

**City of Marine City  
City Commission  
March 1, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, March 1, 2018 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 prayer by Reverend Lepley, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Vandebossche.

**Present: Mayor Dave Vandebossche; Commissioners Terrance Avery, Elizabeth Hendrick, William Klaassen, Rebecca Lepley, James Turner; City Manager Elaine Leven; City Clerk Kristen Baxter**

**Also In Attendance: City Attorney Robert Davis**

**Absent: Commissioner David Simpson**

Motion by Commissioner Lepley, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to excuse Commissioner Simpson from the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Communications**

Received:

- Planning Commission Regular Meeting – January 8, 2018
- TIFA Regular Meeting – January 16, 2018
- Davis-Kirksey Associates, Inc. – February 2018 Report
- Planning Commission Annual Report for 2017

Motion by Commissioner Lepley, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to receive and file the Communications. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Public Comment**

Bill Haas, 203 Pleasant, spoke on various topics, including Heritage Days, past recalls, lack of sidewalks, slumlords, and code enforcement.

## **APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the Agenda, with the following addition:

- New Business Item #10-C – Resolution No. 016-2018 – Mariner Park Shoreline Accessibility MDNR Grant

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **APPROVE MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Lepley, seconded by Commissioner Avery, to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2018, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the City Commission Closed Session Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2018, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### ***Historical Society Mariners Maze***

Heather Bokram, representing the Historical Society of Marine City, reported that there had been a change in plans for the proposed Mariners Maze. Although the Historical Society had received donations and grants, Mrs. Bokram said they may not have enough money to finish what they started. Instead, the focus would now be on glass mosaics replicating ships that were built in Marine City. The mosaics would measure 36" x 52" and would be secured on mounts and placed in the city's waterfront parks near existing landscaping, if possible. She added that the Historical Society would be responsible for all the costs and restoration of the mosaics. She reported the total estimated cost would be \$36,000 to \$40,000 for the project.

Commissioner Hendrick commented that she would like to see a map of each location and placement of the mosaic. She suggested she work with DPW Superintendent Itrich to find the best location for the mosaics.

Maps of each park, along with selected location, to be brought back to a future meeting for approval.

### ***Friends of City Hall -- Lease***

City Attorney Davis provided an updated lease, based on the Board's discussion at the February 15, 2018 meeting. He said the Friends of City Hall had reviewed the proposed lease and had requested the following amendments:

**Page 7, #25:** Changing the waiting period from sixty (60) days to ninety (90) days; and, offering compensation for restoration investments they may make to the building – possibly by reducing the purchase price.

After a lengthy discussion by the Board, it was decided that the waiting period would be amended and the remainder of the lease would remain as is.

Motion by Commissioner Lepley, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to accept the lease between the City of Marine City and the Friends of City Hall, with the waiting period amended from sixty (60) to ninety (90) days, as stated on Page 7, #25.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Avery, Lepley, Turner

Nays: Hendrick, Klaassen

Commissioner Hendrick qualified her vote by saying that she didn't have enough information to support the motion.

Commissioner Klaassen said he voted no due to the building not being equipped for ADA requirements.

Motion Carried.

### ***Beach Parking***

A Beach Parking Plan, developed by Patrick Phelan of BMJ Engineering & Surveyors, Inc. was discussed. With the design, angled parking would be added to North Water Street, Pearl Street, and would include additional handicapped parking spaces at the beach. Also, the city would gain five additional parking spaces, and would keep North Water Street and Pearl Streets two-way streets for easy traffic flow.

Commissioner Hendrick recommended not having a gap between the curb and sidewalk.

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve of the plan with the inclusion of a safety walk in front of the vehicles. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Patrol Car Equipment Purchase & Installation***

Three sealed bids were obtained for the purchase and installation of equipment for the 2018 Ford utility patrol vehicle. In a memo to City Manager Leven, Chief Heaslip recommended the bid from Cynergy Products, due to it being the lowest bid per the specs given.

Motion by Commissioner Lepley, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the patrol car equipment purchase and installation from Cynergy Products, at a cost of \$9,350.15.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Avery, Hendrick, Klaassen, Lepley, Turner

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

### ***Traffic Control Orders***

Chief Heaslip stated that two Traffic Control Orders were requested by DPW Superintendent Itrich to allow longer parking on the stated streets:

- Traffic Control Order P-18-001 states that there shall be NO PARKING of any vehicle on South Water Street between South Main Street and Broadway between the hours of 3:00 am to 6:00 am.

- Traffic Control Order P-18-002 states that there shall be NO PARKING of any vehicle on North Water Street between Broadway and Pearl Streets between the hours of 3:00 am to 6:00 am.

Motion by Commissioner Lepley, seconded by Commissioner Avery, to approve the issuance of Traffic Control Orders P-18-001 and P-18-002.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Avery, Hendrick, Klaassen, Lepley, Turner

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

### ***Resolution No. 016-2018 – Mariner Park Shoreline Accessibility MDNR Grant***

City Manager Leven asked for approval to apply for a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant that would assist the city with sidewalk improvements at Mariner Park. She stated that the city's financial obligation for the grant, in the amount of \$17,599, would come from Recreation funds.

Motion by Commissioner Lepley, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to support Resolution No. 016-2018 for Mariner Park.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Avery, Hendrick, Klaassen, Lepley, Turner

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

## **FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

### ***Disbursements***

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Lepley, to approve total disbursements, including payroll, in the amount of \$277,008.19, as presented.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Avery, Klaassen, Lepley, Turner

Nays: Hendrick

Motion Carried.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Leven reported that she attended the following:

- SCOTS Meeting
- Fire Department Volunteer Dinner
- Bid Opening for North Mary Street Manhole Reconstruction Project

### **COMMISSIONER PRIVILEGE**

Commissioner Avery inquired if there was any interest in getting the tall ship Red Witch to dock in Marine City this summer. Mayor Vandenbossche responded and said last year the ship had mechanical problems, but he would try to make contact with the Captain of Red Witch next week.

Commissioner Lepley thanked first responders for their hard work in inclement weather and suggested that anyone, who had questions about the finances of the Friends of City Hall, could visit [www.friendsofcityhall.com](http://www.friendsofcityhall.com) for further information.

Commissioner Turner said he was happy to see common sense prevail with the passing of the Friends of City Hall lease. He thanked Mayor Vandenbossche for his support.

Mayor Vandenbossche said now that the lease was signed for 300 Broadway, he was enthused for the city to move forward. He announced the upcoming Llama Races on March 10<sup>th</sup> and said it was a good fundraiser for the community.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to adjourn at 8:16 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristen Baxter*

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City Clerk