

**City of Marine City
City Commission
September 3, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, September 3, 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 Pastor Wenturine, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Skotarczyk.

Present: Mayor Raymond Skotarczyk, Commissioners Terrance Avery, Elizabeth Hendrick, Dianne Lovett, Raymond Meli, David Simpson, James Turner, City Manager Elaine Leven, City Clerk Kristen Baxter

Absent: None

Communications

- DTE Energy ~ Tree Trimming

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to receive the communication and file. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

Keith Jenken, 809 S. Water Street, spoke about being a respected resident and business owner in Marine City. Mr. Jenken stated that he is tired of having to defend himself and his business due to comments made during Public Comment at City Commission meetings.

Heather Warner, 345 N. Elizabeth, announced that she was in the possession of 384 signatures on a petition opposing the PA33. Mrs. Warner turned the signed petitions over to City Clerk Baxter.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve the Agenda, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve the City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2015, as amended. Ayes: Skotarczyk, Avery, Lovett, Simpson, Turner. Nays: Hendrick, Meli. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Tax Increment Financing Authority Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2015, as amended. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda items were presented:

- Strategic Communication Solutions, Inc. ~ Update
- Business License ~ Marketing Corp. of America (dba Fine Art Models)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

East St. Clair & Washington Streets Parking

Michael Itrich, DPW Superintendent, updated the Board on his study of existing parking on East St. Clair and Washington Streets. Mr. Itrich said he observed the streets during daytime and evening hours on weekdays and weekends, as well as other side streets, and saw that the parking spaces on the street weren't being utilized. Instead of putting money into extending them into one-way streets (to Main Street) and creating angled parking, Mr. Itrich suggested adding signage and paint to direct people to available parking.

VFW Bench

Michael Itrich, DPW Superintendent, reported that the VFW was requesting permission to add two granite benches in Memorial Park, in front of the new flagpoles, so visitors could sit and look at the monuments. He added that the VFW was paying the total cost for the purchase of the benches.

Commissioners Lovett, Avery and Simpson all remarked that they were in favor of adding the benches as they would compliment the park.

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to allow the VFW to install granite benches at Memorial Park. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Board Appointments

Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to appoint Gary Gabler and Mark Bassham to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ayes: Skotarczyk, Avery, Lovett, Simpson, Turner. Nays: Hendrick, Meli. Motion Carried.

Board of Review

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to appoint Dan Micoff to the Board of Review. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Disbursements

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve total disbursements, including payroll and bond payment, in the amount of \$925,601.38, as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Skotarczyk, Avery, Lovett, Simpson, Turner. Nays: Hendrick, Meli. Motion Carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Leven provided updates on the following:

- Received a warm welcome from employees and residents.
- Attended an emergency table-top exercise for a disaster scenarios at the fire hall. Will appoint an Emergency Management Coordinator and bring a Mutual Aid Resolution to the Board for approval, following the appointment of the Coordinator.
- Had a mold/asbestos assessment completed at the Guy Center; awaiting results.
- Doors repaired at 300 Broadway, which are still under warranty.
- Met with City Attorney Downey on several issues, as well as on how the city moves forward with the PA33 Special Assessment.

COMMISSIONER PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Meli said he wished the DPW's 4-wheeler had been repaired instead of being replaced. He announced that the PA33 Special Assessment, going to the vote of the people, was a splendid opportunity for voters to have their say.

Commissioner Turner welcomed City Manager Leven and said he was sure she was going to do a fantastic job.

Commissioner Lovett thanked Heather Warner for her comments and clarified that money from the PA33 Special Assessment would be used for public safety, which would free up money that could be used for the city's general fund expenditures. She also congratulated Mr. McFarland on his positive approach to his request for an accessible fishing dock, which was ultimately awarded to him by the United Way.

Commissioner Hendrick responded to the Mayor's comments at the August 20, 2015 meeting and provided City Clerk Baxter with a copy of her comments that she asked be included with the meeting minutes for the record. The copy will be added to the September 3, 2015 Minutes in the City Commission Minute Book.

Commissioner Avery also welcomed City Manager Leven and thanked audience members who diligently attend each meeting, despite problems with the sound system in the fire hall. Mr. Avery said he still stands by his decision to support the PA33 Special Assessment.

Commissioner Simpson welcomed district students and staff back to school, and thanked Mariner owner, Gary Kohs, for seeing fit to move his business into Marine City and supporting many successful events within the city.

Mayor Skotarczyk said he disagreed with Commissioner Hendrick's comments and reiterated that his wife only served as an Election Inspector to help out the City. Mayor Skotarczyk wished everyone a safe and happy Labor Day.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Meli, to adjourn at 7:49 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter

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City Clerk