

**City of Marine City  
City Commission  
April 18, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, April 18, 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**

The following Communication was received and presented by Mayor Browne:

- Brian Calley, Lt. Governor ~ *Light it Blue*

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

**Public Comment**

Chris Simons, President of the Marine City Little League, announced that April 27<sup>th</sup> was its opening day; and, presented Mayor Browne with a baseball for him to throw out for the first pitch.

**Approve Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner Phelan, seconded by Commissioner Skotarczyk, 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 April 4, 2013, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **Consent Agenda**

The following Consent Agenda items were presented:

- Departmental Activity Reports
- Marine City Area Fire Authority Run Report ~ March 2013
- Business License ~ Eboni & Ivory Boutique

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

## **Unfinished Business**

### ***Adopt Ordinance #13-01 – Establishing an Illicit Discharge Elimination Program***

Motion by Commissioner Phelan, seconded by Commissioner Lovett, to adopt Ordinance #13-01 to amend Title V of the City Code of the City of Marine City by Adopting Chapter 53, establishing an Illicit Discharge Elimination Program. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **New Business**

### ***Volunteer Certificate of Appreciation – Cheryl Gilsbach***

Mayor Browne honored Cheryl Gilsbach with a Certificate of Appreciation for her dedication to the success of Marine City, and named her Marine City's Volunteer of the Year.

### ***Resolution of Exemption – Public Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act***

Motion by Commissioner Phelan, seconded by Commissioner Lovett, to approve a Resolution of exemption from the requirements of the "Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act" for 2013/2014; Resolution No. 009-13. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

***Special Event Policy***

Due to comments made at the April 4<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting, Mayor Browne asked for an open discussion of any concerns by the Commission regarding the City's Special Event Policy. The policy was originally adopted July 15, 2010; and, revised December 15, 2011.

Commissioner Hendrick reported that City Manager Gabor, per her request, had provided a copy of the special event policies for the cities of Algonac and St. Clair, together with a chart of the 2012 and 2013-to-date special event costs for the City of Marine City. She noted that Algonac offered a first-year event charge of 35% instead of 100%, and a second-year event charge of 65% instead of 100%. St. Clair offered no reductions and charged the event organizers 100% for the costs of city employees and for all other expenses incurred by the city in preparing for and administering the special event. Commissioner Hendrick said that she would love not to charge event organizers, but noted that Marine City keeps losing tax revenues. She said she hoped the special event fees could be eliminated in the future when things were better.

***Maritime Days Special Event***

Melisa Blanchard, Maritime Days President, distributed a *Maritime Days 2013 Revised Timeline* to the Commission. She spoke of the added key points, which included hanging a banner across the Broadway streetscape, modified road closures, and electrical needs. She said they intended to work with the Department of Public Works to keep costs down.

City Manager Gabor noted that the estimated costs had been revised after a meeting held on April 15<sup>th</sup> with event organizers, as follows:

▪ City Services	\$5,500.00
▪ Marine City Area Fire Authority	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
Total Estimated Costs:	\$6,100.00

Mayor Browne inquired if the City agreed to co-sponsor the event, had the Coast Guard been contacted with regards to the water skiing show at the City's beach; and, further inquired about the Rubber Ducky Race at Lighthouse Park in the St. Clair River.

Mrs. Blanchard responded that the water skiing show was responsible for securing permission from the Coast Guard; and, that the Rotary Club was responsible for the Rubber Ducky Race.

Commissioner Phelan spoke of his concerns with the Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) event, and asked that all precautions be taken and emergency medical personnel be on hand.

Mrs. Blanchard replied that the MMA was responsible for its own security and medical personnel.

A motion was made and seconded to co-sponsor the Marine City Maritime Days.

After further discussion concluded, Commissioner Lovett noted that Maritime Days was an important event for the City.

Motion by Commissioner Skotarczyk, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to call for the question. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Phelan, seconded by Mayor Browne, to amend the initial Motion to co-sponsor the 2013 Marine City Maritime Days, with the condition that the MMA comply to the maximum extent of the language as proposed in legislation concerning these events. Ayes: Browne, Hendrick, Lovett, Meli, Phelan, Skotarczyk. Nays: Turner. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Meli, seconded by Commissioner Skotarczyk, to co-sponsor the 2013 Marine City Maritime Days, as amended. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **Financial Business**

### ***Fund Transfer Resolution***

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to approve the Fund Transfer from Capital Improvement Fund to Water Sewer Fund in the amount of \$17,275.00; Resolution No. 010-13. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### ***Reallocation of Designated Funds Resolutions***

Motion by Commissioner Phelan, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to approve the reallocation of designated funds set aside in the Major Street Fund in the amount of \$17,500.00; Resolution No. 011-13. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Phelan, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to approve the reallocation of designated funds set aside in the Local Street Fund in the amount of \$17,500.00; Resolution No. 012-13. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### ***Disbursements***

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve total disbursements, including payroll, in the amount of \$229,981.97, as presented. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Skotarczyk, to accept the Preliminary Financial Statements for March 2013, and place them on file. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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

City Manager Gabor provided updates on the following items:

- LaBuhn Bridge Project
  - ✓ Unstable soil on East side
  - ✓ Pulling steel from two piers
- 300 Broadway - Painting and caulking has begun
- Footings at traffic signals to be completed this week
- Brad Kolcz resigned from the Marine City Police Department
- Lawn and Blight Review to begin next week

### **Commissioner Privilege**

Commissioner Hendrick commented that the City Manager's Evaluation was over-due; that the Broadway street-end was still being used by the employees of St. Clair County Community Mental Health instead of utilizing Broadway and Market Streets; and, asked if the City was keeping in contact with the property owners around the bridge.

Commissioner Phelan asked for an update on the light pole at the ball field on King Road. *City Manager Gabor responded that the City was working with the insurance company.*

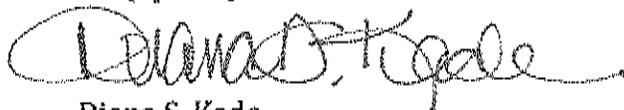
Commissioner Lovett announced the Annual 3 in 1 Concert at the Performing Arts Center on May 21<sup>st</sup>; and, thanked everyone for working hard for the City.

Mayor Browne thanked Elizabeth Steiner and everyone in the community for their part in the *Light It Up Blue* campaign; congratulated Cheryl Gilsbach and provided a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers in the community; encouraged citizens to come out and support the Marine City Little Leaguers; and, announced that packets with nominating petitions were available in the City Clerk's Office for the 2013 City Election. Mayor Browne spoke of the Boston incident and asked everyone to be vigilant, alert and safe.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Meli, to adjourn at 7:45 PM. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana S. Kade", written in a cursive style.

Diana S. Kade  
City Clerk