



CITY COUNCIL

November 21, 2022

A regular meeting of the City of Petoskey City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, November 21, 2022. This meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.; then, after a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, a roll call then determined that the following were

Present: John Murphy, Mayor
Tina DeMoore, City Councilmember
Derek Shiels, City Councilmember
Brian Wagner, City Councilmember
Lindsey Walker, City Councilmember

Absent: None

Also in attendance were City Manager Shane Horn, City Clerk Sarah Bek, Finance Director Audrey Plath and Downtown Director Becky Goodman.

Amend Agenda – Resolution No. 19719

Councilmember Shiels moved that, seconded by Councilmember Wagner to amend the agenda and add under new business the EGLE State High Water Infrastructure grant 2023 RFP pertaining to the Little Traverse Wheelway.

Said motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: DeMoore, Shiels, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (5)
NAYS: None (0)

Special Assessment Roll Public Hearing

A public hearing was held to receive comments on the proposed special assessment roll that would spread costs of downtown area programs and services during 2023, as requested by the Downtown Management Board.

Mayor Murphy opened the public hearing at 7:03 P.M. and there were no public comments and the hearing closed at 7:03 P.M.

Budget and Tax-Levy Public Hearing

A public hearing was held to receive comments concerning the City's proposed 2023 Annual Budget and recommended property tax millage rates for 2023. The City's proposed 2023 Annual Budget was initially presented and discussed at the November 7 City Council meeting.

Mayor Murphy opened the public hearing at 7:04 P.M. and there were no public comments and the hearing closed at 7:04 P.M.

Hear 424 Emmet Street Obsolete Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) Presentation

Paul Silva, Silva Property Management LLC, owner of 424 Emmet Street, gave a brief presentation on renovation and tax abatement request; that the company started in 1990 and owns and operates 600 multifamily units across Michigan; reviewed building history; purchased 424 Emmet Street in 2022 with the intent to renovate and create 12 new apartment units; that the building was abandoned and declared uninhabitable in 2006; requesting an OPRA and 12-year tax abatement; that without funding the project is not viable; and reviewed proposed improvements and estimated total project cost of \$1.8M.

Councilmembers inquired on the cost per unit and if developer was looking at selling units; discussed including a sunset clause or reasonable time limit to complete project; inquired if developer communicated with Emmet County Zoning to be sure property is obsolete; inquired on estimated rents; inquired on what the 12-year abatement is based upon; inquired on the length of building permits; heard from those in favor of discussing a potential clause once State grants approval; and heard from those supporting the potential project.

Mr. Silva and Tom Johnson, Landmark Group representative, responded that cost per unit is estimated at \$150,000 and there is no intent to sell units; that obsolete property has to be declared by the Assessor which the process has been initiated and working with architect on OPRA; that estimated rents for studios and one-bedrooms is \$800-\$1,000; that abatement is based on cost of construction and high interest rates; that building permits are good for one year; and that he is anxious to begin project and is open to working with City Council on terms.

The City Manager reviewed OPRA process and that the next steps were to set a public hearing for an OPRA District and a public hearing to approve application. Councilmembers concurred to move forward in the process.

Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 19720

Following introduction of the consent agenda for this meeting of November 21, 2022, Councilmember Walker moved that, seconded by Councilmember Wagner adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby confirms that the draft minutes of the November 7, 2022, regular session City Council meeting be and are hereby approved; and

BE IT RESOLVED that receipt by the City Council of a report concerning all checks that had been issued since November 7, 2022 for contract and vendor claims at \$445,634.99, intergovernmental claims at \$0 and the November 10 payroll at \$219,796.68, for a total of \$665,431.67 be and is hereby acknowledged.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: DeMoore, Shiels, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

The City Manager reviewed that there was an error in the process and that the zoning amendment to increase height standards in the B-3a Resort Commercial District was not addressed as an agenda item at the last Planning Commission meeting, so it will be included on the December 15 Planning Commission agenda for consideration and then will be brought back to City Council in January for further discussion which will delay the public hearing.

Hear Public Comment

Mayor Murphy asked for public comments and there were no comments.

Hear City Manager Updates

The City Manager reviewed that the Downtown Management Board adopted the 2023-2027 Downtown Strategic Plan at their meeting last week; reviewed that the November 17 Planning Commission meeting was canceled; that the District Library Board meets November 22; that the draft 2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan update is available for review for the next 30 days; that Solanus Mission Beach improvements and Festival Place Shelter new roof were substantially complete; that seasonal winter parking restrictions begin December 1 through April 1; congratulated Water/Wastewater Supervisor Sherrie Elliott on her retirement after 16 years of service; reviewed that the downtown holiday parade was this Saturday and the holiday open house is December 2; and gave kudos to the DPW crews for clearing streets and sidewalks after first snowfall of many.

