

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

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, December 3, 2015, in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, and was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Turner at 7:00 pm.

After a prayer offered by Reverend Rooney, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Turner.

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

Absent: Mayor Raymond Skotarczyk

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to excuse Mayor Skotarczyk from the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Communications

No Communications were received.

Public Comment

No Public Comments were made.

Approve Agenda

The following item was added to the Agenda:

- **Item #10-B ~ Set date for PA33 Election**
- **Item #10-C ~ Set Special Meeting and Public Hearing for an amendment to TIFA #2 and TIFA #3**

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

Approve Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve the City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2015, as amended. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda items were presented:

- 2016 City of Marine City Meeting Schedule
- Business License ~ Marine City Music & Collectibles
- Business License ~ Good-Natured Gardens (Relocation)
- Special Event ~ Antique Outboard Motors & Antique Wooden Boat Show

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

Cancellation of January 7, 2016 Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Avery, to cancel the January 7, 2016 City Commission meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Set Date for PA33 Election

Due to Governor Snyder signing bill HB 4904 into law on November 24, 2015, local proposals will now be allowed to be placed on the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary ballot. In a memo addressed to the City Commission, City Manager Leven advised that our Charter specified that a petition for referendum should be presented at the next election. She stated that City Attorney Downey recommended the question be placed on the March ballot and prepared the language for the ballot, based upon the prior resolution approved by the City Commission. He also noted that the language did not need Commission approval, but needed to be submitted to the Clerk by December 15, 2015.

Commissioner Simpson said he supported placing the language on the March ballot and said it was important to have it take place before 2016/2017 budget reviews began.

Commissioner Hendrick pointed out that there were several holes in the language, such as the Special Assessment District should be amended to read city-wide, the millage range was not given, and the time-frame of the special assessment was not included.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that City Manager Leven work with City Attorney Downey on refining the language of the proposal.

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Lovett, to include the Public Act 33 language on the March 8, 2016 ballot. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Set Special Meeting and Public Hearing for an Amendment to TIFA #2 and TIFA #3

City Manager Leven informed the Board that it had come to her attention that TIFA #2 and TIFA #3 were set to expire at the end of the year. Due to the short notice, she proposed extending the terms of TIFA #2 and TIFA #3 to match the expiration date of the TIFA #1 term, which is December 15, 2018. By amending the terms, she said the TIFA Board, City Commission, and the public would have an opportunity to fully review the plans and determine if they want to move forward.

City Commissioner Hendrick disagreed and said the funds should be dissolved and the money put in the general fund. She said it wasn't a good idea to rush through the process and said that due to the holiday and such short notice, people would not be able to attend the December 29, 2015 Special Meeting.

Commissioner Simpson supported the amendment and said that the extension would follow proper procedure. He said more time was needed to consider dissolving TIFA #2 and TIFA #3.

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to set a Public Hearing for discussion of an amendment to extend TIFA #2 and TIFA #3, on December 29, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Marine City Fire Hall. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Financial Disbursements

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve total disbursements, including payroll, in the amount of \$130,764.24, as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Avery, Lovett, Simpson, Turner. Nays: Hendrick, Meli. Motion Carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Leven provided updates on the following:

- Attended Lighted Santa Parade.
- Worked with Mary Ellen McDonald on revenue sharing with the State of Michigan.
- December 14th Planning Commission Meeting cancelled.
- Audit presentation to take place at the December 19th City Commission meeting.

COMMISSIONER PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Hendrick thanked the Old Newsboys Paper Drive volunteers and those who donated. She also announced dates for future fundraisers to support local charities.

Commissioner Lovett announced local upcoming events and gave an update on the locks at 300 Broadway and said they were advised that the locks were top-of-the line, but required special procedures on using them properly.

Commissioner Meli commented that the Lighted Santa Parade was a big hit, and said he appreciated the prayer before the meeting, which was implemented last year. He said it was nice to see a wide-range of religions represented.

Commissioner Avery expressed thanks for the great job on the Lighted Santa Parade. He asked viewers to be attentive to the snow when it arrived, keeping their sidewalks cleared. He also said he was happy to have prayer before the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Turner said it was great to see another marquis lit up in Marine City with the new sign hung at Riverbank Theatre.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Meli, to adjourn at 7:52 pm.
All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter

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City Clerk