

**Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Meeting
Saugatuck, Michigan, November 11, 2019**

The City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 102 Butler Street, Saugatuck, Michigan.

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Trester at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Attendance:**
Present: Simon, Bekken, Johnson, Hess, Verplank, Peterson & Trester
Absent: None
Others Present: City Manager Harrier
4. **Mayor & Mayor Pro-Tem Nomination/Election:** Mayor Trester opened the floor to accept nominations for Mayor. Council Member Johnson made the nomination of Ken Trester as Mayor for a one (1) year term. Mayor Trester closed the floor for nominations. Upon roll call the nomination passed unanimously.

Mayor Trester opened the floor to accept nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem Council Member Verplank made the nomination of Chris Peterson as Mayor Pro-Tem for a one (1) year term. Mayor Trester closed the floor for nominations. Upon roll call the nomination passed unanimously.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Johnson, to approve the October 28, 2019 regular meeting minutes as presented. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.
6. **Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Trester announced the Veteran's Day Ceremony held today in the Village Square Park was well attended.
7. **City Manager's Report:** City Manager Harrier announced the following: Thanked City Clerk Nagel for flawless city election; MDNR MNRTF Grant application second scoring went from 200 to 315 points due to submitting additional information; 500 trees acquired through the Allegan County Community Foundation Grant were recently planted on Mt. Baldhead.
8. **Agenda Changes:** None
9. **Guest Speakers:**
A. Lt. Brett Ensfield – Allegan Co. Sheriff's Department: Lt. Ensfield updated Council on various trainings city officers are attending.
10. **Public Comment:** Brandon Winter, Boy Scout, attended tonight's meeting as one of the requirements to acquire the Citizenship Merit Badge.
11. **Request for Payment:** A motion was made by Hess, 2nd by Simon, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$51,199.38. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.
12. **Introductions of Ordinances:** None
13. **Public Hearings:** None
14. **Unfinished Business:** None

15. New Business:

A. Lakeshore Chorus Sign Approval: A motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Hess, to approve the request to install a banner under the pallet sign for the Lakeshore Community Chorus from November 23, 2019 to December 2, 2019 with the stipulation that the organization works with city's Department of Public Works to coordinate holiday lighting activities. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

B. Special Event Application – SDABA Annual Christmas Parade / Tree Lighting Ceremony: A motion was made by Simon, 2nd by Peterson, to approve the annual SDABA Special Event Application to hold a Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony in the City of Saugatuck on December 7, 2019 contingent upon the applicant signing the Letter of Understanding dated November 11, 2019.. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution No. 191111-A Advisory Holiday Lighting Committee: A motion was made Simon, 2nd by Johnson, to approve Resolution No. 191111-A as presented. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

16. Consent Agenda: None

17. Public Comment: Garnet Lewis and Holly Leo, newly elected Council Members, shared with Council their New Saugatuck City Council Member Resource List and will be meeting with each city department head to help them learn and understand all aspects of city operations.

Stephanie Vlasity (*resident*) provided Council with additional facts reflecting Planning Commission's deliberations regarding medical and recreational marijuana business in Saugatuck.

Dan Fox (*resident*) also provided Council with information regarding Planning Commissions deliberations regarding medical and recreational marijuana business in Saugatuck.

18. Communications:

A. Letter of Communication Regarding City Council Term of Office – Accepted as information

B. South Haven Voters Say No to Marijuana Businesses - Accepted as information

C. Letter of Communication Regarding Planning Commission Marijuana Recommendation - Accepted as information

19. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports: Council received reports from the following committee(s): None

20. Council Comments: Council Member Simon expressed concerns with allowing marijuana businesses in downtown Saugatuck.

Council Members Hess, Johnson, Peterson, Bekken, Verplank and Mayor Trester welcomed newly elected Council Members Garnet Lewis and Holly Leo.

21. Adjournment: Mayor Trester adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Nagel, CMC
City Clerk