



## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN, OCTOBER 25, 2021**

The City Council met for the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 102 Butler St., Saugatuck, MI 49453.

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bekken at 7:01 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Attendance:**

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

Absent: Peterson

Others Present: City Manager Heise, Clerk Wolters & Deputy Clerk White

Council recognized that Peterson would not be present for the October 25, 2021, Council meeting with advanced notice.

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

**1. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2021**

Motion was made by Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis, to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from October 11, 2021. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.

**2. Regular City Council Meeting Closed Session Minutes – October 11, 2021**

Motion was made by Stanton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trester, to approve the closed session meeting minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting on October 11, 2021. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.

**5. Mayor's Comments:**

Mayor Bekken recognized Chief Greg Janik, Saugatuck Township Fire District, he was awarded this year's President award from the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society.

**6. City Manager's Comments:**

City Manager Heise noted new audio/visual equipment is fully functioning, two televisions installed soon. Recognized Deputy Clerk White on her partnership with Saugatuck High School teacher, Mr. Heyser, with construction of new recreational corn hole game for Saugatuck Social District.

7. **Agenda Changes:**  
None
8. **Guest Speakers:**
  - A. **Lt. Brett Ensfield - Allegan County Sheriff's Department:** Lt. Ensfield noted Reserve school starts December 1, 2021. Council Member Lewis asked Lt. Ensfield for update on recent vehicle theft on Lake Street, Lt. Ensfield noted no leads as of now. Council Member Leo inquired about adding a radar sign at Saugatuck High School due to recent distracted driving concerns from citizens. Lt. Ensfield will advise officers to patrol area. Lt. Ensfield will not be at the November Council meetings.
  - B. **Saugatuck Township Fire District:** Dan Fox reviewed minutes from October 18, 2021 meeting.
9. **Public Comment:**  
Glenna DeJong (*resident*) updated council on Allegan County's redistricting efforts. She noted the support she is receiving from Boards and Councils from multiple jurisdictions.
10. **Consent Agenda:** None
11. **Request for Payment:**
  - A. Account Payable approval: Motion was made by Trester, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$380,796.08. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.
  - B. Council Member Lewis requested clarification on the Sheriff overtime. Lt. Ensfield explained the normally scheduled officer was on vacation; the substitute officer's pay is stated under overtime.
12. **Introduction of Ordinances:**
  - A. Zoning Ordinance No. 211108-A. Council member Lewis requested further clarification on Zoning Ordinance No. 211108-A. The discussion is tabled to the City Council Workshop meeting on November 3, 2021.
13. **Public Hearings:** None
14. **Unfinished Business:** None
15. **New Business:**
  - A. **SDABA's Annual People & Pet's Halloween Special Event and Parade Permit:** A motion was made by Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leo, to approve the SDABA's Annual People & Pet's Halloween Special Even and Parade Permit. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.
16. **Public Comment:**  
Timothy Woodby (*resident*) requested a more environmentally friendly material used for milling on Mill Street instead of proposed crushed asphalt.

17. **Communications:** None

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

- Council Member Lewis updated Council on the Tri-Community Recycling Committee. Committee received a Recycling partnership and Michigan Eagle grant to do a pre and post audit of the recycling bins during the entire 2022 year. Submitted a grant application to boost local business recycling and composting practices.
- Council Member Leo updated Council on the Tri-Community Non-Motorized Trail Study Committee. Committee submitted Michigan Department of Transportation TAP grant application on October 13, 2021.
- Mayor Bekken updated Council on Kalamazoo Lake Sewer and Water Authority Board. Utilities fully recovered from the August and October storms. Conducted a wage study to develop a competitive environment to attract, hire and maintain individuals interested in pursuing career with department.
- Council Member Trester updated Council on the Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority. Two new representatives added from the Township. Study continuing to place navigation lights on the Blue Star Bridge. Discussed requesting from EGLE that the waterway between Blue Star Bridge and Highway Bridge be declared a no wake zone.
- Zoning Administrator Osman updated Council on Planning Commission activities. Site plan and special land use permit for The Butler's two story outdoor open deck were approved with conditions.

19. **Council Comments:**

20. **Adjournment:** Mayor Bekken adjourned meeting at 7:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jamie Wolters  
City Clerk