

**City of Marine City
City Commission
April 5, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, April 5, 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 offered by Dave Mayhew, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Vandebossche.

Present: Mayor Dave Vandebossche; Commissioners Terrance Avery, Elizabeth Hendrick, William Klaassen, Rebecca Lepley (left meeting at 8:31 pm), David Simpson, James Turner; City Manager Elaine Leven; City Clerk Kristen Baxter

Also In Attendance: City Attorney Robert Davis

Communications

Received:

- Davis Kirksey Associates, Inc. – March, 2018 Report
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes – January 3, 2018
- Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2018
- TIFA Board Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2018

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

Public Comment

Louise Beutell, 535 N. Main, complimented Chief Heaslip on the way his department handled the recent incident in Marine City.

Judy White, 8757 Anchor Bay Drive, Clay Township, announced fundraisers for Friends of City Hall.

Bob Lepley, 539 N. William, spoke in support of continuing TIFA.

Scott Tisdale, 123 N. 5th Street, spoke in support of continuing TIFA.

Michael Frank, 6626 S. Parker, spoke in support of TIFA; specifically the Flower Program.

Keith Jenken, 809 S. Water Street, spoke in support of continuing TIFA.

Charles Seigneurie, 224 S. Elizabeth, spoke in support of continuing TIFA.

Michele Boren, 5527 Gratiot, St. Clair Township, spoke on behalf of Maritime Days regarding Music in the Park and in support of TIFA.

Laura Scaccia, 430 S. Water Street, announced that the recent River Rec Teen Zone fundraiser had raised over \$64,000.

Bill Haas, 203 Pleasant, spoke about the discrepancies in how houses were assessed in Marine City. He also spoke against the continuation of TIFA.

Tom Vertin, 560 S. Water Street, spoke in support of continuing TIFA.

Julie Schultz, 6810 Marsh, Cottrellville Township, spoke in support of Marine City and the continuation of improvements that had been made in recent years.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to approve the Agenda, with the following change:

Move Item #10-A (Youth Readiness Council Presentation) to Unfinished Business
Item #9-A

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2018, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Presented:

- Business License – Valentino’s
- Special Event Permit – Praise in the Park
- Special Event Permit – Music in the Park
- Special Event Permit – Concert in the Park
- Maritime Days – Fireworks Permit

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to accept the Consent Agenda and file, as presented.

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Youth Readiness Council Presentation

Hannah Schultz, of the Youth Readiness Council, made a presentation to the Board and spoke about how the Council is part of St. Clair County’s Homeland Security/ Emergency Management where they work together in coming up with effective and creative ideas to raise awareness about preparing for disaster.

Ordinance No. 2018-002 – Parking of Recreational Equipment (Reintroduction/First Reading)

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the reintroduction of Ordinance No. 2018-02 – Parking of Recreational Equipment, as presented.

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: Hendrick

Motion Carried.

Ordinance No. 2018-001 – Motor Vehicles & Snow Removal (Second Reading)

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve Ordinance No. 2018-01 – Motor Vehicles & Snow Removal, as presented.

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: Turner

Motion Carried.

Ordinance No. 2018-003 – Driveways & Front Yard Parking (Second Reading)

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve Ordinance No. 2018-003 – Driveways & Front Yard Parking, as presented.

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Ordinance No. 2018-004 – Amendment Regulating Purchase, Consumption, or Possession of Alcoholic Liquor by a Minor (Second Reading)

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Lepley, to approve Ordinance No. 2018-004 – Amendment Regulating Purchase, Consumption, or Possession of Alcoholic Liquor by a Minor, as presented.

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Titanic Memorial

Maggie Micoff, President of The Great Lakes Titanic Connection, requested to move the approved Titanic Memorial from Drake Park to Nautical Park (Rotary Park). She cited several reasons why Nautical Park would be more fitting for the memorial, including the Marine City Rotary Club's interest in the project, and the nautical theme of the park being more fitting to the memorial.

Commissioner Hendrick opposed the location change due to it being in the way for other events – specifically the car show held annually.

Commissioner Turner said he supported the move from Drake Park to Nautical Park and said the location was highly visible to the city which would help prevent vandalism.

