

**City of Marine City
City Commission
October 18, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, October 18, 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, City Clerk Kristen Baxter

Absent: Commissioner Rebecca Lepley

Motion by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Avery, to excuse Commissioner Lepley from the meeting. Ayes: Vandebossche, Avery, Hendrick, Kellehan, Turner. Nays: Klaassen. Motion Carried.

Communications

Received:

- Departmental Activity Reports
- Election Commission Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2018
- Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2018
- Clark Hill, PLC – CVS SDD License Transfer
- MDOT Transportation Funding
- FOCH Grant Application Support Letter
- MCAFA Run Report

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

Public Comment

Joe Moran, 710 Pleasant, thanked those that attended the recent Road Millage Forum. He made several clarifications on questions and statements made at the forum.

Fern Longeway, 140 Bell Avenue, asked if the tax millage was going to improve her road. She stated that the only work that had been done on her road was prior to 1981.

Raymond Meli, 408 Pearl, announced Meet the Candidates event to be held October 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm in Washington Life Center.

Mike Hilferink, 525 Woodworth, suggested that the city hire an Economic Development Director to bring in additional revenue and said the city would benefit by the passing of the Recreational Marijuana proposal.

Chuck Seigneurie, 224 N. Elizabeth, explained that the TIFA Board could move districts around and create a new plan to fix the roads, with the assistance of the Planning Commission and City Commission.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to approve the Agenda, as amended:

- Remove Item 14-A

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2018. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 024-2018 – Waive Penalties for Non-Filing of Property Transfer Affidavits

City Manager Leven advised that the State had now allowed for a late charge to be placed on residential filings. She stated that the County was requesting the resolution to be passed for the purpose of their audit.

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve Resolution No. 024-2018 – Waive Penalties for Non-Filing of Property Transfer Affidavits.

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Museum Electrical Updates

In a letter to the City Manager, DPW Superintendent Itrich stated that the Pride and Heritage Museum was recently gifted money to make upgrades to the building. He requested that the electrical permit fees be waived for the project due to the zero cost impact to the city.

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to waive electrical permit fees for the museum project.

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Avery thanked the citizen who made the generous donation to the museum.

King Road Park – Grant Opportunity

City Manager Leven advised that the Community Foundation had a matching grant available for mixed-use courts. DPW Superintendent Itrich provided cost estimates for a basketball court, pickleball court, shuffleboard court, and cornhole project. The estimated costs are as follows:

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| ▪ Basketball & Ice-Skating Rink: | \$4,000 |
| ▪ Pickleball Court | \$9,700 |

- Shuffleboard Court \$4,025
 - Cornhole Sets \$ 400
 - Miscellaneous Costs (sidewalks/signage) \$3,210
- Grand Total Estimated Project Cost: \$21,355**

City Manager Leven commented that she was seeking feedback and support to move forward with the grant application.

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to support the application process with the understanding that the city would have financial obligations in the future. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Intergovernmental Agreement for Sewage Disposal – China Township

City Manager Leven explained that this agreement was amended to add one additional parcel (located on the North West corner of King Road and 26 Mile Road). She stated that no other changes had been made in the contract.

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

Roll Call Vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal RFP

City Manager Leven stated that the contract with our current provider was up at the end of 2018 and that she had developed a Request for Proposals for the Board’s review. She inquired if the City Commission would like her to move forward with the RFP.

At the direction of the Board, City Manager Leven to amend the language of the RFP asking for separation of costs for solid waste collection/disposal and recycling/ disposal.

Board Vacancies – Announcement

City Clerk Baxter prepared a list of upcoming Board vacancies, expiring December 31, 2018:

- Zoning Board of Appeals – 1 vacancy
- Board of Review – 1 vacancy
- Historical Commission – 2 vacancies
- Dangerous Building Board of Appeals – 4 vacancies

(2 Citizens; 1 Building Contractor; 1 State Registered Architect or Engineer)

Interested candidates should apply with the City Clerk on or before December 10, 2018.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Disbursements

Motion by Commissioner Kellehan, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve total disbursements, including payroll, in the amount of \$1,163,335.84.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Avery, Kellehan, Klaassen, Turner

Nays: Hendrick

Motion Carried.

Preliminary Financial Reports

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Turner, 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 TIFA and MCAFA meetings
- Attended a group meeting with Comcast

COMMISSIONER PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Avery commented that it was disappointing that the Road Millage Forum had such a low attendance and said that people only wanting to vote for the millage if it would improve their own road was a short-sighted way to look at improving the city and

value of our properties. He said that ending TIFA was also shortsighted – the city could use the money. He urged everyone to get out and vote.

Commissioner Klaassen commented that it was everyone’s right to vote – let the city know what they wanted. He said the roads were bad and the Infrastructure Committee had worked hard on figuring how to fund the repairs.

Commissioner Kellehan thanked the Infrastructure Committee and the City Manager on the Road Millage Forum and said they did a great job on presenting facts. She said she hoped that people saw the forum on television that didn’t attend so they could make an informed decision. She urged people to cast their vote and let the city know what they were thinking.

Commissioner Hendrick announced that restrooms were now closed by the beach and asked if a port-a-john could be put in that area for the winter months. She asked that people watch out for kids during Halloween.

Commissioner Turner commented on TIFA funds and said the Board had the power to say the one-time capture should go to roads and not the general fund.

Mayor Vandebossche wished everyone a safe and happy Halloween. He asked for people to come out and cast their vote on November 6th.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to adjourn at 8:02 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter
City Clerk