

Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Meeting
Saugatuck, Michigan, April 27, 2020

The City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video/audio conference technology due to the COVID-19 restrictions currently in place.

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Trester at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Attendance:**
Present: Bekken, Johnson, Leo, Lewis, Peterson, Verplank, & Trester
Absent: None
Others Present: City Manager Harrier, City Treasurer Stanislawski, DPW Superintendent Herbert & City Clerk Nagel
3. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Leo, to approve the April 13, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.
4. **Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Trester announced he was recently tested by local Dr. Laurie Birkholz for COVID-19 antibodies.
5. **City Manager's Report:** City Manager Harrier announced the following: Encouraged Council and residents to send communications to Governor and State Representatives to allow jurisdictions to continue to hold Zoom meetings after the executive orders have lifted as social distancing isn't applicable in the Council Chambers; temporary 15-minute parking signs have been placed in front of a section of businesses on Culver Street for take-out orders; protective measures are being implemented at city hall including the installation of sneeze guards at the desks for all employees as well as hand sanitizer dispensers; the port-a-potty that is placed annually in the back of the Culver Street parking lot will be relocated near the front of the parking lot this year.

City Clerk Nagel announced there is no May election in the city, however, will be working a May election in another jurisdictions to learn new election procedures that have implemented due to COVID-19 as these new procedures may need to be implemented for the August and November 2020 elections held in the city.

DPW Superintendent Herbert briefed Council on various maintenance projects the DPW is currently working on in order to get the city ready for the upcoming season.
6. **Agenda Changes:** *(addition)* **7(A) Dean Kapenga- Allegan County Commissioner.**
7. **Guest Speakers:**
 - A. **Dean Kapenga – Allegan County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Kapenga updated Council on various Allegan County projects.
 - B. **Lt. Brett Ensfield – Allegan Co. Sheriff's Department:** Provided Council with an update on the following: City Deputy Visser, who is a Captain in the Army National Guard, was deployed due to COVID-19 and is currently in New Jersey; provided the Incident Analysis Report from April 14-April 27, 2020; have been monitoring city parks and have had no issues with individuals not following social distancing recommendations.
8. **Public Comment:** Kristy Loomis *(resident)* with regards to agenda item 13(A) inquired if the transient slips at Coghlin Park will be utilized this coming season.
9. **Request for Payment:** A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Johnson, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$65,721.65. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

10. **Introductions of Ordinances:** None

11. **Public Hearings:** None

12. **Unfinished Business:** None

13. **New Business:**

A. Edgewater Resources – Downtown Riverfront High Water Report Project: A motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Peterson, to help mitigate the flooding at Lucy and Water streets by: remove and replace the sandbag system and add a Hesco System at all current locations; Purchase a 3” dia water pump, 290 gpm, head lift 85 ft and suction lift 26 ft in catch basin to draw water down as needed; pumping operations would be completed by city crew or a hired contractor who would be on site during a flooding event. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

14. **Consent Agenda:** None

15. **Public Comment:** Dan Fox (*resident*) Saugatuck has a great reputation but can easily be tarnished by posting negative comments on social media.

James Sullivan (*S/D Rotary*) announced the Mt. Baldhead Challenge has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

16. **Communications:**

A. FY 20-21 Millage Rate & Capital Improvement Master List Memo – Accepted as information

17. **Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports:**

A. Fire Board, KLSWA, Tri-Community Recycling

18. **Council Comments:** Council Member Leo thanked area businesswoman Elizabeth Estes for conducting Zoom meetings with area merchants to gain data and feedback as to specific needs during this pandemic.

Council Member Bekken suggested the April 30, 2020 special meeting include all areas of flooding not just the Lucy/Water Street intersection.

Council Member Lewis as a follow up to Jon Helmrich’s April 23, 2020 request to form a subcommittee of the three jurisdictions to help communicate to city managers, township manager questions/concerns area merchants have and suggested Council put together a plan to help assist business that are currently struggling due to COVID-19.

Council Member Verplank stated there are over 200 small business in the city and more discussion is needed as to what resources are available to help businesses during this pandemic.

Council Member Peterson echoed Council Member Verplank’s comments and would like to discuss at an upcoming workshop meeting.

19. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Verplank, 2nd by Johnson, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Nagel, CMC
City Clerk