He said it was going against the true meaning of the constitution with some businesses so restricted they can’t even open their doors. He said they need our support.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to adjourn at 7:48 pm. **Roll Call Vote**. Ayes: Vandenbossche, Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter

City Clerk