

**City of Marine City
City Commission
February 6, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, February 6, 2014, in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, and was called to order by Mayor Charles R. Browne at 7:00 PM.

After observing a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Browne.

Present: Mayor Browne; Commissioners Avery, Hendrick, Lovett, Meli, Skotarczyk and Turner; City Manager Gabor; and, City Clerk Baxter.

Absent: None

Communications

There were no Communications presented.

Public Comment

Rita Roehrig, 162 S. Third Street, Marine City, addressed the commission questioning Marine City's enforcement of snow removal. Mrs. Roehrig remarked that the City is not taking care of their own snow removal and they are not enforcing the snow removal ordinance for non-compliant residents and business owners.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Agenda, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held January 16, 2014. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda items were presented:

- T.I.F.A. Minutes ~ November 19, 2013
- Planning Minutes ~ September 9, 2013 & November 11, 2013
- Pension Minutes ~ October 29, 2013
- Pension/Retiree Minutes ~ October 29, 2013
- Election Minutes ~ November 7, 2013
- Historical Minutes ~ July 16, 2013

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Consent Agenda, and place it on file. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

New Business

Resolution ~ 2014 Northeastern Watersheds Budget

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve a resolution of support for the Northeastern Watersheds 2014 Budget, as presented; Resolution No. 1-14. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution ~ Marine City Retirement System Amendment

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve Resolution No. 2-14 which defines compensation for purposes of IRC Section 415(c)(3) which limits the contributions that an employee may contribute to the lessor of 100% of their compensation or \$40,000. Section 6.2 was required to be amended for compliance with the Internal Revenue Code's minimum distribution rules. Section 26(c) was required to be amended to provide that the accrued benefit for plan participants shall be non-forfeitable upon the attainment of normal retirement age. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution ~ Marine City Retirement System Amendment

Motion by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Skotarczyk, to approve Resolution No. 3-14 that applies to Section 8.4(b)(3) which was required to be amended to provide that a distributee also includes an eligible designated non-spouse beneficiary. This

section allows non-spouse beneficiaries to directly rollover benefit amounts to another qualified plan. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution ~ Marine City Retirement System Amendment

Motion by Commissioner Skotarczyk, seconded by Commissioner Avery, to approve Resolution No. 4-14 that applies to Section 4.5 which was amended to comply with the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Action of 2008 (HEART ACT). This amendment provides that a member who dies while on a qualified military leave, will be entitled to the same benefits from the Retirement System had he died as an active employee. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Financial Business

Disbursements

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve total disbursements, including payroll, in the amount of \$232,602.70, as presented. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Gabor provided updates on the following items:

- Snow Emergency ~ February 6th
- New State Budget ~ slight increase in revenue sharing
- Budget review process will begin in March
- Seven major water main breaks ~ December and January
- Metropolitan Planning Workshop ~ March 26th at 5:00 pm

Commissioner Privilege

Commissioner Hendrick requested a street list be made, by priority, of repairs needed. She also reported that the Broadway Street plowing was still an issue that needed to be addressed. She explained that bridge conditions created a dangerous walk to school for students.

Commissioner Meli addressed the board with an appeal to take another look at contracting with the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department for police services. Mr. Meli suggested the increasing police budget should be compared with Algonac's contract with the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department. City Manager Gabor said a review could be made during upcoming budget workshops.

Commissioner Avery congratulated the DPW for their snow removal efforts; he said they are doing a great job, under tough circumstances.

Commissioner Lovett also complimented the DPW on doing an awesome job with snow removal, and, reminded residents and business owners to keep their sidewalks clear.

Commissioner Turner said the DPW was really challenged this year with snow removal and they have stepped up to the challenge. Mr. Turner said the decision on police services isn't just based on dollars and cents. He said the police department is a good, vital service that can't be measured by price.

Commissioner Skotarczyk complimented the DPW on their fast response to a recent water main break on South Water Street. Mr. Skotarczyk said that giving up local control of our police services is a big step, and we should look at the possibility that we may not regain that control. He said it is a tough decision we are going to have to weigh out. He also announced a Trail Town meeting at the Marine City Library on February 18, 2014 at 5:30 pm.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Skotarczyk, to adjourn at 7:41 PM. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristen Baxter
City Clerk