Motion by Commissioner Lepley, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the transfer of the Titanic Memorial from Drake Park to Nautical Park, as requested. Ayes: Vandebossche, Avery, Klaassen, Lepley, Simpson, Turner. Nays: Hendrick. Motion Carried.

Bridge Street Traffic Control Order

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve Traffic Control Order P-18-003 which allowed designated parking, for loading/unloading only, on the North side of Bridge Street between South Market Street and South Water Street.

It was requested by the City Commission that, upon striping, the said parking spaces be limited to three.

Tom Vertin, 560 S. Water Street, offered to pay for the striping of the three parking spots, in addition to South Water Street. He said the striping would help visitors identify available parking spots.

Commissioner Avery thanked Mr. Vertin for his generous offer in striping South Water Street.

Ayes: Vandebossche, Avery, Klaassen, Lepley, Simpson, Turner. Nays: Hendrick. Motion Carried.

Future of TIFA

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to resume the schedule provided by the City Attorney, dated January 12, 2017, which leads to the termination of TIFA by December 15, 2018.

Commissioner Lepley said the decision as to whether we could extend TIFA beyond this year didn't lie at the city level – it resided at the State level. She said it was in the best interest of the city to apply immediately to the State of Michigan for, at a minimum, a two year extension. To give up on TIFA right now, she said, was penny wise and pound foolish.

Commissioner Avery said he also supported applying to the State for an extension for TIFA and said to do so would be a wise decision.

Commissioner Simpson commented and said what the City Commission was asking specifically from TIFA was not addressed. He said he would have liked to have seen a plan for the future proposed to the City Commission for continuing TIFA, based on the information that the City Attorney provided to both Boards. He noted that the TIFA Board was given ample time to do so. He said they didn't address the future, they just spoke of the past.

Commissioner Hendrick agreed with Commissioner Simpson and said the TIFA Board couldn't just want to extend – they had to have hard facts. She said the Board failed to follow the steps set forth by the City Attorney and should have shown them which areas of Marine City that were still depressed.

Commissioner Lepley said she was unhappy that the City Commission worked against TIFA instead of working with them, and was disappointed they were presented with an opinion that said they had only one option. She said the TIFA Board had a plan they wanted to present, but weren't given the opportunity.

Commissioner Klaassen called the question, which was seconded by Commissioner Hendrick.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Hendrick, Klaassen, Simpson

Nays: Avery, Lepley, Turner

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Rezoning – Preferred Glass Mini Storage

City Manager Leven said a recommendation had come from the Planning Commission to approve the rezoning for Preferred Glass Mini Storage for the expansion of their business. She said the rezoning was consistent with the Master Plan.

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to approve the Rezoning of 6215 King Road, Preferred Glass Mini Storage from B-2 (General Business District) to L-1 (Light Industrial).

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Charitable Gaming License – MCHS Athletic Boosters

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to approve the Charitable Gaming License for Marine City High School Athletic Boosters.

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Retirement System Waiver Application

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to not apply for a waiver, and to prepare a plan to address the underfunded status of the city's retiree healthcare.

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Disbursements

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve total disbursements, including payroll, in the amount of \$262,117.41, as presented.

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Leven reported on the following:

- Attended Blue Meets Green meeting

- Attended TIFA and ZBA meetings
- Attended MPC Annual Workshop
- Sat on the panel for the State of the County meeting
- Attended Infrastructure Committee meeting
- Draft 2018-2019 Budget Workbooks will be distributed to Board next week

COMMISSIONER PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Avery thanked everyone who came to the meeting and expressed their views on the city and TIFA. He said it was good to see the involvement.

Commissioner Simpson thanked Hannah Schultz and the Youth Readiness Council for their informative presentation. He also congratulated River Rec Teen Zone for their fundraising success.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Klaassen, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to go into Closed Session at 8:40 pm to Review Legal Opinion Regarding Intergovernmental Agreement for Sewage Disposal Service – MCL 15.268(h).

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to go back into Open Session at 8:54 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Sewage Disposal Service between the City of Marine City and China Township.

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to adjourn at 8:56 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter

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City Clerk