

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

*Prior to the meeting being called to order, Mayor Raymond Skotarczyk was sworn into office by City Clerk
Kristen Baxter*

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

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

Present: Mayor 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

No members of the Community addressed the Commission.

Approve Agenda

Agenda was amended to include the following:

- Executive Session #14-A: Settlement Conference
- Executive Session #14-B: Executive Session Minutes ~ November 21, 2013

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Agenda, as amended. 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 20, 2014. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda items were presented:

- Planning Commission Minutes ~ January 13, 2014
- T.I.F.A. Minutes ~ January 21, 2014
- Business License ~ Auto Showplace of Marine City
- Business License ~ Achatz Soup from Skratzch

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

Unfinished Business

Appoint Mayor Pro Tem

Motion by Mayor Skotarczyk, seconded by Commissioner Lovett, to appoint Commissioner James Turner as Mayor Pro Tem. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Mayor Skotarczyk said Commissioner Turner was selected because he had the most experience on the board, in addition to his involvement in the community.

New Business

Introduce Ordinance #14-01 ~ Proposed Land Usage Amendment

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to introduce an Ordinance to amend Land Use Title XV, Chapter 160, Section 224, entitled "Use Restriction"; Ordinance #14-01. 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 \$453,660.06, as presented. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Gabor provided updates on the following items:

- Five major water main breaks.
- DPW had forty "no water" service calls, mainly from frozen lines.
- Advertised for ***Public Comment on Facade Grant***.
- Met with insurance representative regarding Sidewalk Repair Program.
- DPW Union negotiations almost complete.
- Reviewed water & sewer operations with Tetra Tech.

Commissioner Privilege

Commissioner Meli said he is looking forward to Ice Jam 2014, presented by Marine City Maritime Days. The event will take place Friday, March 14th through Sunday, March 16th and will feature a heated beer tent, a Polar Bear Plunge, Kids Play Zone and Chili Cook-off, with the proceeds going to local non-profit groups. Commissioner Meli urged residents to come and take advantage of this winter activity.

Commissioner Hendrick suggested working on a plan to keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice in the upcoming year. She also thanked Lynn Zyrowski, Marine City Recreation Director, for setting up a CPR class at the Marine City Fire Hall on February 22nd. She said it was a good class with updated training, and was well attended.

Commissioner Avery commented that his neighborhood had a problem with cats running loose and asked residents to keep their animals inside or on a leash.

Commissioner Lovett said she also supported a sidewalk program to keep the sidewalks safe during the winter months. Commissioner Lovett said that two new businesses are opening in Marine City; Auto Showplace of Marine City and Achatz Soup from Skratzch, which will make great additions to the community. She spoke about reduced revenue

sharing from the state and said it is time for the state to shift gears and support local government again.

Mayor Skotarczyk advised that the Marine City Arts & Garden Club is hosting a Dueling Pianos benefit on March 29th at Perch Point Conservation Club and urged everyone to attend. Mayor Skotarczyk spoke about the budget crisis the city is experiencing, due to the drop in property values. He asked the citizens to take a look at the recent assessment they received in the mail and compare it to what they paid several years ago. He asked how Marine City can provide services at the same level when everyone is paying significantly lower taxes. He asked citizens to offer their support by attending Preliminary Budget Workshop Meetings on March 18th, 25th and 27th at the Marine City Fire Hall from 6pm to 8pm.

Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of a Settlement Conference, and, considering the Executive Session Minutes of November 21, 2013. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

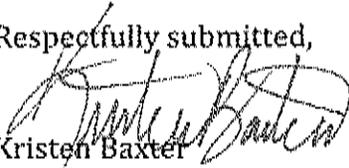
Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Avery, to return to open session at 7:49 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 21, 2013, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Meli, to adjourn at 7:51 PM. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristen Baxter
City Clerk