

**City of Marine City
City Commission
September 4, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, September 4, 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 observing a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Skotarczyk.

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

Absent: Commissioner Hendrick

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to excuse Commissioner Hendrick from the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Communications

No communications were received.

Public Comment

Brenda Lukasak, 380 Woodworth, Marine City, said she recently gave her neighbor permission to trim a tree on her property and the neighbor trimmed multiple trees. Ms. Lukasak then filed a police report and said she feels her neighbor was given more credibility due to her illness.

Rebecca Lepley, 539 N. William, Marine City, reminded residents of upcoming Heritage Days on September 20-21, 2014.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, 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 August 21, 2014, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda items were presented:

- Business License ~ Right Choice Logistics, LLC
- Business License ~ Great Lakes Arts & Antiques, LLC (location change)
- Special Event ~ Heritage Days

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, and place it on file. Ayes: Lovett, Meli, Simpson, Turner, Skotarczyk. Abstain: Avery. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Historic District Ordinance ~ Introduction

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to introduce an Ordinance of the City of Marine City to repeal the existing Historic District Restoration Commission and replace same with an Historic District Ordinance. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Appointment ~ Historical Commission

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to appoint Frederick P. Babchek to the Historical Commission. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Prayer Before Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to have a moment of prayer before meetings. Commissioner Lovett will be responsible for setting up guest clergy for each meeting and, if no one is available, will conduct a moment of silence.

Mayor Skotarczyk said he is opposed to the idea because he likes to keep religion separate from politics.

Commissioner Meli suggested that Commissioner Lovett lead the prayer instead of clergy, thus keeping it short.

Commissioner Simpson said he is very much in support of motion; it is an opportunity for community members who wish to speak.

Ayes: Avery, Lovett, Meli, Simpson, Turner. Nays: Skotarczyk. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Disbursements

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve total disbursements, including payroll, in the amount of \$807,595.54, as presented. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Gabor provided updates on the following items:

- Crack sealing to be finished week of September 8, 2014.
- New DPW tractor to be delivered week of September 8, 2014.
- Façade Grant paperwork submitted to MSHDA.
- August 21, 2014 City Commission Minutes posted and bookmarked online – looking for input/ideas for ease of access when we go paperless.
- Marine City resident who received a mangled water bill from post office.
- Working on getting the new webpage up and running. Elizabeth McDonald, from the Department of Public Works, to train the week of September 8, 2014. Hoping to launch website within a week.

- New Code Enforcement Officer (Charles Bayly) following process and being diligent on blight issues (14 letters mailed thus far).
- Special Event Planning Meeting set for Monday, September 22, 2014 at 6:30 pm in the Marine City Fire Hall.

Commissioner Privilege

Commissioner Avery thanked Rebecca Lepley for talking about the upcoming Heritage Days. Mr. Avery also suggested that the City look into parking lot solutions for downtown Marine City.

Commissioner Lovett urged residents to become involved in Heritage Days on September 20 & 21, 2014.

Commissioner Turner thanked the Historical Commission and City Commission for introducing the Historical Ordinance.

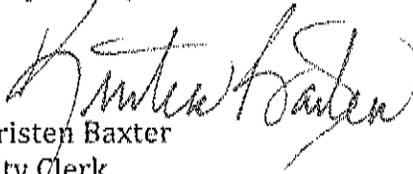
Commissioner Meli announced the Lion's Club Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 20, 2014.

Mayor Skotarczyk thanked Friends of City Hall and the Lion's Club for sponsoring upcoming events and wished them wonderful weather and success.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Meli, to adjourn at 7:43 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Kristen Baxter
City Clerk