



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES- proposed
October 24, 2022**

The City Council met for Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
City Hall
102 Butler St., Saugatuck, MI 49453.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Dean at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Dean, Councilmembers Bekken, Gardner, Leo, Stanton & Trester.

Absent: Mayor Lewis.

Others Present: City Manager Heise, DPW Superintendent Herbert, DPW Assistant Supervisor Hardy, Deputy Clerk/DPW Assistant Williams & Clerk Wolters.

Consent Agenda:

A. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2022.

B. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$136,070.85.

Motion by Gardner, second by Leo, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.

Staff Reports:

City Manager, Treasurer, Zoning Administrator, DPW Superintendent, Engineer, Fire and Police submitted status reports of current activities since the last Council meeting on October 10th, 2022, for their respective departments. Lt. Ensfield submitted his report in person and Jon Moxey was also in-person for questions from Council.

Agenda Change: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only:

Scott Bosgraaf, Representing Northshore Development- Verified Council received his Correspondence he sent them. He encouraged Council to ask him any questions they may have regarding the Northshore Development project. He offered to give Council a tour of the property.

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A. Pavement Management Presentation:

City Engineer Jon Moxey presented a detailed map of all current road conditions in the City of Saugatuck. Road condition descriptions noted as excellent, very good, good, fair-good, poor-fair, failed and gravel (no rating). He also provided Council with a Capital Improvements plan cost analysis for 2023-2028.

B. Coastal Alliance:

Council directed staff to work with legal counsel to draft a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Northshore Development project located in Saugatuck Township. A meeting was conducted with the Coastal Alliance to review the facts of the pending permit. The draft letter has been provided to members of the Coastal Alliance for additional input.

Motion by Leo, second by Gardner, to approve Resolution 221024-A, a resolution providing City Council's public comment to the United States Army Corps of Engineers on Northshore of Saugatuck, LLC's permit to build a marina basin. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 5-0, Mayor Pro-Tem Dean abstained.

C. Special Event Application-Veterans Day:

Proposed event sponsored by American Legion Post 137 to be held on November 11th, 2022 in Village Square Park.

Motion by Stanton, second by Leo, to approve the special event application Veterans Day event sponsored by American Legion Post 137 to be held on November 11th, 2022, contingent on staff approval and safety departments review. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment:

Catherine Simon, Saugatuck City Resident- Noted she is happy that the Mize Rose Garden has been somewhat re gentrified. She handed out pictures of examples of how the job was half done. The fence is in need of work along with the benches and lamp fixture. Most memorial gardens have placards. There was a poor job done of bringing it

back to a standard. She also noted Huntington Bank is closing and recommends the City take a look at the property.

Bobbie Gaunt, City of Saugatuck Resident and Chair of Coastal Alliance- She appreciates the thorough and thoughtful deliberation of the Council, staff and attorney given to the Resolution that was passed.

Dean Kapenga, Allegan County Commissioner- Touched base on the County's strategic plan regarding public transportation, communities design and housing, childcare, health services, broadband, recycling services and older adult needs and services.

Correspondence:

- Lauren Hodson- Personal comments regarding proposed sand dune mining and marina.
- Dan Fox- Copy of his Letter to Editor from the October 29th issue of the Commercial Record regarding political signs.
- Dick Waskin- Letter concerning Northshore Development.

Boards, Commissions & Committees Reports:

- Councilmember Trester- The Harbor Authority has not met this month due to lack of quorum. He reported that they are proceeding with the navigational lights on the Blue Star Bridge.
- Councilmember Bekken- Updated on KLSWA. There was a serious water main break on Maple St. that was responded to quickly and repaired with minimal disruption to near by homes. They approved a large project to put in three generators, replacing diesel with natural gas. Approved a large piece of equipment estimated at \$550,000.
- Councilmember Leo- Working with engineers and wait till December for more answers on grant.
- Councilmember Stanton- None.
- Councilmember Gardner- Planning Commission was scheduled to meet on October 20th but they did not have a quorum. They rescheduled to October 26th with the agenda of primary focus on short-term rental and waterfront development.
- Councilmember Dean- Parks and Public Works Committee meets October 25.

Council Comments:

- Councilmember Trester- Thanked Engineer Jon Moxey for his excellent report and thanked him for putting it together.
- Councilmember Leo- None.
- Councilmember Stanton- None
- Councilmember Gardner- As he campaigned last year he continued to hear that citizens are looking for better response time in terms of request management from the City. He proposed an app called Go Gov, which tracks resident requests

at a cost of \$400 a month, \$1400 a year. He requested the City Manager schedule a demo with the Go Gov representative. TV 8 came out to report on the Mt. Baldhead radar station. He noted he would like to see a process for Council Members who call in during closed session to verify privacy.

- Councilmember Dean- Thanked the League of Women Voters and all the voters in Saugatuck for the turn out that was standing room only. He enjoyed engaging with all the candidates and voters.
- Councilmember Bekken- None.

Mayor Comments:

- Mayor Pro-Tem- Thanked Jill Dunham the County's broadband coordinator for her help in supercharging the move to get cell service established inside of Mt. Baldhead radar dome.

Adjournment: *Motion by Trester, second by Stanton to adjourn, Mayor Pro-Tem Dean adjourned at 7:53 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Wolters, City Clerk