Councilmembers inquired if the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan included the most recent survey results and expressed gratitude to Sherrie Elliott on her retirement. The City Manager responded that survey results were included in the draft plan.

Approve Lofts at Lumber Square Brownfield Plan – Resolution No. 19721

The City Manager reviewed that this was a second discussion and possible adoption of a resolution of concurrence for the Lofts at Lumber Square Brownfield Plan; that the Plan was introduced at the November 7 meeting; that the plan describes the public purpose and qualifying factors for determining the site as an eligible property, the eligible activities and estimated costs, the impacts of tax increment financing and other project factors; that the plan includes an allocation of \$1M for the Greenway extension that directly benefits the Brownfield project and the community and provides the opportunity to leverage State funds; and that Mac McClelland, Manager Brownfield Redevelopment Otwell Mawby, P.C., was present to answer any additional questions.

Councilmembers asked what had changed in the plan since the last discussion on November 7; inquired if the City would only be reimbursed if Greenway project is completed; inquired when the Greenway portion should be undertaken; inquired how long capture goes to developer absent Greenway; discussed length of capture; inquired on estimated amount in revolving fund after capture; inquired if the length of capture needed to be decided now or determined later; heard concerns with other projects and the lack of funding from developer and requests for additional funding and hopes this project does not fall in the same pattern; inquired on the demolition of buildings; inquired on when project would begin; heard from those in favor of cooperation and multiple people would be contributing to Greenway extension; and inquired on the next steps after resolution of concurrence.

Mr. McClelland responded that the only thing that changed from the last discussion is that City taxes captured for the Local Brownfield Revolving Fund will only be spent within the City of Petoskey; that the City will only be reimbursed what is spent; that the Greenway project should be undertaken at the earliest when development financing and construction agreement are in place; that the State puts a 3-year limitation on eligible activities; that approximately 12 years of tax capture will go to developer if Greenway project is not included; that with the Greenway allocation, the estimated timeframe for reimbursement is 22 years for local capture and 24 years for State tax capture; that an estimated \$630,000 would be available in revolving fund after 5-year capture with 25% of fund going to the City; that the length of time can be adjusted; that the Local Brownfield Revolving Fund is a valuable tool for years to come; that a Brownfield Plan includes everything that would be approved and if there is something added or not listed the plan would have to come back and Council would have to re-approve; and that the next step is the Emmet County Brownfield Authority to review on November 28 and Emmet County conduct a public hearing and possible approval on December 20.

Haan Development representatives commented that one building on the property is completely down and one partially down and the developer hopes to begin project late spring/early summer of 2023 with approximately 18-20 months to complete.

Councilmember Walker moved that, seconded by Councilmember Shiels adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Act 381, P.A. 1996 as amended, authorizes municipalities to create a brownfield redevelopment authority to promote the revitalization, redevelopment, and reuse of contaminated, blighted, functionally obsolete or historically designated property through tax increment financing of eligible environmental and/or non-environmental activities with an approved Brownfield Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Emmet County Board of Commissioners established the Emmet County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority under the procedures under Act 381 and filed with the Secretary of State on July 26, 1999 to facilitate the cleanup and redevelopment of Brownfields within Emmet County; and

WHEREAS, a Brownfield Plan has been prepared for the redevelopment of the former Hankey Lumber property at 900 Emmet Street into 60 residential units for workforce housing that outlines the qualifications, costs, impacts, and incentives for the project collaborative developed by the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and G.A. Haan Development, LLC for reimbursement from Brownfield Tax Increment Revenues with the adoption of the Brownfield Plan; and

WHEREAS, Act 381 requires the concurrence of the local unit of government in which the Brownfield Plan project is located for Brownfield Plans under County Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities, and the Lofts at Lumber Square Brownfield Project is located at 900 Emmet Street in the City of Petoskey; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the City Council's concurrence, the Emmet County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority will consider the Brownfield Plan for the Lofts at Lumber Square and provide a recommendation to the Emmet County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the City Council's concurrence, the Emmet County Board of Commissioners will set and notice a public hearing for December 20, 2022 and will consider the Lofts at Lumber Square Brownfield Plan at their regular meeting on December 20, 2022:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Act 381 of the Public Acts of 1996, as amended, being MCL 125.2651, *et seq*, the City of Petoskey City Council hereby concurs with the Brownfield Plan for the Lofts at Lumber Square.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: DeMoore, Shiels, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Confirm Special Assessment Roll – Resolution No. 19722

The City Manager reviewed the proposed special assessment roll and the 7% rate increase for 2023.

