

**Minutes  
Saugatuck City Council Meeting  
Saugatuck, Michigan, December 9, 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: Johnson, Leo, Lewis, Peterson, Verplank, & Trester

Absent: Bekken

Others Present: City Manager Harrier

A motion was made by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson to excuse Council Member Bekken with prior notification. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Verplank, to approve the November 25, 2019 regular meeting minutes as presented. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

5. **Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Trester thanked Gregory Muncey and SDABA for the wonderful holiday festivities held on Saturday, December 7, 2019.

6. **City Manager's Report:** City Manager Harrier announced that the Army Corps of Engineers will be providing technical assistance to the city as a result of high-water levels and area flooding.

7. **Agenda Changes:** *(addition)* **8(C) Dean Kapenga – Allegan County Commissioner;** *(placement)* **14(E) Closed Session prior to 19. Council Comments**

8. **Guest Speakers:**

**A. Lt. Brett Ensfield – Allegan Co. Sheriff's Department:** Lt. Brett Ensfield updated Council on various department projects.

**B. Catherine Brockington & Larry Blose – S/D Library Update:** Larry Blose, Saugatuck Representative on Library Board, provided Council an update on the new library construction project.

**C. Dean Kapenga – Allegan County Commissioner:** Dean Kapenga, County Commissioner, updated Council on various Allegan County projects.

9. **Public Comment:** None

10. **Request for Payment:** A motion was made by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$98,338.01. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

11. **Introductions of Ordinances:** None

12. **Public Hearings:** None

13. **Unfinished Business:** None

14. **New Business:**

**A. Ordinance No. 191209-1 – Consumers Energy Franchise Ordinance:** A motion was made by Verplank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis, to approve Ordinance No. 191209-1 adding a new Special Ordinance, Table I, Entitled "Table of Special Ordinances; Franchises; Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance" as presented. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

**B. Ordinance No. 191209-2 – Planning Commission Board:** A motion was made by Verplank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson, to approve Ordinance No. 191209-2 amending Section 31.31 of the Code of the City of Saugatuck as presented. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

**C. Resolution No. 191209-A – 2020 Schedule of Meetings:** A motion was made by Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Verplank to approve Resolution No. 191209-A to adopt the regular 2020 City Council Schedule of Meetings as presented. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

**D. Professional Services – Tree Service Maintenance Bid Approval:** A motion was made by Verplank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis to approve the professional services proposal from Axman Enterprise in the amount of \$7,800 and authorize the City Manager to effectuate the Agreement. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

**15. Consent Agenda:** None

**16. Public Comment:** None

**17. Communications:**

**A. Saugatuck Fire District Letter of Communication to Friends of Blue Star Trail – Accepted as information**

**B. Various City Boards/Commissions Vacancies – Accepted as information**

**18. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports:** Council received reports from the following committee(s): HDC, Blue Star Trail Joint Committee

**E. Closed Session to Consider Purchase / Lease Real Property Pursuant to Section 8(d) of OMA:** A motion was made by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:06 p.m.

**Attendance:**

Present: Johnson, Leo, Lewis, Peterson, Verplank, & Trester

Absent: Bekken,

Others Present: City Manager Harrier

A motion was made by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis, to approve closed session minutes of December 9, 2019 as presented. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

**19. Council Comments:** Council Member Lewis thanked SDABA for holiday activities this past weekend, she also presented Council with a copy of the City of the Village of Douglas' newsletter.

Council Member Johnson announced he would be attending MML training on December 12, 2019.

**20. Adjournment:** Mayor Trester adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Nagel, CMC  
City Clerk