

**City of Marine City
City Commission
November 3, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, November 3, 2016, 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 Police Chaplain Rebecca Lepley, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Skotarczyk.

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

Communications

Received:

- Pending Agenda Items

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to accept and file the Communication. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

Gary Kohs, 430 S. Water Street, thanked the community for their support of Pumpkins, Popcorn, and Politics.

Louise Beutell, 535 N. Main, urged people to vote to keep the city's foundation strong.

Joe Moran, 710 Pleasant, voiced his position on community issues.

Bill Haas, 203 Pleasant, spoke of conflicts of interest in the city and the need for rental reform.

Laura Scaccia, 430 S. Water Street, announced Merrytime Christmas on December 3, 2016.

Bill Beutell, 535 N. Main, voiced his support for his wife, Louise Beutell, who is running for City Commission.

Rosalie Skwiers, 211 Michigan, voiced her support for City Commissioners Lisa Hendrick and Raymond Meli in the upcoming election.

Rudy Menchaca, 315 Westminster, commented on the negativity surrounding the election and said respecting one another is what makes us a great country.

Charles Seigneurie, 224 N. Elizabeth, spoke of his background and position on community issues and asked to be considered to fill the City Commission vacancy.

Malcomb Holcombe, 545 N. Main, thanked City Commissioners for their volunteerism and asked that the new board find a way to work together as a group.

Mike Hilferink, 218 Pleasant, spoke in support of Charles Seigneurie for City Commissioner.

Rebecca Lepley, 539 N. William, said she is proud of the service her family has put forth in the city since 1988.

Approve Agenda

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

Approve Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2016, as presented.

Ayes: Skotarczyk, Avery, Meli, Simpson, Turner

Nays: Hendrick

Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

Presented:

- Pension Board Minutes ~ July 26, 2016
- Pension/Retiree Minutes ~ July 26, 2016
- TIFA Minutes ~ September 20, 2016
- Special Event ~ Lighted Santa Parade

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Meli, to accept the Consent Agenda and file, as presented. Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Skotarczyk, Avery, Hendrick, Meli, Simpson, Turner

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board Appointment ~ City Commission

Mayor Skotarczyk announced that Rudy Menchaca and Louise Beutell had withdrawn their names for consideration for the board vacancy.

Motion by Mayor Skotarczyk, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to appoint Rebecca Lepley to the City Commission vacancy. Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Skotarczyk, Avery, Simpson, Turner

Nays: Hendrick, Meli

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Exterior Lighting for Historic City Hall

Rebecca Lepley reported that the exterior lighting was funded by the Friends of City Hall and the Marine City Historical Society and would be gifted with no cost to the city.

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to waive the city's administrative fees. Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Skotarczyk, Avery, Hendrick, Meli, Simpson, Turner

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve the exterior lighting proposal for Historic City Hall, as presented. Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Skotarczyk, Avery, Hendrick, Meli, Simpson, Turner

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Ice Rink ~ Nautical Park

DPW Superintendent Itrich announced that the Mariner Theatre was requesting an ice skating rink in Nautical Mile Park. He explained that the portable ice rink would be donated, and volunteers would set up and tear down the rink, resulting in zero cost to the city. Mr. Itrich also asked if an additional ice skating rink could be placed in front of the Department of Public Works building.

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to approve of ice skating rinks at Nautical Mile Park and in front of the Department of Public Works building. Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Skotarczyk, Avery, Hendrick, Meli, Simpson, Turner

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Recreation Department ~ Update

In a memorandum addressed to the City Commission, Recreation Director Lynn Zyrowski reported she would be providing the Recreation's Department Plan to Increase Revenue for the 2017-2018 Budget at the November 17, 2016 meeting.

Brownfield Grant & Loan Amendment ~ The Inn on Water Street

City Manager Leven explained that the amendment was due to cost adjustments on the loan portion of the Brownfield Grant for The Inn on Water Street. The amendment has no impact to the bottom line of the contract.

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to accept the no-cost amendment to the Brownfield Grant for The Inn on Water Street, as presented.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Skotarczyk, Avery, Meli, Simpson, Turner

Nays: Hendrick

Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Disbursements

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Avery, to approve total disbursements, including payroll, in the amount of \$440,376.85, as presented. Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Skotarczyk, Avery, Meli, Simpson, Turner

Nays: Hendrick

Motion Carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Leven provided updates on the following:

- Auditors finished review and will make a presentation at the December 15, 2016 meeting.
- Attended state training on property tax exemptions.
- Attended MEDC training on redevelopment-ready communities.
- Met with City Attorney, DPW Superintendent, and insurance agent on the Sidewalk Inspection Program.

COMMISSIONER PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Meli commented that he wished Chuck Seigneurie had been appointed to the City Commissioner vacancy and said he himself had enjoyed serving on the Board.

Commissioner Turner thanked the Friends of City Hall and the Historical Society for the gift of exterior lighting on Historic City Hall. He urged everyone to get out and vote.

Commissioner Hendrick reminded people to get out and vote and thanked the community for their continued support.

Commissioner Avery thanked the people who were working to move the city forward, as demonstrated by the gift of exterior lighting from the Friends of City Hall and the Historical Society.

Commissioner Simpson said he was appreciative of the community support he has received over the past few years and said he was looking forward to serving on the City Commission again.

Mayor Skotarczyk thanked everyone on the Board and said he was proud of his service on the City Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Meli, to adjourn at 8:35 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter

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City Clerk