

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

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

After a prayer offered by Rev. Stephen Rooney, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Skotarczyk.

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

Communications

The following communications were received:

- Raymond Skwiers ~ Resignation from T.I.F.A. Board
- DPW Employees ~ DEQ Training Certificates

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to accept the communications and place them on file. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

John Sapienza, 426 Broadway, said the brickwork on 300 Broadway and the recent restoration of the lighthouse could have been completed by the Department of Public Works employees. He further said that grants needed to be redistributed among all the businesses in Marine City, not just the ones on Water Street.

Approve Agenda

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

Approve Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Avery, to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held October 16, 2014, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda items were presented:

- Strategic Communication Solutions, Inc. ~ Update
- Business License ~ Almost New, Inc.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Questioning of Marine City Area Fire Authority Service Charges

A discussion of Marine City Area Fire Authority Service Charges took place with the Board determining that the invoice presented was calculated fairly by rates set by the MCAFA. No action taken.

Traffic Control Order ~ River Valley Drive & Degurse

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Lovett, to make Temporary Traffic Engineer Order Number T-P-14-0001, a permanent Traffic Order. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Commissioner's Webpage

A discussion took place regarding the Commissioner's webpage on the City's new website. Mayor Skotarczyk pointed out that new, updated language was needed for the description/purpose of the City Commission and other City Boards. Commissioners Lovett, Simpson

and Avery to form a sub-committee to explore options to make the webpage more descriptive and interesting.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Disbursements

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve total disbursements, including payroll, in the amount of \$193,407.50, as presented. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Gabor provided updates on the following items:

- Lighthouse almost complete; additional lighting to be added. Looking at grant funding to work on inside of lighthouse.
- Dedication for installation of a bench, honoring Dale Markel, is in the works.
- Looking for ideas for television spots, featuring Marine City, on EBW TV.
- Met with Homeland Security and viewed a presentation of their WINS (Warning Information Notification System).
- Will be out of the office, starting on November 21st, for ten days.

Commissioner Privilege

Commissioner Simpson said how nice it was to see community members recognizing and commenting on the restoration of the lighthouse. He also wished the Marine City High School football team good luck on the second round of playoffs.

Commissioner Avery reminded residents that the feeding of stray cats presented a problem as the food was drawing wild animals into neighborhoods. He also reminded residents to keep their pets on a leash.

Commissioner Hendrick said they are looking for volunteers to assist with the Goodfellow's Christmas drive.

Commissioner Lovett reported on SEMCOG training and upcoming programs, which includes a survey evaluating safe routes to school.

Commissioner Turner congratulated City Clerk, Kristen Baxter, on a successful election. He also wished the Marine City football team the best of luck with their upcoming playoff game.

Commissioner Meli said he was glad that Marine City had good weather and a good turnout for post-Halloween trick or treating. He commended City Manager Gabor on the current status of Marine City and all the positive things happening in town.

Mayor Skotarczyk said that the Michigan Municipal League Conference in Marquette he recently attended was worthwhile and informational, showcasing the place making transformation of Marquette's waterfront and historic buildings. Mayor Skotarczyk also asked to residents, who were interested in serving on a City Board, to submit an application form to the City Clerk.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to adjourn at 8:08 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter
City Clerk