

**City of Marine City  
City Commission  
April 19, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, April 19, 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 moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Vandebossche.

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

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

**Absent: Commissioner Rebecca Lepley; City Manager Elaine Leven**

**Communications**

Received:

- David Simpson -- Resignation
- Monthly Activity Report
- MCAFA Run Report
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2018
- Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2018

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to move David Simpson—Resignation to Item #10-B City Commissioner Vacancy. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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

**Public Comment**

Bill Haas, 203 Pleasant, questioned if proper protocol was followed during Commissioner Avery's vote on continuing TIFA.

Mike Hilferink, 218 Pleasant, spoke about the lack of accountability in the city.

Milton Hintz, 435 S. Main, made a complaint about no one in the city caring about blight enforcement.

## **APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the Agenda, as amended. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **APPROVE MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2018, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the City Commission Closed Session Minutes of April 5, 2018, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Presented:

- Business License – Coughlin Jewelers
- Business License – Achatz Farm to Kettle Soup/Soup from Skratzch (New Owner)
- Business License – Inn on Water Street
- Business License – Earthstar Wisdom, LLC (New Owner)
- Business License – Trepp's Treasures

Motion by Commissioner Klaassen, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to accept the Consent Agenda and file, as presented.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Avery, Hendrick, Klaassen, Turner

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

***Ordinance No. 2018-002 – Parking of Recreational Equipment (Second Reading)***

Motion by Commissioner Klaassen, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to table Ordinance No. 2018-02 – Parking of Recreational Equipment. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Johnathan Markel – Eagle Scout Project***

Johnathan Markel, with Boy Scout Troop 296, stated that he would like to install an ADA swing set at one of the parks in town for his Eagle Scout project. He said an ideal location would be at the beach next to the current play equipment. Johnathan said he would fund the project with fundraisers and donations. He said, upon approval, he would like to complete the project as soon as possible.

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the installation of the swing set with Johnathan working out the details with the DPW. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### ***David Simpson – Resignation***

In his letter addressed to Mayor Vandebossche and City Commissioners, David Simpson resigned from the City Commission effective April 16, 2018. He wrote that, due to selling his home and moving out of the city, he would no longer be eligible to serve on the City Commission.

Commissioners Hendrick and Avery thanked Commissioner Simpson for his hard work and commitment to the city.

Motion by Commissioner Klaassen, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to accept the resignation of Commissioner David Simpson effective April 16, 2018. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### ***City Commissioner Vacancy/Mayor Pro Tem/Planning Commission Representative***

To fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Commissioner David Simpson, Mayor Vandebossche announced that all interested candidates should submit a board application and a letter of interest to the City Clerk by May 7, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Motion by Commissioner Klaassen, seconded by Mayor Vandebossche, to appoint Commissioner Hendrick as Mayor Pro Tem. Ayes: Vandebossche, Avery, Hendrick, Klaassen. Nays: Turner. Motion Carried.

Motion by Mayor Vandebossche, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to appoint Commissioner Klaassen as Planning Commission Representative. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

***Set Public Hearing Date for 2018-2019 Budget***

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to set May 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm as the Public Hearing Date for the 2018-2019 Budget. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

***Commercial Use of Sidewalks/Outdoor Sales & Cafes – Discussion***

Commissioner Turner asked that the Board have a discussion about proposed amendments to Chapter 160 – Zoning Code (Sections 160.082, 160.234 and 160.235) Commercial Use of Sidewalks/Outdoor Sales and Cafes. Mr. Turner reported that the proposed amendments were currently being reviewed by the Planning Commission. Due to them being of a weather-sensitive nature, and having been on the City Commission’s pending agenda item list for the past two years, Commissioner Turner asked that the Board get the particulars worked out and possibly fast-track the approval of the ordinance, or give temporary approval to businesses. He said he was particularly interested in the sections on sidewalk usage and signage and how they were going to be regulated.

Planning Commission Chairperson, Joe Moran, addressed the Board and advised that Wade Trim and Associates would be attending the May 14, 2018 Planning Commission meeting and would be happy to discuss and address any questions about the proposed amendments.

City Attorney Davis replied that he would have his input on the ordinance to Wade Trim & Associates prior to the May 14, 2018 Planning Commission meeting.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

***Disbursements***

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve total disbursements, including payroll, in the amount of \$164,179.22, as presented.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandebossche, Avery, Klaassen, Turner  
Nays: Hendrick

Motion Carried.

### ***Preliminary Financial Statements***

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to accept the Preliminary Financial Statements and place them on file. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

No report was given as City Manager Leven was on vacation.

### **COMMISSIONER PRIVILEGE**

Commissioner Avery addressed comments made on his confusion when voting on the future of TIFA at the April 5, 2018 meeting. He suggested, in the future, that motions be read out loud during important votes.

Commissioner Klaassen reported on downtown handicapped parking.

Commissioner Hendrick addressed comments made during Public Comment regarding a recent police incident, and said that the City Manager was on vacation and was waiting for the police case to be closed before completing her review. She also responded to the complaint about the condition of rental homes and said that the city's Rental Program would be enforced upon the ordinances being updated.

Mayor Vandebossche commented that the handicapped swing was a good thing for the community. He reported that the Department of Public Works was currently working on a thirty-five foot sewer collapse on North Elizabeth Street that was a result of the three and one-half inches of rain we received the previous weekend.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to adjourn at 7:47 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter  
City Clerk