



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

In-person meeting held at City Hall, 102 Butler St, Saugatuck, MI

NOVEMBER 8, 2021 – 7:00 pm

The meeting will be available live, virtually on Zoom, but it is not open for virtual participation

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bekken at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call:

Present: Mayor Lewis, Mayor Pro-Tem Dean, Bekken, Stanton, Trester

Absent: Councilmembers Leo (excused) & Peterson (excused)

Staff Present: City Manager Heise & City Clerk Wolters

There were 9 persons in audience.

4. Mayor & Mayor Pro Tem Nomination/Election:

Councilmember Dean nominated Councilmember Lewis for the office of Mayor. There were no other nominations. Upon roll call, the vote was unanimous for Garnet Lewis for the office of Mayor.

Mayor Lewis took control of the meeting.

Councilmember Stanton nominated Councilmember Dean for the office of Mayor Pro Tem. There were no other nominations. Upon roll call, the vote was unanimous for Scott Dean for the office of Mayor Pro Tem.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2021

A motion was made by Dean, 2nd by Stanton, to approve the October 25, 2021, regular meeting minutes as presented.

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6. Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Lewis appreciates the council's support with taking on this role. Mayor Lewis thanked councilmember Bekken for his leadership and willingness to step up this past year with leading in a positive direction. Mayor Lewis thanked Councilmember Peterson for her time and dedication to the city and many things she has been a part of that made this such a great place to live.

7. City Manager's Report

City Manager Heise noted the City Manger report was covered in the council workshop and asked if there were any questions. No questions currently.

8. Agenda Changes: None

9. Guest Speakers:

Mayor Lewis introduced County Commissioner Kapenga. Commissioner reviewed the board's budget and updated council with the Department of Health and Human Services new budget due to the new variant of Covid. Commissioner reviewed the current marketing campaign targeted to senior citizens, reviewed the Kent County business park plan as well as traffic light installations in Hamilton on M-40.

Chief Greg Janik shared the summary of incidents of October and Covid clinics coming up at Saugatuck High School on 11.30.21 and 12.30.21 from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

10. Public Comment: None

11. Consent Agenda: None

12. Request for Payment:

A motion was made by Dean, 2nd by Stanton, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$22,142.61. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

13. Introduction of Ordinances: None

14. Public Hearings: None

15. Unfinished Business: None

16. New Business:

- A. Zoning Ordinance Resolution 211108-A. A motion was made by Dean, 2nd by Bekken, to approve Resolution 211108-A amending of Section 154.025, Chapter 154, Title XV, of the Code of the City of Saugatuck. Upon roll call, the motion carried 5-0.
- B. Capitalization Policy Resolution 211108-B. A motion was made by Trester, 2nd by Dean, to approve Resolution 211108-B adopting the City of Saugatuck Capitalization Policy. Upon roll call, the motion carried 5-0.

- C. Engineering Oversight for Campbell Road Project. A motion was made by Stanton, 2nd by Dean, to approve engineering oversight for Campbell Road Project in the amount of \$42,600. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- D. Allegan County Sheriff's Department Agreement. A motion was made by Dean, 2nd by Trester, to approve the extension of Allegan County Sheriff's Department agreement remaining effective through December 31, 2021. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- E. Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Appointment-Kate McPolin. A motion was made by Bekken, 2nd by Stanton, for the alternate appointment Kate McPolin to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- F. Proposals for Landscape Improvements at the Village Square Park and Mize Rose Garden: A motion was made by Trester, 2nd by Dean, to approve the improvements at the Village Square Park and Mize Rose Garden in the amount of \$71,150.

17. Public Comments (Limit 3 minutes)

Russ Gardner thanked the for the opportunity to speak and is grateful to be elected to Saugatuck City Council. He shared thoughts on the seating of council being on the second meeting in November and looks forward to serving the city and residents. He updated council on what has been completed at Mt. Baldhead and details on next meeting with a historic preservation consultant Jennifer Metz from Grand Rapids.

Dan Fox praised council for thinking through and executing pop up patios, they have served their purpose. He noted if the pop-up patio policy is a long-term change, he would like to offer his opinion on two equity considerations which would be taxpayer equity and equity for all business owners.

18. Communications:

- A. Chris Peterson – Recent resignation from Planning Commission has been received.

19. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports:

Mayor Lewis noted that Recycling committee will be meeting Wednesday in person at City Hall.

20. Council Comments:

Councilmember Stanton congratulated Mayor Lewis and Mayor Pro-Tem Scott and look forward to their leadership. She said it was a pleasure to serve with Mayor Bekken during her first term

Mayor Pro-Tem Scott congratulated Mayor Lewis and thank Bekken for his leadership over the past year. He thanked Peterson for her long service to the city.

Councilmember Bekken thanked Peterson for her many years of service, she was a utility player and filled many roles for the city. Reminded council and public that this Thursday is Veterans Day and remind all of the Veterans Day service in town.

Councilmember Trester congratulated Mayor Lewis and Mayor Pro-Tem Scott, thanked councilmember Bekken and welcomed councilmember Gardner to the next meeting.

21. Adjournment: Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Wolters
City Clerk