

**City of Marine City  
City Commission  
February 7, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, February 7, 2013, in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, 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 Hendrick, Lovett, Meli, Phelan, Skotarczyk and Turner; City Manager Gabor; and, City Clerk Kade.**

**Absent: None**

**Communications**

There were no Communications presented.

**Public Comment**

No residents addressed the Commission.

**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 Skotarczyk, seconded by Commissioner Phelan, to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held January 17, 2013, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **Consent Agenda**

The following Consent Agenda items were presented:

- T.I.F.A. Minutes ~ December 18, 2012
- Pension Board – Pension Plan Minutes ~ October 30, 2012
- Pension Board – Retiree Health Care Plan Minutes ~ October 30, 2012
- Business License ~ Preferred Glass, Inc.
- Business License ~ St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority
- Special Event ~ Henry Francis Bashore VFW Post 12085 Buddy Poppy Sale

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

## **Unfinished Business**

None

## **New Business**

### ***Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses ~ A Broadway Connection Debut, Inc.***

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Phelan, that the request from A Broadway Connect Debut, Inc. of Marine City, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in a community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses, be considered for approval. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### ***Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Program***

Commissioner Phelan explained the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Program as a state-wide program that certifies communities who actively engage stakeholders to vision and plan for the future. He said that the goal would be to receive certification from the State as a redevelopment ready community. Commissioner Phelan said that the City would only be committing to applying at this point; however, once a community was certified, RRC would assist in the promotion and marketing of the community.

Mayor Browne commented that there was not a lot of development space in Marine City, but that Marine City was in more of a revitalization mode. He said Marine City could attract more businesses to the community by remodeling existing business properties, not developing. Mayor Browne also noted the lack of volunteers available.

Commissioner Phelan said he hoped to mobilize the Planning Commission more by working on things regularly. Even if Marine City does not move forward, he said the City should still look at the best practices for the community.

Mayor Browne said he was not opposed to the idea, but was questioning the need; and, commented on the duplication of state programs such as the Main Street Program.

Commissioner Skotarczyk said that he had doubts if they could achieve best practices, but said it would be a good exercise.

Commissioner Meli inquired if there were any cities currently involved, and questioned the regulations of the program.

City Manager Gabor responded that this was a new program, and if the City could not follow the recommendations, they would opt out.

Motion by Commissioner Phelan, seconded by Commissioner Skotarczyk, to approve a Resolution to apply for participation in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Redevelopment Ready Communities Program; Resolution No. 001-13. 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 \$542,937.40, as presented. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Gabor provided updates on the following items:

- Attended MLGMA Conference in Rochester Hills
- LaBuhn Bridge Reconstruction Project has started – progress meeting to be held every two weeks, and as necessary
- Rental Rehab Project – MSHDA is holding back rental rehab monies until the previous projects are closed out, which may interfere with the theatre project
- Windows for City Hall will be coming in mid-February
- Cyber-attack at City Offices last week – no data was lost or compromised
- Targeted Neighborhood Program – cannot qualify anyone in designated area; to send grant monies back

### **Commissioner Privilege**

Commissioner Phelan inquired as to when the light pole at the King Road ball field would be repaired.

Commissioner Hendrick asked for better snow removal from the downtown sidewalks, and also noted the un-cleared sidewalks at Walnut Village and Belle River Apartments.

Commissioner Turner thanked the Department of Public Works and Police Department for their services at his home recently.

Mayor Browne spoke of the promotional services of Marine City events received by CTV Channel Six programming; reminded residents to support the local high school sports teams; and, encouraged everyone to shop local and support their businesses.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Phelan, to adjourn at 7:29 PM. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Diana S. Kade  
City Clerk