

**City of Marine City
City Commission
March 17, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, March 17, 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 Father Slaton, 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 Leven, City Clerk Kristen Baxter

Communications

No Communications were received.

Public Comment

Student representatives from Riverview East High School expressed their interest in finding a community center for area youth. They asked that the city remember them during budget discussions.

Michael Hilferink, Pleasant Street, spoke in opposition of the restoration of 300 Broadway Street. In addition, he said that Public Act 33 should not have been put on the March 8, 2016 ballot.

Laura Scaccia, 430 S. Water Street, introduced Erika DeLange, of the Marine City Chamber of Commerce, and spoke about the upcoming event to raise money for a beach attendant.

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 Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Lovett, to approve the City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2016, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Closed Session Minutes of March 3, 2016, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda items were presented:

- Departmental Activity Reports
- MCAFA Run Report
- Special Event ~ International River Crossing (Girl Scouts)
- Business License ~ Blue Mitt, LLC

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

Board Appointment ~ Election Commission

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to appoint Commissioner Avery to the Election Commission. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Water Monitoring Contract ~ Extension

A Water Monitoring Contract was prepared and submitted by Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc. for a period of three years.

Following a discussion of the lack of detail found in the contract, Board Members decided to postpone approval, pending further information.

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to send the contract back to Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc. for clarification of actual insurance requirements, as well as total liability. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Disbursements

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve total disbursements, including payroll, in the amount of \$184,796.91, as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Skotarczyk, Avery, Hendrick, Lovett, Meli, Simpson, Turner. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Preliminary Financial Statements

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Leven provided updates on the following:

- Continuing review of city contracts; to be presented at a future meeting.
- Meeting on Monday, March 21, 2016 to review sidewalk ordinance and information.
- Reviewed election law due to concerns brought up on election day.
- Met with state election division employee on accessibility for elections. She reported that everything looked good and noted they recommended implementing a handicapped parking spot close to Guy Center office. The portable handicapped sign was also discussed.
- DPW Superintendent, Michael Itrich, working with the county on the emergency sirens.
- Preliminary items for the April 7th Agenda include: CDBG Public Hearing Closeout, contract with the county for Master Plan Stakeholder Survey & Visioning Meeting, summary of fence ordinance for publication.
- New business owner thanked City Clerk Baxter and staff for helpful and courteous service.

COMMISSIONER PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Lovett said it was exciting to see the students from Riverview East High School take an initiative in their search for a community center.

Commissioner Hendrick wished everyone a Happy Easter and reminded residents of the WINS Alert System.

Commissioner Avery said he was disappointed with the dismal turnout for the March 8, 2016 election and the failure of the proposal for the PA33.

Commissioner Simpson thanked the students from Riverview East High School and wished them well with their search for a community center. He said he hoped that the Board would support their efforts. Mr. Simpson asked that parking for the beach and plans for another Town Hall Meeting be considered for discussion at a future meeting.

Commissioner Meli said he was thankful to see youth involvement in the city and said that it made a strong community. He also said that the beach was a livelihood in the community and it was good to see the efforts with the fundraiser for a beach attendant.

Mayor Skotarczyk conveyed his sympathy to the Beattie family in the passing of Mollie Beattie. He wished everyone a happy and safe Easter.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Meli, to enter into Closed Session at 7:49 pm for the purpose of considering confidential attorney-client communication regarding a legal opinion. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Skotarczyk, Avery, Hendrick, Lovett, Meli, Simpson, Turner. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Meli, to return to Open Session at 8:10 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Meli, to follow the City Attorney's recommendation regarding Donald Tillery's employment compensation. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Skotarczyk, Avery, Hendrick, Lovett, Meli, Simpson, Turner. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Meli, to adjourn at 8:12 pm.
All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter

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City Clerk