

**City of Marine City
City Commission
September 5, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, September 5, 2013, in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, 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 presented:

- CPFA Re-Certification ~ Mary Ellen McDonald

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

Public Comment

Patricia Babchek, 251 Superior Drive, Marine City, said that the flowers looked beautiful in Marine City, and acknowledged the fabulous job the City employee was doing with watering the flowers.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Phelan, to postpone the City Manager Evaluation until reviewed by the City Attorney. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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 Hendrick, to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held August 15, 2013, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda items were presented:

- Planning Commission Minutes ~ July 8, 2013
- T.I.F.A. Minutes ~ July 16, 2013
- T.I.F.A. Minutes ~ July 23, 2013
- Special Event ~ Heritage Day
- Special Event ~ Fall Flea Market
- Business License ~ Bower-Rose Funeral Home

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

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Adopt Rules of the St. Clair County Drain Commissioner

Motion by Commissioner Phelan, seconded by Commissioner Lovett, to postpone the adoption of the Rules of the St. Clair County Drain Commissioner until the next meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Board Appointment

▪ *Planning Commission*

There is currently one mid-term vacancy on the Planning Commission, which expires June 30, 2014.

Applications were received from the following residents:

Rebecca R. Lepley 539 North William Street

Motion by Mayor Browne, seconded by Commissioner Phelan, to appoint Rebecca R. Lepley to the Planning Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2014. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Financial Business

Disbursements

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Skotarczyk, to approve total disbursements, including payroll and bond payment, in the amount of \$970,169.43, as presented. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Gabor provided updates on the following items:

- Condolences to the family of Howard Draft, who passed away
- LaBuhn Bridge Project
 - ✓ Bridge scheduled to open late afternoon on September 6th
 - ✓ Paving completed
 - ✓ Restoration to be completed
 - ✓ New Plaque on the bridge
- Pre-façade application has been submitted for three locations
- Water Tower is off-line – currently cross-connected with East China Township
- Participating in Homeland Security exercise on October 9th

Commissioner Privilege

Commissioner Meli commented that the street light by his home was out; announced the Lions Club Oktoberfest on September 21st and 22nd; and, thanked the Marine City property owners for coming together and making Marine City look spectacular.

Commissioner Hendrick extended her condolences to the family of Howard Draft; and, said she hoped the Chamber of Commerce would reconsider the date for the Christmas Parade.

Commissioner Phelan passed along his sincerest condolences to the family of Howard Draft, and recalled his passion for Marine City and Marine City Football.

Commissioner Skotarczyk offered his condolences to the Draft family; commented on The Snug Theatre's production of *"Hello Dolly"*; said the Marine City website needed to be cleaned up; and, asked when the City's Dashboard would be updated on the website.

Commissioner Lovett extended her condolences to the Draft family, and commented that Howard Draft always kept Marine City in the forefront; congratulated Mary Ellen McDonald on her re-certification; and, acknowledged that the September 20th – September 22nd weekend would be a great weekend for Marine City with Heritage Day and the Oktoberfest.

Mayor Browne offered his condolences to Howard Draft's family, and spoke of personal conversations with him; commented on the Christmas Parade, which brings families and the community together; and, encouraged the Chamber of Commerce to reconsider its decision of the date for the parade.

Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Lovett, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving an update on Union Contract Negotiations, and to consider the Executive Session Minutes of May 16, 2013. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Skotarczyk, seconded by Commissioner Phelan, to return to Open Session at 8:09 PM. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to approve the Labor Agreement between the City of Marine City and Police Officers Association of Michigan, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 16, 2013, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Meli, to adjourn at 8:11 PM.
All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana S. Kade". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Diana S. Kade
City Clerk