

**City of Marine City  
City Commission  
February 20, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, February 20, 2014, in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, and was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Raymond Skotarczyk at 7:00 pm.

After observing a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Skotarczyk.

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

**Absent: None**

**Communications**

There were no Communications presented.

**Public Comment**

Rosalie Skwiers, 211 Michigan, Marine City said that city buildings do not accommodate people with disabilities. Mrs. Skwiers suggested that the city consider a discussion on making buildings ADA accessible during their budget meetings.

**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 February 6, 2014. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **Consent Agenda**

The following Consent Agenda items were presented:

- Departmental Activity Reports
- Marine City Fire Authority Run Report ~ January, 2014

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

## **New Business**

### ***Resignation Letter ~ Mayor Charles R. Browne***

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to accept the resignation letter of Mayor Charles R. Browne, dated February 6, 2014. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Turner thanked former Mayor Browne for his years of dedicated service and wished him well in future endeavors.

### ***Replacement of Mayor***

Commissioner Lovett suggested that the Mayor vacancy be filled as soon as possible to continue city business, especially with the board entering budget negotiations.

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Raymond Skotarczyk to fill the place of Mayor of Marine City for the remainder of his term.

City Attorney Jim Downey made the point that the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem Skotarczyk as Mayor created another vacancy in the office of the Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. Downey advised that another motion was in order for the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Skotarczyk asked if the motion could be postponed until the March 6, 2014 meeting and City Attorney Downey said the appointment may wait until that time.

Commissioner Lovett said that Mayor Skotarczyk will make a great Mayor due to his experience as Mayor Pro Tem, training with the Michigan Municipal League, his experience as a business owner, as well as his good relationship with the citizens of Marine City.

Commissioner Avery said that Mayor Skotarczyk will make a good representative of the city.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### ***Filling Commissioner Vacancy***

City Manager Gabor reported now that a new Mayor had been selected, a sixty-day time limit was in place. He asked the Commission how they wanted to proceed and made the suggestion of the process of applicants submitting an application and a letter of interest. Mayor Skotarczyk and Commissioner Hendrick agreed that the application process works well to see who might be interested.

Commissioner Lovett made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, for anyone interested in seeking a position as a Marine City Commissioner to fill out an application and submit it with a letter of interest to City Hall by March 13, 2014.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### ***Preliminary 2015~2015 Budget Meeting Dates***

City Manager Gabor said he is planning on having the Preliminary 2014/2015 Budget in Commissioner's hands on February 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>. He requested three or four meetings be scheduled to discuss the budget. The following dates were set as follows:

- March 18, 2014
- March 25, 2014
- March 27, 2014

All meetings to be held at the Marine City Fire Hall from 6pm to 8pm.

## **Financial Business**

### ***Fund Transfer***

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the following fund transfer:

- Fund Transfer from Debt-Issue A Fund to Water/Sewer Fund in the amount of \$8,173.24

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### ***Disbursements***

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve total disbursements, including payroll, in the amount of \$252,997.79, as presented. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### ***Preliminary Financial Statements***

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to accept the Preliminary Financial Statement for January, 2014. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Gabor provided updates on the following items:

- Received the preliminary okay to move forward on the Façade Grant and is in the process of an environmental review. The locations include the Riviera Restaurant (riverside), Snug Theatre, and the former dealership on Broadway, next to Book Store.
- DPW received seventy calls for frozen water lines in the past ten days.
- Good turnout for the Trail Town meeting on February 18, 2014.
- Police Chief Don Tillery developed and launched a new Marine City Police Facebook Page, Blog and Twitter account to fulfill a class requirement on the effective use of social media.

### **Commissioner Privilege**

Commissioner Hendrick reported that the fire department is also working on updating their web page and creating their own Facebook Page. She complimented the MCAFA on a busy month fighting fires under tough weather conditions.

Commissioner Hendrick inquired about a new Mariner State Championship Football sign and suggested signs at the Marine City Beach to warn drivers of children playing in the area.

Commissioner Lovett said she was grateful for the service of Charles Browne and his commitment to the community. She said at this time of change, with budget meetings coming up, we need to look at what we can be proud of and what we have accomplished in Marine City. Commissioner Lovett said she and the other Commissioners believe in our city and its people.

Commissioner Meli said that he appreciates the efforts of the DPW and said there has been a lot of pressure on the workers due to being so short staffed. He suggested the city hire another full time employee to help them out. Commissioner Meli also wished Charlie Browne well and said he did a good job taking care of the community he loved.

Commissioner Turner congratulated Marine City's new Mayor, Raymond Skotarczyk, and wished him well.

Mayor Skotarczyk thanked the Commission for their confidence in him as Mayor. He wished former Mayor Browne good luck and said he hoped to see him back soon in some capacity.

Mayor Skotarczyk shared that he had also recently attended the Jazz Festival and asked for the community to take advantage of local events. He also asked for involvement from local businesses with the Trail Towns Program.

Mayor Skotarczyk closed by pledging he will do his best as Marine City's new Mayor.

## **Adjournment**

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Meli, to adjourn at 7:57 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter  
City Clerk