City Councilmembers inquired on 414 Waukazoo and questioned why it is treated as residential and not commercial since it is a licensed short-term rental and concurred that the property should be charged for first-floor commercial.

Councilmember DeMoore moved that, seconded by Councilmember Walker to add first-floor assessment to 414 Waukazoo and adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Council on October 3, 2022, reviewed a report of September 28, 2022, that had been prepared by the City Manager that listed programs and services that had been proposed to be provided property owners and tenants within the Downtown Management Board's territory along with the proposed special-assessment roll that could be implemented to finance such programs and services; and

WHEREAS, following that review, the City Council conducted a public hearing on October 17, 2022, to receive comments concerning recommended programs and services as proposed to be provided by the Downtown Management Board as well as costs that had been estimated by the Downtown Management Board for providing such programs and services; and

WHEREAS, after having received no comments at its October 17 public hearing, the City Council then approved the programs and services as had been recommended by the Downtown Management Board, as well as approved the costs for such programs and services that had been estimated by the Downtown Management Board; and

WHEREAS, in addition to approving proposed downtown programs and services and costs of such programs and services, City Council directed City staff to prepare a special-assessment roll in accordance with the City Council's approval of recommended programs and services and costs of such programs and services for presentation to the City Council on November 7, 2022; and

WHEREAS, after receiving a proposed special-assessment roll, City Council accepted the assessment roll, ordered that it be placed on file with City staff and made available for inspection by the public, scheduled a public hearing for November 21, 2022, to receive comments concerning the proposed special-assessment roll, and directed City staff to publish a notice of the November 21, 2022 public hearing and to notify potentially affected property owners of said hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted its November 21 public hearing and is satisfied with the assessment roll as prepared by the City staff and believes that assessments are in proportion to the benefits to be received:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Petoskey City Council does and hereby accepts the special-assessment roll as prepared by City staff and as presented to the City Council and is satisfied with the roll and believes that assessments are in proportion to the benefits to be received; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council does and hereby confirms the special-assessment roll as prepared by City staff and as presented to City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby orders that a certified copy of said special-assessment roll be placed on file at the City Hall and that the staff be and is hereby directed to spread the assessments and collect the various sums and amounts that appear on said special-assessment roll.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: DeMoore, Shiels, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Adopt 2023 Annual Budget – Resolution No. 19723

The City Manager reviewed that the 2023 proposed annual budget was presented on November 7 and a public hearing was held earlier in the meeting with no comments and that there were no changes since the last meeting.

Councilmembers commented on the Electric Fund and asked if it could be a fund to borrow from for a potential housing project; heard a comment on the funding source for the \$600,000 MERS UAL expense and that enterprise funds were funding the payment instead of the General Fund; inquired on on-going utility-industry restructuring efforts and if there would be an impact on utility rates; and inquired on the basis of rates and charges and how increases are decided.

The City Manager responded that there should be caution using the Electric Fund to fund other projects and that it could impact utility rates; that on-going utility-industry restructuring would not affect rates, but rather allows the City to purchase power and work with MPPA as-needed while market is attractive; that taxes are main source of revenue and State revenues, but some come from city-wide rates and charges that are small incremental changes and reviewed on an annual basis to cover costs.

Councilmember Wagner moved that, seconded by Councilmember DeMoore adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, as required of City Charter provisions, the City Manager has presented to the City of Petoskey City Council the City's proposed annual budget for 2023; and

WHEREAS, as also is required of City Charter provisions, the City Council on November 21, 2022, conducted a public hearing to receive comments concerning these proposed budgets for the City's various funds:

General Fund

January 1, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ 6,288,226
Revenues	<u>10,127,000</u>
Expenditures:	
General Governmental Services	2,076,050
Public Safety	3,655,700
Public Works	709,300
Recreation and Cultural	<u>3,758,600</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>10,199,650</u>
December 31, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ <u>6,215,576</u>

Major Street Fund

January 1, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ 1,240,926
Revenues	790,900
Expenditures	<u>1,376,400</u>
December 31, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ <u>655,426</u>

Local Street Fund

January 1, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ 1,009,200
Revenues	273,500
Expenditures	<u>485,700</u>
December 31, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ <u>797,000</u>

General Street Fund

January 1, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ 1,360,161
Revenues	1,459,500
Expenditures	<u>1,556,500</u>
December 31, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ <u>1,263,161</u>

