



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 10 , 2023

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 Dean at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Present: Mayor Dean, Councilmembers Baldwin, Gardner, Lewis, Muncey and Stanton.

Absent: Leo.

Motion by Stanton, second by Baldwin to approve the excused absence of Leo. Via voice vote, motion carried 6-0.

Others Present: City Manager Heise, Treasurer Stanislawski, Director of Planning, Zoning & Project Management Cumming, Department of Public Works Superintendent Herbert, Clerk Wolters, City Attorney Witte and Sheriff's Deputy LaJoice.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Dean welcomed everyone back from spring break and hoped all had a happy Easter.

City Manager Comments:

Recommended that Council does not take action on the correspondence, item 18F from Uncommon Grounds. It will be considered for a future meeting.

Agenda Changes:

Add Allison Fuhrman as guest speaker, item 7.

Motion by Lewis, second by Stanton to add Allison Fuhrman as guest speaker. Upon voice vote, motion passed 6-0.

Guest Speakers:

Allison Fuhrmank Legislative Director for State Representative Joey Andrews. She gave the following legislative update:

1. Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act passed.
2. 1931 Abortion Ban repealed.

3. Right to Work- restored the prevailing wage, pass universal background checks and then repealed the pension tax and expanded the earned income tax credit.

Public Comment on Agenda Item Only:

CJ Bagierek- resident- noted there are other parks that have issues to be addressed prior to addressing the airport property.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2023.

Motion by Gardner, second by Muncey to approve the consent agenda. Via roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.

Staff Reports:

City Manager, Treasurer, Director of Planning & Zoning, DPW Superintendent and Engineer submitted status reports of current activities since the last Council meeting on March 27th, 2023, for their respective departments. DPW Superintendent reported to Council about his meeting with the certified playground inspector regarding Village Square Park.

Boards, Commissions & Committees:

Fire District Administration Board: Dan Fox explained the First Net emergency response system.

Interurban Board, Councilmember Muncey: The monthly board meeting is a week away.

KLSWA, Barry Johnson: None.

Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority, Mayor Pro-Tem Stanton: April 18th is the first meeting of the year.

Zoning Board of Appeals: None.

Historic District Commission, Councilmember Lewis: No quorum in April, next meeting in May.

Planning Commission, Chair Councilmember Gardner: Next meeting is April 20.

Parks and Public Works Committee, Councilmember Baldwin: They met the day after the last Council meeting and they have a couple of things to put in front of Council for this agenda.

Tri-Community Non-Motorized Trail Study Committee, Councilmember Leo: None.

Tri-Community Recycling Ad-Hoc Committee: None.

Request for Payment: None.

Approval of Accounts Payable:

- A. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 29,217.79.

Motion by Gardner, second by Muncey to approve the accounts payable. Via roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Resolution 230410-A Bowdies, LLC Social District Permit App:

Motion by Stanton, second by Baldwin to approve Resolution 230410-A adding Bowdies, LLC to the City of Saugatuck Social District. Upon voice vote, motion carried 6-0.

OAISD Summer Tax Collection:

Motion by Lewis, second by Stanton to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and enter into an agreement between the City of Saugatuck, Saugatuck Public Schools, and the OAISD for collection of the 2023 summer tax levies at a rate of \$2.75 per parcel. Upon voice vote, motion carried 6-0.

Additional Dates for City Lot Parking Request:

Motion by Stanton, second by Muncey to allow Saugatuck Public Schools to charge for parking in the City lot during large SCA events that are coordinated and approved by the SCA. Upon voice vote, motion carried 6-0.

Short-Term Rental Task Force Consultant:

Motion by Lewis, second by Baldwin to approve entering into a professional services agreement with McKenna Associates. Via roll call vote, motion carried 4-2. Yays, Baldwin, Dean, Lewis, Stanton. No, Gardner, Muncey.

Airport- ESA Phase 1 & Site Use Proposal:

Motion by Lewis, second by Stanton to approve Move to approve the two proposals submitted by Fleis and Vandenbrink for Environmental Assessments of City owned property not to exceed \$9,650.00. Also, approve the proposal from the Outdoor Discovery Center in the amount not to exceed \$6,500.00. Upon roll call, motion carried 4-2. Yays: Baldwin, Dean, Lewis, Stanton. No: Gardner, Muncey.

Public Comment:

Dan Fox-resident- Suggested that the City seek a real estate appraisal on the airport property to know its worth.

Keith Charak-resident- Educated Council on No Mow May and suggested the City joins the movement.

Suresh Rajapakse-resident- Ask STR task force, Council and Planning Commission treat Saugatuck uniquely and not do something that another community has done just because they have done it. He supports whatever decisions are made.

Correspondence: Uncommon Grounds.

Council Comments:

- Councilmember Lewis: She noted there are so many different projects going on, it is possible to do many things and get many things moving at the same time. Venetian planning is coming along really well. They are confident that the event will be stellar and they have received great

support from a lot of businesses.

- Councilmember Muncey: Shout out to the Saugatuck Douglas Art Club as they celebrate their 70th year at J Petter Gallery.
- Councilmember Stanton: She was encouraged by the agenda and all projects going forward. She feels lucky to be involved in the Short-Term Rental Task Force. She appreciates the hard work interviewing and researching McKenna. She looks forward to the progress made in our unique tourist town. She is excited about the Mt. Baldhead partnership with AT&T. Looking forward to the work of the PPW. There are a lot of projects being tackled and everyone is doing the best they can, and she appreciates that.
- Councilmember Gardner: He remains fully supportive as a member of the Planning Commission and City Council of the Short-Term Task Force goals and of the community's efforts to address an issue that needed to be addressed for a while. Gave a brief history of the landfill.
- Councilmember Baldwin: Thanked everyone who came to the meeting, including members from Planning Commission and PPW. There is good forward momentum on a lot of items and the reason she joined Council is progress and forward momentum.
- Mayor Dean: Saugatuck is coming alive for the summer, evident by many people cleaning up their yards along with the City properties. Everyone works together to create that atmosphere in town, well-kept houses, well-kept yards. Working together as a community leads to the whole town prospering.

Adjournment:

Motion by Stanton, second by Baldwin to adjourn. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5-0. Mayor Dean adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jamie Wolters, City Clerk