**City of Marine City**

**City Commission Minutes -Special Meeting**

**May 18, 2023**

A special meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 260 South Parker Street, Marine City, and was called to order by Mayor Vandenbossche at 6:06 P.M.

Present: Mayor Jennifer Vandenbossche; Elizabeth Hendrick, Michael Hilferink, William Klaassen, Rita G. Roehrig, Brian Ross; City Manager Scott Adkins; Interim City Clerk Jason Bell.

Also Present: City Attorney Robert Davis

Absent: Commissioner Jacob Bryson

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Roehrig, to excuse Commissioner Bryson from the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Ross, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

City Manager Adkins stated the City was awarded $426,450.02 in ARPA funds and after some recent allocations there was $136,463.34 remaining that needed to be allocated. City Manager Adkins stated he had a request for $35,000 to be allocated for miscellaneous park improvements, a $50,000 request from the DPW to replace a 1 ton pickup and $15,000 request for automatic door closures for ADA access.

Commissioner Ross inquired if the money could be used for land purchase. City Manager Adkins stated it can but it is very restrictive, but land for recreation could fit the request. Commissioner Hilferink inquired on using the funds to purchase the property adjacent to the Washington Life Center from the East China School District. City Manager Adkins stated it could be used for that for recreation purposes. Commissioner Hendrick stated there were talks in the past of the City purchasing that property for $50,000 but it never came to the Commission and the project went away. The Commission requested City Manager Adkins start negotiations with East China School District on a purchase price to bring back to them.

Commissioner Ross stated some funds could be used to purchase fire hydrants so the DPW has a stock of them in case one needs to be replaced.

Commissioner Klaassen stated he would like funds to be used for some infrastructure to fix the dead ends in some water mains.

Commissioner Hilferink stated he would like to see funds used for cabanas and showers near the beach or a downtown park to accommodate swimmers and people who float down so they can change and enjoy the City.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Hilferink, seconded by Commissioner Ross, to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. All Ayes**.** Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason A.Bell Interim City Clerk

Jennifer Vandenbossche

Mayor