

**City of Marine City
City Commission
August 2, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, August 2, 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 Pastor Gadd, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Vandebossche.

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

Also In Attendance: City Attorney Robert Davis

Absent: Commissioner Rebecca Lepley

Communications

Received:

- Michigan Municipal League
- St. Clair County Watershed 2018 Illicit Discharge Elimination Training
 - Mike Itrich
 - Elizabeth McDonald
 - Dan DeGueisippe
 - Aaron Atkinson
- TIFA Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2018

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

Public Comment

Ray Meli, 408 Pearl, recommended that new people in town consider joining a club, and reminded people to vote at Tuesday's primary election.

Mike Hilferink, 525 Woodworth, said he was glad to see TIFA dissolved, that it was time to move forward. He also said he was opposed to the electronic library sign.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to add the following to the Agenda:

Closed Session -- to Review Legal Opinion Regarding Consideration of the Purchase or Lease of Real Property – MCL 15.268 (d) and (h).

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Kellehan, to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2018. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Presented:

- Special Event – Startup School
- Special Event – Heritage Days

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

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Library Sign Approval

City Manager Leven reported that the library was looking for permission from the City Commission to replace their old sign with a new one. She said that no public funds would be expended for the sign.

Jill Scheel, Marine City Library Advisory Board President, said the new sign would be funded by a memorial contribution and money earned from fundraisers by Friends of the Library. She advised that the electronic sign was the same size as the existing one and would be installed in the same location.

Commissioner Hendrick commented that she would rather have the sign moved from the DPW and see the money be utilized for reading machines and programs for the community.

Allison Arnold, Director of the St. Clair County Library system, informed the Board that the person who made the memorial contribution asked that the funds be used specifically for the benefit of the Marine City Library, and said the estate language requested a lasting donation of something that wouldn't get used up – something that residents would be able to point to and recognize. She said if materials or computer equipment were purchased, they would be owned by the library system, not the branch.

Motion by Commissioner Klaassen, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve installation of a new sign at the Marine City Library. Ayes: Vandenbossche, Avery, Kellehan, Klaassen, Turner. Nays: Hendrick. Motion Carried.

Temporary Traffic Control Order T-18-0011

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve Temporary Traffic Control Order T-18-0011 with the following amendment: close the north side of Broadway, leaving the south side open. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance No. 2018-006 – Sidewalks, Outdoor Sales and Cafes (First Reading/Introduction)

Board members discussed Section 160.234 and it was decided that minor amendments be made, as follows:

- Adding language to address outdoor seating and/or flowers for businesses with no sales
- For café's, setting a definitive five feet minimum of unobstructed pedestrian access along sidewalks

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Introduction of Ordinance No. 2018-006 -- Sidewalks, Outdoor Sales, and Cafes, with the above amendments.

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Disbursements

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve total disbursements, including payroll, in the amount of \$484,495.86, as presented.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Avery, Kellehan, Klaassen, Turner

Nays: Hendrick

Motion Carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Leven reported on the following:

- Recreation Director Lynn Zyrowski retired, thanked her for years of service
- Accessible swing dedication on Thursday, August 9th at 6:30 pm
- Auditors completed preliminary audit
- Attended Blue Meets Green, Black Sky Simulation, SEMCOG Water Monitoring, SEMCOG Local Update, Pension, and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings
- Road paving pre-construction meeting August 7; work should commence at the end of month and take about 7-10 days
- Don't forget to vote on August 7
- Enjoy Maritime Days this weekend

COMMISSIONER PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Avery asked that people please vote in the upcoming Primary Election and support candidates who were volunteering their time to the city.

Commissioner Klaassen reported that the Rotary Club would be selling tickets at Maritime Days to win a ride on an ultra-light.

Commissioner Kellehan thanked the Maritime Days Committee for all their hard work and said it was sure to be another successful Maritime Days.

Commissioner Hendrick thanked Lynn Zyrowski and wished her well in her retirement. She thanked everyone who helped and supported Old Newsboys' Santa's Summer Fest and said it was a great day for kids.

Mayor Vandebossche also thanked Lynn Zyrowski for her service, and said it was going to be a great festival this weekend.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Avery, to enter into Closed Session at 7:52 pm to Review Legal Opinion Regarding Consideration of the Purchase or Lease of Real Property – MCL 15.268 (d) and (h).

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to go back into Open Session at 8:24 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to adopt the strategy discussed in Closed Session. Ayes: Vandebossche, Avery, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen. Nays: Turner. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to adjourn at 8:25 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter
City Clerk