



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 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 and Councilmembers Baldwin, Leo, Gardner, Lewis, Muncey.

Absent: Councilmember Stanton.

Motion by Gardner, second by Baldwin to approve councilmember Stanton absent for the meeting. Via voice vote, motion carried 6-0.

Others Present: City Manager Heise, Director of Planning, Zoning & Project Management Cummins, Department of Public Works Superintendent Herbert, Clerk Wolters and City Attorney O'Meara.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Dean shared that he conducted his first marriage ceremony in the City early in the morning. Congratulations to the couple from Indiana. Thanked Clerk Wolters for her help.

City Manager Comments:

City Manager Heise opened the floor for any questions regarding his City Manager Report.

Agenda Changes: None.

Guest Speakers: None.

Public Comment on Agenda Item Only:

Gary Medler, resident: Comment regarding the Fourth of July party in Coghlin Park.

- Event application approved by City Council indicated there was no budgetary impact.
 - Stated zero volunteers, needed no fire and no police.
 - There were at least eight sheriff's cars parked at event.
- Why was a DJ hired from California and not local.
- There was a significant amount of money expended on event.
- Asked for someone to prepare a detailed report.

- What did the City incur, what contributions were made.
- No one on the west side of river (who historically contributed a significant amount of money) was approached for donations.

Consent Agenda:

A. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes – June 26, 2023.

- 2 changes: Baldwin was not absent, Leo was.

Motion by Lewis, second by Baldwin to approve consent agenda. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.

Staff Reports:

City Manager, Director of Planning & Zoning, Treasurer, DPW Superintendent, Engineer and Police submitted status reports of current activities since the last Council meeting on June 26, 2023, for their respective departments.

Director of Planning & Zoning explained the waterfront regulation assessment project two surveys sent to the public.

Boards, Commissions & Committees:

Fire District Administration Board, Dan Fox: None. Mayor Dean asked about how the fourth of July went for the fire department. Chief was pleased with event. There were gaps this time, some due to timing, some due to inexperience, nothing catastrophic. Nice to see the vehicle barriers.

Interurban Board, Councilmember Muncey:

- Next meeting Tuesday the 18th.
- They received a \$250,000 grant for building expansion.

KLSWA, Barry Johnson: None.

Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority, Mayor Pro-Tem Stanton: None.

Zoning Board of Appeals: None

Historic District Commission, Councilmember Lewis:

- Discussion about 727 Butler Street.
- 246 Culver new owners were at the meeting to introduce themselves; they are looking at a brew pub and distillery for the space.

Planning Commission, Chair Councilmember Gardner:

- Next meeting is July 20.

Short Term Rental Task Force, Mayor Dean via Councilmember Stanton:

- Hosting a community forum on Tuesday July 25, from 6:30pm-8:30pm.
- Next meeting is July 20, 3:00pm-5:00m.

Parks and Public Works Committee, Councilmember Baldwin:

- Having a kick off meeting for the Tri-Community Master Plan.

Tri-Community Non-Motorized Trail Study Committee: None.

Tri-Community Recycling Ad-Hoc Committee: None.

Request for Payment: None.

Approval of Accounts Payable:

A. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$199,170.94.

Motion by Lewis, second by Leo to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$199,170.94. Via roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Recommendation of Award and Engineering Services for Roadwork:

Motion by Gardner, second by Muncey to approve an award to Krohn Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$475,198.00 for storm sewer system improvements and resurfacing work on West, East, Takken and Taylor Street and reconstruction of N. Maple Street from the lift station area to North Street. Include a contingency of \$36,002.00 and approve the construction engineering services for \$68,800.00 for a grand total of \$580,000.00. Via roll call, motion carried 6-0.

Water AMP Proposal:

Motion by Lewis, second by Gardner to approve the water asset management plan proposal as presented in the amount of \$23,400.00. Via roll call, motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment:

Sheil Denmn, resident: Received notification that the hardscape needed to be removed from their property. Request is to have a formal agenda item for future council meeting to review this request and ask that it is not enforced.

CJ Bagierek, resident: Discussion was about not getting money from some businesses and at the same time there's a want to tax them. He believes that is contradictory. There was never a Saugatuck study, there is South Haven for short term rentals. The financial impact of them should be looked at, maybe the reason businesses that previously gave money didn't this time, that could be part of the reason.

Dan Fox, resident: A second trailer for the archer barriers, City could partner with another town like Douglas. Regarding the comment of "glad Scott Sullivan is on the line" if you look at cost sharing between jurisdictions. Maybe the issue with Fourth of July is because it was a city and not a Rotary kind of deal. Douglas does not ask Saugatuck for donations for Halloween parade and a lot of Saugatuck people participate. He suggested not making a controversy out of this.

Jane Underwood, resident: Fourth of July parade was great. The fireworks were fantastic. The laser show a little tepid. She inquired if the city can post the water temperature on the city website.

Correspondence: Dan Gaughan.

Council Comments:

- Councilmember Lewis: Thanks to Birdie for all her time and effort, thank you to Ryan and staff. The entire day was really enjoyable. Latest update from MML regarding the budget; there's quite a bit of increase on revenue sharing, which will help the city out a little bit.
- Councilmember Gardner: Thanked Cody from DPW for driving the dump truck in the parade. The parade was wonderful and had a lot of compliments about the parade.
- Councilmember Muncey: Had a great time with fellow councilmembers and City Manager Heise in the fourth of July parade. Thanked Birdie Holley for organizing the parade, it was one of the better parades in a couple of years. Enjoyed the DJ and laser show.
- Councilmember Baldwin: None.
- Councilmember Leo: Great fourth of July. It's sad that there is always a fight about funding when surrounding cities don't have to and have DDAs. Ryan saved the day, but it came at a price. Look forward to lasers at Venetian festival, lasers are coming along. It was a great day and a great event.
- Mayor Dean: Happy with the Fourth of July event, it was a successful and safe event. Apologized if his earlier comment in meeting was harsh. He appreciated and values the cooperation from the neighboring communities. Hopes there can be a small sub-committee created to bring together the business community and the municipalities can find a way to tackle events in the future.

Adjournment:

Motion by Lewis, second by Muncey to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote, motion carried 6-0. Mayor Dean adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jamie Wolters, City Clerk