

**City of Marine City
City Commission
April 16, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, April 16, 2015, in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, and was called to order by Mayor Skotarczyk at 7:00 pm.

After a prayer offered by Commissioner Lovett, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Skotarczyk.

Present: Mayor Skotarczyk, Commissioners Avery, Hendrick, Lovett, Meli, Simpson, and Turner, Acting City Manager Tillery, and, City Clerk Baxter.

Absent: None

Communications

The following communications were received:

- Patrick Hupcik ~ Water Distribution System Operation & Maintenance
- Fibertech Networks ~ Metro Act Permit

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to accept the Communications and place them on file. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

Ray Skwiers, 211 Michigan, said that the most recent U.S. Census showed that over 30% of the population is 65 years or older and most are living on a fixed income. In addition, he said 15% are living below the poverty level. Mr. Skwiers suggested that the Commission rethink putting an additional burden, by raising taxes, on people who are already struggling.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Agenda, as presented.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Avery, to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held April 2, 2015, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2015 Budget Workshop, as amended. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda items were presented:

- Departmental Activity Reports
- MCAFA Run Report, Agenda & Meeting Packet
- Special Event ~ MC Garden Club Plant Sale

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to accept the Consent Agenda and file, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Marine City Area Fire Authority Resolution #07-2015

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve Marine City Area Fire Authority Resolution #07-2015, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

SEMCO Energy Gas Company ~ Ordinance #02-2015

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to adopt SEMCO Energy Gas Company Ordinance #02-2015, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Marine City Sidewalk Inspection Program ~ Discussion

The proposed Sidewalk Inspection Program was discussed with it being decided that Acting City Manager Tillery would make an appeal to the TIFA Board, at their April 21, 2015 meeting, to use TIFA funds to finance the program. The Sidewalk Inspection Program

states that tax payers are responsible for 100% of their sidewalk replacement and the TIFA funds would enable them to spread their payments over a designated period of time, set by the Commission.

Acting City Manager Tillery to bring back to the Board for consideration upon finalization.

Fence Permit for 2025 S. River Road ~ Discussion

Gary Gendernalik, attorney for homeowners at 2025 S. River Road, addressed the Board and said it is his belief that the city properly issued the fence permit for the above listed residence, as stated in his letter to property owners located at 2041 S. River Road. Mr. Gendernalik said that no MDEQ or Corp permit is required for a chain link fence, which offers no view obstruction. Furthermore, Mr. Gendernalik said he found (7) chain link fences on the water front within the City of Marine City, which are in existence and in compliance.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance #03-2015 ~ Narcotics & Narcotic Paraphernalia

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Lovett, to introduce Ordinance #03-2015 Narcotics & Narcotic Paraphernalia, as presented. 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 \$254,132.89, as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Skotarczyk, Avery, Lovett, Simpson, Turner. Nays: Hendrick, Meli. Motion Carried.

Preliminary Financial Statements

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to accept the Preliminary Financial Statements for March, 2015, as presented, and place them on file. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Acting City Manager's Report

Acting City Manager Tillery provided updates on the following items:

- Attended Planning Commission meeting.
- Met with Dan Casey of St. Clair County EDA.
- Met with efficiency expert regarding City Hall office layout.
- Teleconference with Joyce Parker of MML.
- Budget process on-track on on-time.

Commissioner Privilege

Commissioner Simpson announced the Marine City Scholarship dinner on May 4, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

Commissioner Hendrick said the fire department tones are not working correctly and were being looked at to see what repairs needed to be made.

Commissioner Lovett thanked Acting City Manager Tillery and the City Hall staff for moving the city forward during budget negotiations. Mrs. Lovett also said it was nice to see city businesses making improvements, as well as new businesses opening up.

Commissioner Turner said he would like to see a summary of proposed changes for the 2015/2016 budget.

Mayor Skotarczyk reminded residents that the Budget Hearing is set for Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to enter into Executive Session at 7:48 pm for the purpose of discussing Confidential Attorney/Client Communication, and, considering the Executive Session Minutes of April 2, 2015. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Executive Session

Confidential Attorney/Client Communication was discussed.

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Meli, to return to Open Session at 8:30 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 2, 2015, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to follow the advice of City Attorney Downey with regard to the Monahan Company. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Meli, to adjourn at 8:36 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter
City Clerk