Tax Increment Finance Authority Fund

January 1, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ 935,401
Revenues	577,000
Expenditures	<u>499,000</u>
December 31, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ <u>1,013,401</u>

Library Fund

January 1, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ 1,188,090
Revenues	1,693,000
Expenditures	<u>1,934,700</u>
December 31, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ <u>946,390</u>

Downtown Management Fund

January 1, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ 233,189
Revenues	161,700
Expenditures	<u>176,900</u>
December 31, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ <u>217,989</u>

Downtown Parking Fund

January 1, 2023 Retained Earnings	\$ 1,763,464
Revenues	1,094,500
Expenses	<u>900,000</u>
December 31, 2023 Retained Earnings	\$ <u>1,957,964</u>

Right-of-Way Fund

January 1, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ 762,860
Revenues	2,003,100
Expenditures	<u>1,202,000</u>
December 31, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ <u>1,563,960</u>

Electric Fund

January 1, 2023 Retained Earnings	\$ 25,347,354
Revenues	11,408,400
Expenses	<u>11,390,400</u>
December 31, 2023 Retained Earnings	\$ <u>25,365,354</u>

Water and Sewer Fund

January 1, 2023 Retained Earnings	\$ 28,277,253
Revenues	6,333,700
Expenses	<u>6,017,600</u>
December 31, 2023 Retained Earnings	\$ <u>28,593,353</u>

Motor Pool Fund

January 1, 2023 Retained Earnings	\$ 5,439,941
Revenues	1,172,700
Expenses	<u>1,183,800</u>
December 31, 2023 Retained Earnings	\$ <u>5,428,841</u>

Building Authority Marina Improvements Bond Fund

January 1, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ 32,104
Revenues	120,600
Expenditures	<u>119,600</u>
December 31, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ <u>33,104</u>

Building Authority Bear River Valley Improvements Bond Fund

January 1, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ 125,802
Revenues	254,800
Expenditures	<u>253,800</u>
December 31, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ <u>126,802</u>

WHEREAS, following the public hearing to receive comments concerning the proposed 2023 Annual Budget and its consideration of the proposed budget, the City Council wishes to approve the proposed budgets of these various City funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Petoskey City Council does and hereby approves the 2023 Annual Budget as presented by the City Manager and as summarized in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to declare certain obsolete City owned personal property as surplus and to arrange for its sale or disposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to make adjustments among line item appropriations so long as the total expenditure budget for the assigned fund is not exceeded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to negotiate with and establish certain rates for electric-utility customers as might be deemed appropriate in response to on-going utility-industry restructuring efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to continue the City's participation in the various feasibility studies that are conducted by the Michigan Public Power Agency or to join in with other studies, service committees, or projects that would be established by the Agency, such as those related to power-supply issues, or those that would meet municipal electric-system needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to work with other municipally-owned electric utilities to study the feasibilities of satisfying short- and long-term power-supply needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager or Director of Public Works are designated representatives and are hereby authorized to work through Michigan Public Power Agency to identify and enter into power purchase agreements, commitments or transactions to satisfy power supply needs, consistent with the Energy Services Risk Management Policy and power supply goals as adopted by the City of Petoskey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the rates and charges for services, fees, permits, licenses and the like and as listed in the City's Schedule of Rates and Charges and as attached to this resolution are approved and authorized to be charged and collected as applicable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the various parts, sections, and clauses of this resolution are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section, or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the resolution shall not be affected thereby.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: DeMoore, Shiels, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Approve July and December Board of Review Date Flexibility – Resolution No. 19724

The City Manager reviewed that Berg Assessing and Consulting, Inc., Rogers City, provides the City's assessing consulting services and asked for consideration for flexibility to be present at July and December Board of Review meetings; that P.A. 122 of 2008 allows for alternate dates for July and December Board of Review; and that the City Charter does not state the July and December Board of Review date requirements.

