

**Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Meeting
Saugatuck, Michigan, January 27, 2020**

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 Pro-Tem Peterson at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Attendance:**
Present: Bekken, Johnson, Leo, Lewis, Peterson, Verplank
Absent: Trester
Others Present: City Manager Harrier & City Clerk Nagel

A motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Lewis, to excuse Mayor Trester with prior notification. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Bekken, to approve the January 13, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

5. **Mayor's Comments:** None

6. **City Manager's Report:** City Manager Harrier informed Council on the decision made by the Water/Lucy Street Advisory Committee to recommend leasing 15' of the street-end to 730 Water Street property and allow the fire department to submit an application to the State of Michigan for construction of dock.

7. **Agenda Changes:** (*deletion*) **8(B) Jon Vanderbeek – Future Development of City Parks/Trails;** (*addition*) **8(B) Dean Kapenga – Allegan Co. Commissioner**

8. **Guest Speakers:**

- A. **Lt. Brett Ensfield – Allegan Co. Sheriff's Department:** Lt. Ensfield presented Council with the Incident Analysis Report from January 13-27, 2020 and updated the board on laws regarding driving golf carts on the road.

~~B. Jon Vanderbeek – Future Development of City Parks/Trails~~

- B. **Dean Kapenga – Allegan Co. Commissioner:** County Commissioner Kapenga updated Council on various Allegan County projects.

9. **Public Comment:** Dan Fox (*resident*) regarding 14(B), as a member of the Planning Commission the Planning Commission spent many months discussing marihuana facilities in the city including public hearings and sending out a city-wide survey.

Marsha Caspar (*resident*) regarding 14(B) as a member of the Planning Commission, now that marihuana is legal in Michigan encouraged Council to vote to move Saugatuck forward and join neighboring communities in allowing marihuana facilities.

Steffanie Vlasy (*resident*) regarding 14(B) as a member of Planning Commission, encouraged Council to opt-out and read statistics that focus concerns on underage usage and vaping contribute to lung issues.

Glenna DeJong (*resident*) regarding 14(B) supports marihuana facilities in the city and encouraged Council to move Saugatuck forward and not to stall the process by sending back to Planning Commission to draft an ordinance.

10. Request for Payment: An amended motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Leo, for the City Treasurer to clarify the amount of \$204,491.87 referencing the Motor Pool fund. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Leo, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$442,506.28 with clarification to the Motor Pool fund. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

11. Introductions of Ordinances: None

12. Public Hearings: None

13. Unfinished Business: None

14. New Business:

A. Resolution No. 200127-A – FY 19/20 Budget Amendment: A motion was made by Verplank, 2nd by Lewis, to approve Resolution No. 200127-A amending the FY 19/20 budget as presented. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution No. 200127-B – Planning Commission Marihuana Report: A motion was made by Bekken, 2nd by Verplank, to approve Resolution No. 200127-B in recognition of the Planning Commission's expertise in reviewing and making determinations concerning land uses, the City Council hereby adopts the Planning Commission's recommendation and resolves to maintain the opt out provisions in the City's ordinances at the current time subject, however, to further studies and reviews and to allow the City an opportunity to determine the impact of such uses in other communities. Upon roll the motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bekken, Verplank, Johnson, Peterson

No: Lewis, Leo

C. Resolution No. 200127-C – 2020 Advisory Blue Star Trail Joint Committee: A motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Lewis, to approve Resolution No. 200127-C as presented. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

D. 2020 Boat Slip Management Agreement: A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Leo, to approve the 2020 Boat Slip Management Agreement between the City of Saugatuck and Sergeant Marina for the management of boat slips #1-#4 located at the Griffith Street-end and a portion of Coghlin Park as presented. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

E. 2020 Saugatuck Public Schools Summer Tax Collection Agreement: A motion was made by Veplank, 2nd by Lewis, 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 the collection of the 2020 summer tax levies at a rate of \$2.75 per parcel. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

F. Planning Commission Appointment: A motion was made by Verplank, 2nd by Johnson, to approve the Mayor's appointment as presented. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

15. Consent Agenda: None

16. Public Comment: Dan Fox (*resident*) the Planning Commission survey sent to city residents regarding marihuana facilities in the city did not support the electorate in Proposal 18-1.

Laura Godfrey (*resident*) inquired when the city will resume discussion with Saugatuck Township regarding a cemetery agreement and expressed concerns with many storefront vacancies in downtown.

Marsha Caspar (*resident*) expressed disappointment in the vote against marihuana facilities in the city.

Gregory Muncey (*resident / SDABA Marketing Director*) with regards to empty storefronts in town, informed council that there are interested businesses coming to Saugatuck and will be opening in March/April 2020.

17. Communications:

A. Construction Board of Appeals Vacancy – Accepted as information

B. Allegan Co. Board Resolution Regarding Refugee Resettlement – Accepted as information

C. Election 2020 FAQ's – Accepted as information

18. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports: Council received reports from the following committee(s): KLSWA, Fire Board, Tree Board

19. Council Comments: Council Member Lewis disappointed in the marihuana vote and inquired when the Board of Review appointment will be made and if it'll be in time for training.

Council Member Leo with regards to the marihuana vote feels the city is missing an opportunity to the 2.5% excise tax.

Council Member Johnson announce he and Council Member Lewis are moving forward with the recycling initiative.

Mayor Pro-Tem Peterson important to discuss 3 year / 5 year priority planning.

Council Member Verplank announced she recently attended Newly Elected Official Training.

20. Adjournment: Mayor Pro-Tem Peterson adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Nagel, CMC
City Clerk