City of Marine City
City Commission
October 1, 2015

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, October 1, 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 Reverend Doroh, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Skotarczyk.

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

Absent: Commissioner Terrance Avery

Communications

The following Communications were received:

- Michigan Certified Professional Treasurer ~ Irene Antoniewicz
- Resignation of Police Chief Donald G. Tillery

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to accept the Communications and place them on file. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

Bill Haas, 203 Pleasant Street, announced that he was in the possession of the final ten percent of petitions opposing the PA33 Special Assessment. Mr. Haas turned the signed petitions over to City Clerk Baxter.

Joseph Moran, 710 Pleasant, asked what effect the PA33 Special Assessment recall would have on the city. What will be frozen and what won't be getting done? He also asked the cost to hold a special election.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, 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 September 17, 2015, as presented. Ayes: Skotarczyk, Lovett, Meli, Simpson, Turner. Nays: Hendrick. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve the Closed Session Minutes of September 17, 2015, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda items were presented:

- Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes ~ August 10, 2015
- TIFA Regular Meeting Minutes ~ August 18, 2015.

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

Purchase of Livescan Fingerprint Device

Chief of Police, Donald Tillery, requested authorization to purchase a TPE-4100UXDFS-ED Touchprint Livescan fingerprinting device. Chief Tillery explained that although the fingerprint device was budgeted in the 2015-2016 budget at a cost of $12,000, the St. Clair County Chiefs of Police wrote a grant to purchase the equipment county-wide at a reduced

price of $4,000, as well as receive 100% of the cost of the device as a grant. Chief Tillery said the grant had no required match from the city, however, the device must be purchased, paid for, and the request for reimbursement sent to the County before November 1, 2015.

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Lovett, to approve the purchase of the Touchprint Livescan fingerprinting device, as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Skotarczyk, Hendrick, Lovett, Meli, Simpson, Turner. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Disbursements

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve total disbursements, including payroll and bond payment, in the amount of $293,188.27, as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Skotarczyk, Lovett, Meli, Simpson, Turner. Nays: Hendrick. Motion Carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Leven provided updates on the following:

- Resignation of Police Chief Donald Tillery; asked for guidance from the Board. To possibly be discussed at the October 15, 2015 meeting.
- Resignation of Deputy Treasurer Irene Antoniewicz.
- Spoke about changes in the office and is exploring options of consolidating positions, as well as a 4-day work week which would require updates to the Personnel Policies and Procedure Manual. To be brought back at the October 15, 2015 meeting for approval.

COMMISSIONER PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Turner thanked Police Chief Don Tillery for work he's done in Marine City. He said Chief Tillery will be missed.

Commissioner Meli asked that agenda packets for the City Commission meetings be delivered earlier so Commissioners may have extra time to review them. He said he received word that Police Chief Tillery had resigned before he was advised through his

agenda packet. Mr. Meli asked for residents to be mindful of safety when enjoying the autumn weather with a campfire in their backyard. He said he is excited about the new changes around town.

Mrs. Lovett thanked Police Chief Tillery for his devoted service and professionalism. She said he leaves a shining standard for whomever follows him. Commissioner Lovett asked the Board to explore a stop walk ordinance in the future. Commissioner Lovett also addressed guidelines set by the Michigan Municipal League for the behavior of City Commissioners, and said it was unethical for Commissioner Hendrick to address the TIFA Board.

Commissioner Hendrick thanked Irene Antoniewicz for her hard work and said she will be sorely missed at the front office. She also thanked Marine City Grill and the Corner Grocery for fixing up the exterior of their buildings so nicely. Commissioner Hendrick said she was not a fan of four 10-hour days and said that people struggle to try to make it with the times we do have. Mrs. Hendrick said she attended the TIFA meeting as a tax payer and found a solution for leaf vacuuming.

Mayor Skotarczyk addressed Mr. Moran's question in Public Comment about what the city could possibly lose if the city rescinded the PA33 Special Assessment. Among them, he listed capital improvement, Channel 6, the inability of retaining employees, improvements to buildings, and cited other problems that result in operating the city in a continuous deficit. He said the approximate cost to run a special election would be $15,000. Mayor Skotarczyk said he enjoyed seeing such quality kids take part in an event sponsored by the Mariner Theater, and thanked the volunteers who worked so hard on the boulevard on Broadway Street.

Adjournment

Motion by Mayor Skotarczyk, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to adjourn at 8:46 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter
City Clerk