Councilmember Shiels moved that, seconded by Councilmember Wagner adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 53b of the General Property Tax Act, MCL 211.53b, requires a Board of Review that meets in July to meet on Tuesday following the third Monday in July, and a Board of Review that meets in December to meet on the Tuesday following the second Monday in December; and

WHEREAS, assessors who work for multiple units are not always able to attend the Board of Review meeting for each unit when they meet on the same day; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 122 of 2008, effective May 9, 2008, allows an alternate July Board of Review meeting date during the week of the third Monday in July; and an alternate December Board of Review meeting date during the week of the second Monday of December; and

WHEREAS, it will benefit the residents of the City of Petoskey to have the assessor available to assist the Board of Review and taxpayers in processing tax appeals and poverty exemptions:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the local unit, City of Petoskey, may schedule these aforementioned meetings during the week of the third Monday of July and the week of the second Monday of December, as allowed by Public Act 122 of 2008.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: DeMoore, Shiels, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Approve Addition of New Year's Eve as City Holiday – Resolution No. 19725

The City Manager reviewed that after reviewing personnel policies that adding New Year's Eve as an official City holiday would be little budgetary impact; that this would be an additional opportunity to show appreciation for the City's dedicated staff in further recognizing their service to the residents of Petoskey and help retain existing and new staff; and is a proponent of work/life balance and pays huge dividends to mental and physical health spending time with family.

Councilmembers commented that retaining quality staff is important and this additional holiday may be a small piece, but beneficial for all.

Councilmember DeMoore moved that, seconded by Councilmember Shiels adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Petoskey City Council recognizes and appreciates the hard work and dedication of City of Petoskey employees; and

WHEREAS, quality, extended, paid leave time with family creates and promotes an effective workplace atmosphere and an effective work-life balance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, in continued support of Petoskey employees' desires to add New Year's Eve as an official City holiday and provide all full-time employees the additional paid leave time:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Petoskey City Council hereby recognizes and approves the addition of New Year's Eve as a paid City holiday.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: DeMoore, Shiels, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Approve Application for State High Water Infrastructure Grant Program for Little Traverse Wheelway – Resolution No. 19726

The City Manager reviewed that EGLE opened 2023 Request for Proposals for State High Water Infrastructure Grant Program and the application deadline is November 30, 2022; that the Little Traverse Wheelway is an ideal project for this type of grant; that the Trails Council held a community conversation last week and exploring various financing is important to rebuild the wheelway; that Baird and Associates estimated schematic and bid ready documents to be \$1M; and that 80% funding would come from the grant and 20% from the City.

Councilmembers commented that results from the feasibility study are not available yet and heard concerns that matter is being discussed too early and inquired if SPARK grant could be pursued at same time for the City's 20% portion.

The City Manager responded that additional grants could be pursued at the same time and the City will be applying for both grants, that the County allocated \$50,000 of ARPA funds toward the wheelway project and that the City could potentially use City's ARPA funds for match.

Councilmember Shiels moved that, seconded by Councilmember Wagner adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Petoskey desires to identify costs to restore the Little Traverse Wheelway damaged area; and

WHEREAS, the portion of the Little Traverse Wheelway experienced a slope failure in 2020 and has not been accessible to the public since and is in need of an engineering and design study to determine reconstruction costs; and

WHEREAS, establishing costs to reconstruct the closed section contributes to the goals and objectives identified 2023-2027 City of Petoskey's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, outlining the need and the desire to reconstruct the Little Traverse Wheelway; and

WHEREAS, funding is available from the State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) through the High Water Infrastructure Grant Program and

WHEREAS, request that the City Council consider committing up to 20% local match, that being \$200,000, toward the cost of final, bid ready engineering and design plans which are estimated at \$1,000,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Petoskey City Council adopt a resolution to authorize Shane Horn, City Manager, or his designee to serve as the City's representative for this project, authorize the submission of the application and request that High Water Infrastructure Grant program consider approval of final, bid ready engineering and design plans of the Little Traverse Wheelway and provide grant funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 of which 20% will be from the City of Petoskey and 80% from the High Water Infrastructure Grant Program through EGLE.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: DeMoore, Shiels, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Council Comments

Mayor Murphy asked for Council comments and Councilmember Walker commented that she was re-elected to serve Ward 4 residents and thanked City staff and the numerous volunteers for their civic duty working the election. Councilmember Wagner read an email aloud in regards to a concerned citizen about utility shutoff policy and how it could affect an entire condo association and thanked Public Safety Department and mutual aid for their efforts on the devastating fire last week on Arlington Avenue. Councilmember DeMoore read aloud an email from a trained election challenger on a well ran election and gave kudos to the City Clerk and her staff; that Ward 1 residents extended gratitude to the Public Safety Department and other assisting departments on fighting last week's fire; commented on the importance of holding off using ARPA funds in order to potentially use towards matching funds for the wheelway project; and suggested a work session on policy and ethics policy for City Council which are both elements for good governance. Mayor Murphy commented that he represented the City at the College ribbon cutting ceremony for athletics; was asked to sit in on training at hospital to talk about the Petoskey community; and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, this November 21, 2022, meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

John Murphy, Mayor

Sarah Bek, City Clerk