

**City of Marine City  
City Commission  
December 1, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, December 1, 2016, in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, and was called to order by Mayor Vandebossche at 7:07 pm.

After a prayer offered by Lay Minister Lorna McDonald, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Vandebossche.

**Present: Mayor Dave Vandebossche; Commissioners Terrance Avery, Elizabeth Hendrick, William Klaassen, Rebecca Lepley, David Simpson, James Turner; City Manager Elaine Leven; City Clerk Kristen Baxter**

**Communications**

Received:

- Pending Agenda Items
- HIBU – Yellowbook Distribution

Motion by Commissioner Lepley, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to accept and file the Communications. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Public Comment**

Lee Watta, 314 N. Elizabeth, spoke against snow ordinance parking permits with regard to charging money for parking when he already pays taxes.

Rosalie Skwiers, 211 Michigan, would like to see a new city hall built and stated that she loved the city.

Gary Kohs, 430 S. Water, announced Merrytime Christmas to be held December 3, 2016.

Erin Doetsch, 323 N. William, announced the craft and bake sale for the River Rec Teen Zone at the Marine City Lions Club on December 3, 2016.

## **Approve Agenda**

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

## **Approve Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2016, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **Consent Agenda**

Presented:

- Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes ~ October 7, 2016
- Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes ~ October 10, 2016
- TIFA Regular Meeting Minutes ~ October 18, 2016

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

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Avery, Hendrick, Klaassen, Lepley, Simpson, Turner

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### ***SEMCOG Delegate***

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Avery, to appoint Commissioner Rebecca Lepley as the Marine City Delegate to Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Avery, Hendrick, Klaassen, Lepley, Simpson, Turner

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Proclamation for Robert McGreevy***

Gary Kohs of the Mariner Theatre stated that artist Robert McGreevy had dedicated his life to ships on the Great Lakes; most of which were built in Marine City. Mr. Kohs asked for the Board's support in naming Mr. McGreevy resident Maritime Artist of Marine City.

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to proclaim Robert McGreevy as resident Maritime Artist of Marine City. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Kohs also announced the new "Beattie" Gallery at The Mariner to honor Robert Beattie and his family.

### ***2017 City of Marine City Meeting Schedule***

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Lepley, to accept the 2017 City of Marine City Meeting Schedule, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### ***Cancellation of January 5, 2017 Meeting***

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to cancel the January 5, 2017 City Commission meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### ***Rules of Commission***

City Manager Leven stated that there was an inconsistency between the Agenda and the Rules of Procedure of the Marine City Commission, such as the City Manager Report following Commissioner Privilege, and also Prayer not currently in the Rules of Procedure. City Manager Leven said that if the Board chose not to amend the rules, we could change the Agenda to properly reflect them.

Commissioner Lepley made the following motion:

I move to postpone the approval of the "Rules of Procedure of the Marine City Commission", with the request to investigate and craft an amendment to those rules for a process outlining the dissemination of information and the sharing of opinions by the

commission and its individual members with advisory boards. This amendment shall be presented to the City Commission, along with the existing document as soon as it is approved by the City Attorney, and no later than the January 19, 2017 regularly scheduled meeting of this City Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson.

Commissioner Lepley stated that the City Commission had no procedure on this currently and she would like to see it investigated by the City Attorney and have a process the Board could all agree on.

Commissioner Hendrick stated she had concerns with this because in addition to her being a City Commissioner, she was also a tax payer. She said Board members should do their homework ahead of time. She also said that in some cases, the discussion needed to take place because it was a public meeting.

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Avery, Klaassen, Lepley, Simpson, Turner.

Nays: Hendrick. Motion Carried.

### ***Attorney Attendance at Meetings***

City Manager Leven stated that there was \$32,000 remaining in the budget for the fiscal year ending in June 2017 for legal services. She noted it would cost \$2,280 to have Attorney Davis attend the remaining regularly scheduled meetings in the fiscal year.

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Lepley, to fund the attendance of City Attorney Davis at regular City Commission meetings.

Commissioner Simpson said he thought it was a good idea because it was within the budget and could be discussed at budget workshop time how it would impact future budgets. He also said he saw the City Attorney's attendance as a benefit due to having immediate response at meetings.

City Attorney Davis responded that it would save the city money in the long run, and noted the two hour cap for attending meetings. He also stated that it was beneficial to be at the meetings to hear motions and discussions first-hand.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Avery, Hendrick, Klaassen, Lepley, Simpson, Turner

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

## **FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

### ***Disbursements***

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve total disbursements, including payroll, in the amount of \$240,323.15, as presented. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Vandenbossche, Avery, Hendrick, Klaassen, Lепley, Simpson, Turner

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Leven provided updates on the following:

- Street light repaired in front of Marine City Fish Company.
- 823 Bruce Street quit claimed to the city from county for foreclosure.
- Conducted a random inventory inspection of DPW equipment.
- Attended TIFIA and Historical Commission meetings.
- Attended a Broadband meeting at the County.
- Met with Linda Davis-Kirksey.
- Revenue sharing reporting completed.
- Updated contact information on the city website for emergency reporting.
- Judged Marysville Christmas light display.
- TIFA analysis review by City Attorney to be presented at the December 15, 2016 meeting.

## **COMMISSIONER PRIVILEGE**

Commissioner Avery commended the people who have been working to set up our town as a prime location for people to visit. He said it benefits us all.

Commissioner Lepley congratulated everyone involved in the Lighted Santa Parade, thanked the volunteers for lighting 72 candles in Historic City Hall windows, and commented it was thrilling to be involved in all that was happening in Marine City.

Commissioner Klaassen announced that the annual Marine City Rotary Christmas Tree Sale was open 24-hours a day with a drop box. He also said the Rotary would help those in need with a Christmas tree.

Commissioner Simpson announced Merrytime Christmas this Saturday, and challenged people to help others in need this holiday season.

Commissioner Hendrick announced the Lions Club Craft Show, the Old Newsboys Craft Show, the Old Newsboys Paper Sale, and Hells Our Home Cookie Sale.

Mayor Vandebossche announced Board vacancies, and commented how nice it was for the community to come together to help one another at the Tyler Kreilter 5K Run on Thanksgiving Day. He also announced that hay wagon rides to Canada would be available during Merrytime Days.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Lepley, to adjourn at 8:13 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter  
City Clerk