

**City of Marine City
City Commission
September 20, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, September 20, 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, Wendy Kellehan, William Klaassen, James Turner; City Manager Elaine Leven

Absent: Rebecca Lepley

Also In Attendance: City Attorney Robert Davis

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Turner to excuse Commissioner Lepley. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Communications

Received:

- Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2018
- Departmental Activity Reports
- MCAFA Run Report
- Coastal Water Grant
- Davis Kirksey Associates, Inc.

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

Public Comment

Chuck Seigneure, 224 N. Elizabeth, thanked Commissioners for attending the TIFA forum, and recommended TIFA, Planning Commission, and City Commission get together to develop a new plan. He felt they should be more proactive and work together. He also thought City Commission should look at the Autocraft building as a possible consolidated office space.

Raymond Meli, 408 Pearl Street, also attended the TIFA forum. He feels we should put 300 Broadway behind us and move forward. He agreed with Mr. Seigneure that we should take a look at the Autocraft property.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Kellehan, to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2018 with the following correction: *p.5, motion for Roasted With Perks – Request for Outdoor Café Service, Nays were Hendrick and Klaassen.* All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Kellehan, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to approve the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2018. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Presented:

- Business License – Rise Fitness
- Special Event – Pumpkin Palooza Party
- Special Event – Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

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

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance 2018-007 Signs – 2nd Reading/Adoption

City Manager Leven summarized the changes that were made from the first reading, which included adding the requirement to maintain a minimum of five (5) feet unobstructed pedestrian access along the sidewalk at all times, deleting the projecting signs from prohibited signs, and adding the temporary sign regulation under sign permits required.

Commissioner Avery felt the limitation on temporary signs could hurt some businesses. He was also concerned about the requirements for repairing or painting signs. He also voiced his concern regarding flashing signs. He feels businesses not on Water Street could have more attention drawn to them.

Motion by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to approve the second reading and adoption of the sign ordinance 2018-007.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Turner

Nays: Avery

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2018-008 Rental Housing Inspections – 1st Reading/Introduction

City Manager Leven summarized the proposed ordinance. It was reviewed by Planning Commission and recommended for adoption. It requires any unit to be rented for any period of time to be inspected over a 2 year cycle.

Commissioner Avery inquired if the Building Official would have time to do all the inspections. City Attorney Davis stated the inspections would be done on a rotational basis within a 2 year cycle.

Commissioner Kellehan asked if a dwelling included the grounds surrounding the house and if AirBnB properties were subject to the inspections. The attorney stated they would be and that one Planning Commissioner found evidence of at least 20-30 AirBnB rentals in the City.

Motion by Commissioner Kellehan, seconded by Commissioner Avery, to approve Ordinance No. 2018-008, as introduced.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Avery, 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 \$2,547,271.97, as presented.

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Preliminary Financial Reports

Motion by Commissioner Kellehan, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, 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, TIFA, and TIFA Forum meetings
- Safe Routes to Schools construction has begun
- New phone system continuing to be installed

COMMISSIONER PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Avery would like to thank everyone for their support over the death of his son. He thanked everyone for attending Heritage Days, and was happy with the favorable weather. He was concerned about the condition of 300 Broadway and didn't want to fall back to the old ways and felt City Commission should dedicate funds in the next budget for exterior maintenance.

Commissioner Klaassen passed his condolences to Commissioner Avery. He reminded everyone of the upcoming Pumpkin Palooza and to get out and volunteer.

Commissioner Kellehan thanked the group for Heritage Days, and reminded everyone of CominCon this weekend. She also noted the Blue Water Startup School is coming up soon and should be well attended. She noted there have already been a couple meetings for Merritime Christmas.

Commissioner Hendrick noted the Lions Wine Tasting event is coming in October and the Old Newsboys has started meeting for their Christmas fundraiser and to contact them to get involved and help.

Commissioner Turner felt the TIFA Forum was informative, and felt it should have happened several months ago. He felt the panel was great at presenting the facts, pointed out hurdles to reform, and noted that we can shelf the authority and defer collecting.

Mayor Vandebossche stated he was unable to attend the TIFA Forum due to a scheduled Fire Authority Meeting. He stated the Ghost Hunters, which have been featured on History and Discovery Channels, will be at ComicCon. He has also already been picking pumpkins for Pumpkin Palooza.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to adjourn at 7:41 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Leven
City Manager