

**City of Marine City
City Commission
August 18, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, August 18, 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 Chaplain Rebecca Lepley, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Skotarczyk.

Present: Mayor Raymond Skotarczyk, Commissioners Terrance Avery, Elizabeth Hendrick, Dianne Lovett, Raymond Meli (arrived 7:02 pm), David Simpson, James Turner, City Manager Elaine Leven, City Clerk Kristen Baxter

Absent: None

Communications

The following Communications were received:

- Pending Agenda Items
- Michigan Municipal League
- MDOT Training Wheels Event
- St. Clair County ~ ORV Ordinance
- Michigan Municipal Executives

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to accept and file the Communications. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

Joe Moran, 710 Pleasant, said he was surprised not to find Mayor Raymond Skotarczyk interviewed in the Voice Newspaper in a recent article on the Mayoral race.

Louise Beutell, 535 N. Main Street, spoke about the lack of effort the Voice Newspaper made in contacting two of the three Mayoral candidates.

Bill Haas, 203 Pleasant, spoke about blight, landlords, city trees, and ways to make money for the city.

Dave Vandebossche, 214 S. Belle River, thanked the community on behalf of the Marine City Area Fire Authority for the donation of water, sports drinks, and energy bars during the recent fire at the DTE Plant.

Mike Hilferink, 218 Pleasant, requested a transcript of this evening's Closed Session. He said the acquisition of property should not be discussed privately and that the city needed to be more transparent.

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 Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Avery, to approve the City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2016, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda items were presented:

- Business License ~ The Shop on the Corner
- Special Event ~ Heritage Days
- Departmental Activity Reports
- MCAFA Run Report & Agenda Packet

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to accept the Consent Agenda and file, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Department Recognition

Chief of Police James Heaslip awarded Detective Dave Spens and Sergeant Paul Westrick with Lifesaving Citations after helping to save five lives when a boat overturned in the St. Clair River.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Disbursements

Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve total disbursements, including payroll, in the amount of \$523,121.49, as presented. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Preliminary Financial Reports

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Leven provided updates on the following:

- Attended TIFA and MCAFA meetings.
- TIFA approved membership with Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County.
- Demolition of Terhune's to begin August 26th.
- RFP's for IT Consultant advertised.

COMMISSIONER PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Hendrick conveyed her condolences to the Beauvais family in the passing of Robert Beauvais. She thanked the MCAFA for their hard work with the recent DTE fire, and thanked Bob and Melisa Blanchard for a successful Maritime Days.

Commissioner Avery congratulated the Maritime Days Committee and the Department of Public Works and said the disruption to downtown was minimized due to the quick street openings.

Commissioner Simpson applauded the first responders to the DTE fire. He said he was thankful to have great people in those positions.

Commissioner Meli said he was thankful for Bob and Melisa Blanchard and our town itself, which brought in a lot of people to Maritime Days.

Commissioner Lovett commented that our town was in great hands with the hard work and consideration that Jim Heaslip, Joe Slankster, and Mike Itrich give to the community.

Mayor Skotarczyk offered his condolences to the Beauvais family and said he was appreciative of the years of dedication Robert Beauvais gave to the city. He complimented our first responders and said they did a top-notch job with the recent DTE fire.

CLOSED SESSION

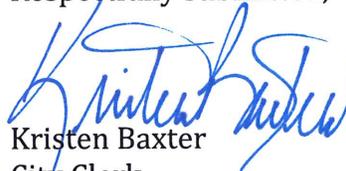
Motion by Commissioner Lovett, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to enter into Closed Session at 7:41 pm for the Consideration of the Purchase or Lease of Real Property. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Meli, to return to Open Session at 8:30 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Meli, to adjourn at 8:32 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristen Baxter
City Clerk