



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 26, 2021 – 7:00 pm**

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

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bekken at 7:09 p.m.

**2. Attendance**

Present: Bekken, Stanton, Leo, Lewis, Peterson, Dean, & Trester

Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Heise, City Clerk Gallagher, City Treasurer Stanislawski, and Zoning Administrator Osman.

**3. Mayor's Comments**

**4. City Manager's Comments**

**5. Agenda Changes**

**6. Reports**

a. Saugatuck Township Fire Department

b. Allegan County Sheriff

**7. Public Comment**

Jane Underwood – Thanked council for taking the situation south of the ferry seriously.

Susan Hopkins – 444 park street – Addressed council about the safety of pedestrians walking across the street on park street with all the traffic and the Chain Ferry. Ruth

Johnson – 399 Park Street – Thanked council for their work. She worries that if you begin letting a line form that there will be accidents and it will set a precedent and create a safety hazard.

**8. Consent Agenda**

**A. Minutes**

1. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2021

2. Special City Council Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2021

Motion was made by Peterson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean to approve the consent agenda as

presented with the addition of John Blok in the Mayors comments on July 12.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**9. Financial Actions**

- A. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$466,978.00  
Motion by Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$466,978.00. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**10. Unfinished Business**

**11. New Business**

- A. **Approval of MERS Defined Contribution Plan changes.**  
Motion was made by Trester, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leo to approve of MERS Defined Contribution Plan changes. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- B. **Approval of the Annual Sidewalk Sales Special Event Permit.**  
Motion was made by Stanton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leo to Approve the Annual Sidewalk Sales Special Event Permit from SDABA contingent upon approval by emergency services and DPW. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- C. **Approval of the Spear Street Block Party Special Event Permit.**  
Motion was made by Leo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis to approve the Spear Street Block Party Special Event Permit contingent upon approval by emergency services and DPW. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- D. **Approval of the Mount Baldhead Challenge Special Event Permit.**  
Motion was made by Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trester to approve the Mount Baldhead Challenge Special Event Permit contingent upon approval by emergency services and DPW. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**12. Introduction of Ordinances**

Motion made by Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson to recuse council member Lauren Stanton from the discussion of the introduction of ordinances items.

- a. **Consider Approval of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments to amend Sections 154.005, 154.032, 154.135, Chapter 154, Title XV, of the Code of the City of Saugatuck, entitled "Land Usage;" Zoning Ordinance.**  
Motion was made by Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson to Approve the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments to amend Sections 154.005, 154.032, 154.135, Chapter 154, Title XV, of the Code of the City of Saugatuck, entitled "Land Usage;" Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-1 by roll call vote. In favor: Bekken, Lewis, Dean, Peterson, Leo, and Trester. Opposed: None. Abstain: Stanton.

Mayor Bekken noted that there is no objection by Legal Counsel on the changes to the ordinance.

Council Member Trester voiced concerns to council about the definition of the Houseboat compared to a sailboat.

**b. Consider Addition to Chapter 99, Title IX of the Code of the City of Saugatuck, entitled “General Regulations.”**

Motion was made by Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson to Consider Addition to Chapter 99, Title IX of the Code of the City of Saugatuck, entitled “General Regulations.” Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-1 by roll call vote. In favor: Bekken, Lewis, Dean, Peterson, Leo, and Trester. Opposed: None. Abstain: Stanton.

**13. Public Comments**

Jane Underwood – Thanked Council for their work, and the planning commission for their thorough work.

**14. Closed Session – Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) of the Open Meetings Act – To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.**

Motion was made by Trester, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) of the Open Meetings Act – To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion was made by Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trester to resume public session. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**15. New Business**

**a. Consideration of any action necessary discussed in closed session.**

Motion made by Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stanton to approve the appeal in part with respect to the hourly rate and direct the City Clerk to send a letter in response and uphold the remainder of FOIA coordinators determination. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**16. Communications**

**a. Houseboat Signatures**

**17. Council Comments**

- a. Council Member Peterson – Dan Fox was elected Chairman of the planning commission.
- b. Council Member Lewis - updated Council on the grant being worked on by the Recycling Commission.
- c. Council Member Leo – updated Council on the NMT committee on the meeting happening \_\_ and the open house on August 24 from 4-6pm for community involvement.
- d. Council Member Trester let council know that the township has decided to join the KLHA authority.

- e. Mayor Bekken Kalamazoo lake sewer authority – potential sewer issue along butler. Their sewer lines go behind their buildings and up the alley to the south and dead end into a manhole.

**18. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Padley Gallagher  
City Clerk