

Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Meeting
Saugatuck, Michigan, May 24, 2021

The City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held using Zoom video/audio conference technology due to the COVID-19 restrictions currently in place.

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bekken at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Attendance:**
Present: Bekken, Stanton, Leo, Lewis, Peterson, Dean, & Trester
Absent: None
Others Present: City Manager Heise, Interim City Clerk Osman, Treasurer Stanislawski
3. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Lewis, to approve the May 10, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.
4. **Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Bekken commented on the May 10, 2021 Strategic Planning Meeting and requested a letter of appreciation be sent to the Saugatuck Yacht Club for the use of their facilities.
5. **City Manager's Report:** City Manager Heise reviewed some highlights in the City Manager report.
6. **Agenda Changes:** The Cemetery agreement was removed from the agenda to be heard at the next regular meeting, and Liz Wilson from SPS was added as guest speaker.
7. **Guest Speakers:**
 - A. **Brett Ensfield** reviewed activity in the City. He reported that the speed signs were up at Allegan Street and Perryman Street, 85th percentile on Allegan Street was 30-32 mph and 25 mph on Perryman Street. He reported no issues with the Social District.
 - B. **Dan Fox** gave a report on Fire Department activity.
 - C. **Liz Wilson** from Saugatuck Public Schools gave a presentation on increasing the parking fees from \$5.00 to \$10.00.
8. **Public Comment:**
 - Bob Genetski** - *resident* – spoke in favor of the fireworks.
 - Renee Zita** – *resident* – echoed Genetski's comments about the fireworks and asked for twice monthly pick up of recyclables.
 - Mike Johnson** – *resident* – spoke in favor of the fireworks.

9. **Consent agenda:**
- A. Jump into Summer Banner:** A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Dean to approve the Jump into Summer banner at the Pallet sign as presented. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Business registration ordinance:** A motion was made by Stanton, 2nd by Leo to adopt Ordinance 210524-A requiring businesses to register with the City and update the schedule of fees to include a \$15.00 registration fee for businesses. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.
10. **Request for Payment:** A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Trester, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$100,980.12. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.
11. **Introductions of Ordinances:** None
12. **Public Hearings:** None
13. **Unfinished Business:**
- A. Moratorium Extension:** A motion was made by Trester, 2nd by Peterson to extend ordinance 210222-A for two additional months to expire August 23, 2021. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Fireworks:** A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Dean to deny the special event requested by the Morning Grind for fireworks for the Fourth of July. Upon roll call the motion to deny failed as follows:
Ayes: Lewis, Dean
Nays: Stanton, Trester, Peterson, Leo, Bekken
- A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Trester to approve the special event requested by the Morning Grind for fireworks on the Fourth of July, with the City to co-host the event with a contribution from the City in an amount to be determined. The motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Stanton, Trester, Peterson, Leo, Bekken
Nays: Lewis, Dean
14. **New Business:**
- A. Special Events:**
 - A. Memorial Day Parade:** A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Dean to approve the parade permit for the Memorial Day parade contingent on approval from Fire Department, Police, and Department of Public Works. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Fish Shanty Ribbon Cutting:** A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Leo to approve the special event permit for the ribbon cutting ceremony at 730 Water Street as submitted, contingent on approval from Fire Department, Police, and Department of Public Works. Upon roll call vote the motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Trester, Lewis, Peterson, Leo, Bekken, Dean

Abstain: Stanton

C. SCA Tuesday Farm Markets. A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Trester to approve the special event permit for the SCA the three Tuesdays Farm Market as presented, contingent on approval from Fire Department, Police, and Department of Public Works. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

D. Music in the Park: A motion was made by Dean, 2nd by Stanton to approve the special event for Music in the Park as submitted. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

B. Pride Month Proclamation: A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Leo to proclaim the month of June as Community Pride Month and to raise a Community Pride Flag at City Hall. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

C. Fire District Budget: A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Peterson to approve the Saugatuck Township Fire District FY 21/22 Budget as presented. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

16. Public Comment:

Gregory Munsey *resident* expressed thank you for the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Sunglass Hut.

Ann Broeker: *resident* reiterated her letter regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals application made by Dune Ridge and City should take enforcement action.

Dan Fox *resident* stated that we should control the publicity of the fireworks and diminish outside promotion.

17. Communications:

A. Bob and Loyda Cull – Opposing the Floating Boathouses on Park St.

B. Taylor Laubrick - Light at Lake and Blue Star

C. Ann Broeker - ZBA Deadline

D. Eric Cobb – Support for floating homes

E. Gregory Alcock – Opposition to floating homes

F. Megan Hopkins – Opposition to boat lifts at 443 Park Street (EGLE)

G. Renee Zita – Oppose floating homes, recycle 2x monthly, Park Street Paving Thank you.

H. Sue Bleers – Opposition to floating homes

I. Trista McCarthy – Opposition to Dune Ridge

J. Saugatuck Public Schools Renovation Update

18. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports: Council received reports from the following committee(s): Tri Community Recycling Committee, Kal-Lake, Non-motorized trail committee.

19. Council Comments:

Council member Trester was pleased with how council were respecting different points of view.

Council member Leo is glad that we have the rainbow sidewalk, but it needs to be repainted or touched up, and better yet move to a major intersection crosswalk.

Council member Dean agrees that we can disagree.

Council member Lewis thinks the rainbow sidewalk should be located at a major intersection crosswalk.

20. Adjournment: A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Trester to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Osman
Interim City Clerk