

Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Regular Meeting
February 22, 2021 – 7:00 pm

Due to the COVID-19 precautions currently in place the meeting was held via Zoom.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Bekken called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call:**
Present: Bekken, Dean, Leo, Lewis, Peterson, Stanton, Trester
Absent: None
Others Present: City Manager Heise, Treasurer Stanislawski, Zoning Administrator Osman, and Clerk Wilkinson
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
A. Regular City Council Meeting of February 8, 2021 - A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Lewis, to approve the meeting minutes of February 8, 2021 as presented. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.
4. **Mayor's Comments:** None
5. **City Manager Comments:** City Manager Heise provided project updates on the following:
 1. working with Council Member Leo and Friends of the Blue Star Trail to move an inter-local agreement forward and plan to suggest a new engineering firm to work on the project soon;
 2. Dune Ridge will be providing a new site plan, including the disputed fence, for the Planning Commission and Zoning Boards to review;
 3. working with the City Engineer to understand what road projects are underway and the Campbell Road project will be pushed from summer to early fall;
 4. the combined project list from council already has more than 60 items on it, once the list is complete it will be provided to council for prioritization, and suggested hiring someone to help facilitate the dialogue;
 5. the mayor requested we purchase more radar signs;
 6. staff has been working to move the Eurasian Milfoil treatment project forward and expects the first treatment will be early June, second will be mid to late July and if a third is required it will be mid to end of August;
 7. the new police car has arrived and is in the process of having equipment and details installed;
 8. staff will soon be posting the Oval Beach Manager position, and will soon be presenting council with a suggestion to increase beach fees.
6. **Agenda Changes (Additions/Deletions):** None
7. **Guest Speakers:**
A. Lt. Brett Ensfield - Allegan County Sheriff's Department: The new car was delivered Thursday to Mark's and is expected back in several weeks. ACSD hopes to have it in Saugatuck within the next few weeks to a month. Regarding the Social District, Lt. Ensfield expressed a concern about staffing, especially during the warmer times, and also would like to see date and time on cups to help eliminate people re-using cups and refilling with their own drinks.
B. Dan Fox - Saugatuck Township Fire Board: Provided council with a Fire Board update.

8. **Public Comment: Jeri Johnson** (non-resident) - from Northville spoke about the success of their social district.

Glenna DeJong (resident) - spoke in support of the downtown Social District.

Sue & Eric Chaitin (residents) - owners of The Mermaid and Baldy Smoked Meats spoke in support of the Social District.

Richard Williams and Christian Kindel - spoke in support of having a Social District, but expressed concern over lack of detailed planning and public feedback for the current plan being proposed.

Wally Peterson (non-resident) - owner of Amazwi spoke in support of the Social District.

Marsha Caspar (resident) - spoke in support of the Social District and Pop-up-Patios.

Lauren Flanagan (non-resident) - spoke in support of Social Districts.

Catherine Simons (resident) - spoke in support of Pop-up-Patios but expressed concern regarding the proposed Social District area including B&B's and residential, and urged council to solicit public feedback, and consider added costs and need for increased policing and a system for monitoring it.

Lisa Mize (non-resident) - Director of the CVB spoke in support of the Social District and Pop-up-Patios.

Alec and Lindsay Payleitner (non-resident) owners of Grow spoke in support of the social district.

Gregory Muncey (resident) and SDABA board member spoke in support of the Social District and has spoken with many local businesses who are in support of the Social Districts and Pop-up-Patios.

9. **Request for Payment:**

A. **Approval of Accounts Payable:** A motion was made by Trester, 2nd by Lewis, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$632,600.65. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

10. **Introduction of Ordinances:** N/A

11. **Public Hearings:** N/A

12. **Unfinished Business:** N/A

13. **New Business:**

A. **Pop Up Patios** - A motion was made by Dean, 2nd by Peterson, to allow for staff to administratively issue permits for the pop-up-patios as described in the attached documents. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

B. **Park Use Policy** - A motion was made by Stanton, 2nd by Lewis to approve the updated Coghlin Park Rental Policy as presented. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

C. **Special Event for Wedding in Coghlin Park** - A motion was made by Trester, 2nd by

Leo, to approve the Special Event Application for the Spoelstra Wedding on June 19th, 2021 as presented. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

D. Special Event Wicks Park Bar and Grille Tent Request - A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Peterson to approve the Wicks Park Bar and Grill special event application for outdoor seating with food and alcohol service at (Water Street/Mary Street) with partial road closing as described in the application contingent on Fire Department approval. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

E. Social District - A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Stanton, to adopt resolution 210222-A for the creation of the Downtown Saugatuck Social District and Downtown Saugatuck Commons Area pursuant to the Downtown Saugatuck Social District Plan as presented with the end date modified to be May 24th, 2021. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Trester, to adopt resolutions 210222-B through 210222-U for Local Governmental Unit for Social District Permits for:

- i. Sand Bar Saloon
- ii. Coral Gables etc.
- iii. Marro's Restaurant
- iv. The Butler
- v. Wally's
- vi. Phil's Bar and Grill
- vii. Wicks Park Bar and Grill
- viii. Scooters Café and Pizzeria
- ix. Bowdies
- x. Loco Burrito
- xi. Mermaid Bar and Grill
- xii. Lucy's Little Kitchen
- xiii. Coppercraft Distillery
- xiv. The Barge
- xv. Retro Boat Rentals
- xvi. The Mitten Brewing Company
- xvii. Grow - A Saugatuck Diner
- xviii. Pumpnickel's
- xix. Coast 236
- xx. New Holland Brewing

Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

F. Moratorium Floating Homes - A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Lewis, to approve the amended moratorium as presented. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

14. **Consent Agenda:** N/A

15. **Public Comment:** Jane Underwood (resident) was able to get her COVID shot in Plainwell and was delighted and really comforted to see two of our finest, Dr. David Blatt and Chief Greg Janik, who were volunteering, and said she was very grateful and proud of her community.

16. **Communications:**

- A. **John Vanderbeek** (accepted as information)
- B. **Lori Shemka** (accepted as information)

17. **Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports:** The council received reports from the following: Fire Board, and KLSWA Board.

18. **Council Comments:** Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis thanked the DPW for their excellent job clearing streets and sidewalks.

Council Member Trester also received his COVID shot and saw Chief Janik volunteering his whole day to help and thanked him for his integral involvement in helping to organize and manage vaccinations in our area.

Council Member Stanton thanked the public for their input and urged people to be optimistic and patient about trying new things and trust the council to make appropriate adjustments to the Social District and other pilot projects.

Council Member Peterson echoed Stanton's comments and added her thanks to the city staff for their outstanding work moving all the projects forward and keeping the city clean and moving smoothly.

Mayor Bekken thanked the staff for all the work they put in to get everything ready for the hefty agenda, and thanked council for coming prepared with their thoughts and questions, he also thanked citizens for their input.

19. **Adjourn:** A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Peterson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Wilkinson
City of Saugatuck Clerk