



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
A Regular Meeting held at 102 Butler St., Saugatuck, MI 49453
September 13, 2021 – 7:00 pm

The City Council met for Regular 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 7:01p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Attendance

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

Absent: Leo

Others Present: City Manager Heise and City Clerk Gallagher

Motion by Lewis, 2nd by Trester to approve and excuse the absence of Council Member Leo. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes – August 23, 2021

Motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Stanton to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from August 23, 2021.

5. Request for Payment

A. Accounts Payable

Motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Peterson to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,479,030.77. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Check Register

6. Mayor's Comments

7. City Manager's Comments

8. Agenda Changes

9. Public Comment

Linda Escott – Holland Street – expressed concern about cyclists on sidewalks.

There are people using the sidewalks who are walking with children and dogs and asked about the no bicycles on the sidewalk sign that used to be near her house that is no longer there. She also talked about the interurban offered a takeout delivery service in January of 2021 and it was a great service for the same price as a trip on the interurban. It would be nice for the City to recognize them for their help.

~~Simonsen~~ Seweryn Nowicki of Simonson Drive – Holiday Lighting – It seems like the town spends a lot of money to make Butler Street cute but doesn't do anything on water street. We only have two main streets in town and we should be able to decorate both.

10. Reports

- a. Allegan County Sheriff

11. New Business

A. Resolution of Appreciation for Deputy Jason Kruithoff

Motion was made by Trester 2nd by Dean to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Deputy Kruithoff. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

12. Unfinished Business

A. Appointments to Various Boards & Commissions

Motion made by Lewis, 2nd by Trester to approve the appointments to Various Boards & Commissions. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

13. New Business

A. Social District Activities

Motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Peterson to allow staff to utilize Wicks Park as a "Social Space" within the Social District to serve as a gathering place with activities subject to the parameters set forth in the cover page and approve expenditures for the gathering space of up to \$1,000.00. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. Holiday Lights

Motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Trester to activate the lights immediately after installation. ~~Motion~~ Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Lewis to approve the expenditure of up to \$5,000.00 for the addition of seasonal lighting at Wicks Park. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. Tap & MNRTF

Motion was made by Dean, 2nd by Stanton to Approve having the City of Saugatuck be the lead agency for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) related to the construction of the non-motorized Blue Star trail and to

also apply for the Michigan Natural Resources Trail Fund (MNRTF). Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

D. Matching Contribution

Motion was made by Trester, 2nd by Lewis to approve the contribution of \$10,000 towards the construction of the non-motorized Blue Star Trail in the City of Saugatuck. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Resolution for Blue Star Maintenance Agreement

Motion was made by Stanton, 2nd by Peterson to agree to join the existing memorandum of understanding regarding Blue Star Trail maintenance with Laketown Township, City of Village of Douglas, and Saugatuck Township. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

F. AV Proposals

Motion was made by Dean, 2nd by Lewis to authorize staff to enter into agreement with Buist to install AV equipment at City Hall, with an amount not to exceed \$22,000. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

14. Public Comments

Carmichael – thanked council for their support of the Blue Star Trail and hopes we are successful in securing the grants we apply for.

15. Council Boards & Commissions Updates

Chris Peterson – Planning Commission of approval of Hotel Saugatuck to operate a conference center only for guests of the hotel. Meeting on Thursday to discuss setbacks.

Garnet Lewis – HDC – Verizon and the small cell tower was approved near the parking lot for Singapore yacht club. Also, the approval of expansion work on the Butler patio to make it a two-story patio.

Recycling Committee Michigan Recycling coalition presentation at the last meeting on the topic of solid waste. Allegan County will be required to update its solid waste plan when the new law passes through the senate. The battery bucket has been successful and they are anxiously awaiting the next bucket to arrive.

Mt. Baldhead Workgroup continues to make progress on securing and fixing up the radar station. The new roof is on and the repairs have been completed to prevent water from entering and causing further damage. Fence repairs should be completed shortly. Mt. Baldhead becomes a challenge to get materials up to the top, and the fencing team is having troubles getting the equipment up there. They are continuing to scrape away at the paint and are planning to paint this weekend.

Tri-community NMTC passed three or four very important pieces of the recommendation tonight. They will be bringing the actual BST proposed trail

design will be brought to council at the next workshop.

16. Communications

- A. Notice of Construction**
- B. Knights of Columbus**
- C. Buzz Burrell**
- D. Craig Steenbergh**
- E. Laura Godfrey**
- F. Tim Straker & John Cannarsa**

17. Council Comments

- a. Council Member Dean – Thanked the Rotary and congratulated them on a very successful mount baldhead challenge. They did a great job at the event and they marked the September 11th in a very appropriate and respectful way.
- b. Council Member Lewis – Congratulated Ryan and Scott for completing the Mount Baldhead Challenge successfully.
- c. Mayor Bekken thanked Clerk Padley Gallagher on her work as Clerk and wished her luck with her Masters Degree. We are currently actively looking for a new City Clerk.

18. Adjournment

Motion made by Lewis 2nd by Trester to adjourn the meeting at 7:59p.m. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Padley Gallagher
City Clerk