

**City of Marine City
City Commission
January 17, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, January 17, 2019 in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, and was called to order by Mayor Vandebossche at 7:00 pm.

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

Present: Mayor Dave Vandebossche; 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

Communications

Received:

- Departmental Activity Reports
- MCAFA Run Report – December, 2018
- MCAFA Run Report – 2018 Annual Report
- St. Clair County Road Commission
- St. Clair County Parks & Recreation Commission
- Daniel Degueisippe – DEQ Drinking Water Operator

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

Public Comment

Dan Lavere, 442 S. Main Street, spoke in opposition to recreational marijuana and said the harm would be irrefutable if the City chose to allow the sale of it in Marine City.

Rosalie Skwiers, 211 Michigan, thanked everyone for their support with the Old Newsboys Drive.

Greg Walquist, 211 Mill, Algonac, stated that he admired Marine City and would like to move his business into the City.

Bill Haas, 203 Pleasant, spoke about Police Officers profiling vehicles with tinted windows, Police Officer's personal vehicles having tinted windows, and landlord/rental inspections.

Heather Warner, 345. N. Elizabeth, commented on Police Officer Martinelli, who she said was pulling over every vehicle with tinted windows. She said she noted a jeep with tinted windows parked at the Marine City Police Department.

Jim Warner, 345 N. Elizabeth, said he recently received a ticket for tinted windows on a vehicle he had been driving for years. He commented that in the past, the Police had been fair but he felt this ticket was unfair and he was being harassed.

Terry Avery, 407 Westminster, commented that the tinted window law was for the protection of Police Officers as they approach vehicles.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Kellehan, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2018. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Presented:

- Business License – Thelma & Louise Design Studio
- 2019 Budget Schedule

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

Commissioner Hendrick requested that the Board receive the preliminary budget sooner so that changes to the budget could be made, if necessary.

City Manager Leven asked her what kind of detailed information she would like to see ahead of time.

They discussed the information they would like to see earlier on in the budget process.

It was determined that a special meeting would be set to go over the Capital Improvement Plan in late February, with Treasurer McDonald in attendance to answer questions.

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board Appointment

An application was received from the following resident to fill the vacant seat on the Historical Commission:

- Genevieve Prange, 304 South Main Street

Motion by Commissioner Kellehan, seconded by Commissioner Bryson, to appoint Genevieve Prange to the Historical Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2021. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Mosaic Project

Heather Bokram, on behalf of the Historical Society, provided a project description for “Ship Mosaics in the Parks”, photographs of proposed mosaics, photograph of mounts that would be used for mosaics, and photographs and maps of park locations. Also included was a copy of a draft Installation and Maintenance Agreement, prepared by City Attorney Davis.

City Attorney Davis reported that several provisions were added to the Installation and Maintenance Agreement including showing proof of funds, maintenance of landscaping around the monuments, and if the city decided to move a mosaic, they could be liable for certain damages.

City Commissioner Hendrick asked Mrs. Bokram how many mosaics would be placed in each park and she replied that, in most cases, there would be two for each park except for Drake Park, which could have up to three.

In response to the concern for damaged tree roots in the park, Mrs. Bokram replied that if they encountered any problems with tree roots, she would come back to the Board for approval of an alternate spot.

City Attorney Davis will review the agreement as a whole and make other changes as necessary to address the concerns of the City Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction & 1st Reading of Ordinances

City Manager Leven summarized the Ordinance additions and amendments. She said they were primarily required due to the Michigan Zoning & Enabling Act:

- 1) Ordinance No. 2019-001 – General City Ordinance – Merchandise & Materials of Sidewalks; Traffic & Motor Vehicles; Parking & Storage of Commercial Vehicles; Health & Sanitation; Nuisances; Grass Cutting; Building Regulations; Construction

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Kellehan, to approve Ordinance No. 2019-001, as introduced.

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

- 2) Ordinance No. 2019-002 – Zoning Ordinance with Miscellaneous Changes Including Map Amendment

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve Ordinance No. 2019-002, as introduced.

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Disbursements

Motion by Commissioner Merchant, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve total disbursements, including payroll, in the amount of \$374,920.05.

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Preliminary Financial Statements

Motion by Commissioner Kellehan, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, 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 Blue Meets Green, Planning Commission, TIFA, Historical Commission, TIFA Subcommittee
- Reminded City Commissioners to submit their Strategic Planning Questionnaire to the County, if they hadn't done so already
- Planning a tour of City facilities in the near future

COMMISSIONER PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Vercammen commented that Thelma & Louise Design Studio recently opened up, as well as other new businesses in Marine City. She said the new businesses were great for the community.

Commissioner Merchant said that it was an honor to be brought onto the City Commission and said he looked forward to being a part of the City and watching it grow and prosper.

Commissioner Klaassen thanked Paul Merchant for stepping up to serve on the City Commission and said he hoped he enjoyed it.

Commissioner Kellehan welcomed Paul Merchant to the Board and said there was something special about being a part of the Board. She said it was a good group.

Commissioner Hendrick announced the Marine City Lion's Club Wild Game Dinner on February 11th and said tickets were selling fast.

Commissioner Bryson welcomed Paul Merchant to the Board and said he was looking forward to working with him.

Mayor Vandebossche also welcomed Paul Merchant to the Board. He announced Jim Jones as this year's recipient of the Gary Kohs' Award and said that Jim exemplified the award as a humanitarian. He also announced that his wife, Jennifer Vandebossche, was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to adjourn at 8:33 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter

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City Clerk