

**City of Marine City
City Commission
November 21, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, November 21, 2019 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 Elizabeth Hendrick, Wendy Kellehan, William Klaassen, Paul Merchant, Cheryl Vercammen; City Manager Elaine Leven, City Clerk Kristen Baxter

Absent: Commissioner Jacob Bryson

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Kellehan, to excuse Commissioner Bryson from the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Also in Attendance: City Attorney Robert Davis

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Kellehan, seconded by Commissioner Merchant, to approve the Agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Laura Scaccia, 430 South Water Street, announced that the Community & Economic Development Board was moving forward with a kayak launch and would soon bring a plan to the City Commission.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Kellehan, seconded by Commissioner Merchant, to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2019. Ayes: Vandebossche, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: Hendrick. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Presented:

- A. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2019
- B. Departmental Activity Reports
- C. MCAFA Run Report

Motion by Commissioner Kellehan, seconded by Commissioner Merchant, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Disbursements

Motion by Commissioner Vercammen, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve total disbursements including payroll, in the amount of \$408,227.59. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance 2019-012 Construction Board of Appeals – Adoption/2nd Reading

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Kellehan, to approve Ordinance 2019-012 Construction Board of Appeals. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 2019-013 Peddlers and Solicitors – Adoption/2nd Reading

Motion by Commissioner Kellehan, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve Ordinance 2019-013 Peddlers and Solicitors. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 2019-014 Golf Carts and Off-Road Vehicles – Adoption/2nd Reading

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve Ordinance 2019-014 Golf Carts and Off-Road Vehicles. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: Vandenbossche. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 2019-015 Traffic and Motor Vehicles/Distracted Driving – Adoption/2nd Reading

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Merchant, to approve Ordinance 2019-015 Traffic and Motor Vehicles/Distracted Driving. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 2019-016 Traffic and Motor Vehicles/Super Drunk – Adoption/2nd Reading

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Kellehan, to approve Ordinance 2019-016 Traffic and Motor Vehicles/Super Drunk. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Vandenbossche, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Merchant, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

SCC Homeland Security & Emergency Management – Winter Ice Blockages/Flooding

Justin Westmiller, Director of Homeland Security/Emergency Management, provided an update for 2020 high water, flooding, and ice damage for area residents. He said they are currently addressing how they may best help local communities, what response we can expect from the Coast Guard, and said that we will work together as a community and a County.

Mr. Westmiller cautioned property owners to leave their protective barriers in place, such as sandbags. He also urged property owners to buy flood insurance if they were located near the St. Clair or Belle Rivers.

Mayor Vandenbossche advised that the Fire and Police Departments monitor the water conditions and execute river checks every two hours when the water was high.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

In addition to the City Manager's Report provided in the agenda packet, City Manager Leven added the following:

- Attended Community & Economic Development Board
- Attended meeting regarding the ferry
- No quorum at November 19 TIFA Board meeting
- Attended meeting at County regarding new aerial photos in 2020

- Curtis McBride working with Treasurer/Finance Director Megan Pearce & temporary employee
- Thanked City office staff for working so hard and helping out with new employees
- KaBoom grant new location approved but not additional costs; will be looking for volunteers to assist with project

COMMISSIONER PRIVILEGE/LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Vercammen, on behalf of the Community & Economic Development Board, announced that the Board was moving forward with a kayak launch and were still in need of a floating dock for the site. She announced Small Business Saturday to be held November 30th.

Commissioner Klaassen announced the Lighted Santa Parade on November 26th and asked everyone to come out and have fun.

Commissioner Kellehan said the Lighted Santa Parade was the kick-off to the holiday season, announced Small Business Saturday on November 30th, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Hendrick congratulated the Mariner's on a great season and said it was fun to see the whole community behind them. She announced the Old Newsboys Craft Show on Saturday, November 23rd.

Mayor Vandebossche announced that the Christmas season was also chimney fire season and cautioned everyone to clear their flues and do proper maintenance on their chimneys. He commented that he had attended a meeting on a possible buyer for the ferry and said he wished he had better news to report. Mayor Vandebossche wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to adjourn at 7:36 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter
City Clerk