



CITY COUNCIL

June 18, 2018

A regular meeting of the City of Petoskey City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, June 18, 2018. 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
Kate Marshall, City Councilmember
Izzy Lyman, City Councilmember
Grant Dittmar, City Councilmember
Jeremy Wills, City Councilmember

Absent: None

Also in attendance were City Manager Robert Straebel, Clerk-Treasurer Alan Terry, Downtown Director Becky Goodman and City Attorney James Murray.

Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 19202

Following introduction of the consent agenda for this meeting of June 18, 2018, City Councilmember Dittmar moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Marshall adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby confirms that the draft minutes of the June 4, 2018 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 June 4, for contract and vendor claims at \$1,289,951.20, intergovernmental claims at \$0, and the June 14 payroll at \$214,597.95, for a total of \$1,504,549.15 be and is hereby acknowledged.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Lyman, Dittmar, Wills, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Public Comment

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

City Manager Updates

The City Manager reported that two grants were awarded to the City through the Local Revenue Sharing Board, one for \$10,000 to fund a portion of the pedestrian bridge connecting the River Road Sports Complex with the North Central Michigan College nature trail and the second grant for \$9,000 which will help pay for extrication equipment for the Public Safety Department; that there will be a ZBA meeting at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 10 to discuss variances and potential reasonable accommodations according to the Federal Fair Housing Act for the proposed Harbor Hall expansion project; that the City has recently earned Redevelopment Ready Community certification and a certification event will be at an August Council meeting with MEDC officials; that the Bridge Street Bridge is anticipated to be open for motorists by July 7;

reviewed West Lake Street improvement project and that the 10' trail has been completed and is now open to the public and weather dependent, the asphalt and landscape crews should begin work next week; that the Phase II Greenway Corridor project progresses and is ahead of schedule; that marina repairs should be completed this week; that six representatives from the City attended the kick-off meeting for the C.S. Mott Foundation Clean Energy initiative and that a draft plan is forthcoming on possible projects for which the \$60,000 grant could be used; that there is a Green Infrastructure Workshop 4:00-8:00 P.M., Wednesday at the College; that staff is currently working on the 2019-2024 CIP and identifying long-range maintenance and repair projects that will be a challenge to fund in future years with Planning Commission reviewing in August; and suggested that City Council consider cancelling the July 2, 2018 City Council meeting due to the Fourth of July holiday and that there are no pressing issues for Council to address.

City Councilmembers commented that it is unclear and inquired what the \$60,000 will be used for from the C.S. Mott grant. The City Manager responded that potential projects could include joint energy audits, consulting, etc., but that a plan would be forthcoming.

County Commissioner Betsy White reviewed that there is less money being distributed each year from the Casino which could cause less grants being awarded as part of the Local Revenue Sharing Board.

DMB Non-Profit Confirmation – Resolution No. 19203

The City Manager reviewed that on behalf of the Downtown Management Board and Downtown Marketing Committee, Becky Goodman, Downtown Director, requested that City Council approve a resolution in support of a charitable gaming license.

The Downtown Director reviewed that the Committee conceived an idea for a raffle that will promote Downtown businesses as well as raise revenue from raffle ticket sales; that the 2018 DMB Programs and Services Budget charges the Downtown Marketing Committee with raising \$5,000 to support its activities in 2018; and that the drawing will be at Sidewalk Sales.

The City Manager further reviewed that selling raffle tickets requires that an organization obtain a charitable gaming license and approval by the local governing body that the organization be officially recognized as a nonprofit organization.

City Councilmember Marshall moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Dittmar adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, local governmental units are required to certify status of local non-profit organizations that seek permission of the Michigan Bureau of the Lottery, Charitable Gaming Division, to conduct certain types of fundraising campaigns that require issuing of gaming licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Management Board, 216 Park Avenue, Petoskey, has requested that the City recognize it as a non-profit organization that operates within the community for the purpose of administering gaming licenses that would permit future raffle drives and fundraising events, the proceeds from which would benefit the individual affiliate conducting the event:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Petoskey City Council does and hereby certifies that the Downtown Management Board, 216 Park Avenue, Petoskey, is a recognized non-profit organization that operates within the Petoskey community.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Lyman, Dittmar, Wills, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Discuss Draft 2018 Action Plan

The City Manager reviewed that based upon feedback from City Council at a special meeting on April 30, 2018, City staff developed a draft 2018 Action Plan for Council's consideration and could consider taking public comment over the next few weeks by posting on the City's website; that written comments be sent to the City Manager's Office; and adoption of the plan be considered at the July 16 meeting. The City Manager reviewed the five goals including individual items for each such as insuring a long-term sustainable City budget; planning for new infrastructure as well as maintenance of current infrastructure to accommodate the future; diversity and strengthen the City's economic base; identify and address downtown development issues; and develop and promote community sustainability measures.

City Councilmembers commented as part of goal one that energy audits may save costs long term and that public safety costs are a large burden and some items may need to be given up; that as part of goal two potentially the public safety millage could be continued since there is support and more of a necessity vs. a frill; that it is great that the City is Redevelopment Ready Community certified, but the City needs to decide what kind of development is wanted; that there is no support for biannual inspections of downtown businesses as part of goal four; and inquired as part of goal five if there were costs associated with obtaining silver certification as part of the Michigan Green Communities Challenge.

Mayor Murphy asked for public comments and heard from those in favor of saving for fire equipment and vehicles to reduce additional costs to citizens.

Council Comments

Mayor Murphy asked for Council comments and Councilmember Wills reported that approximately 2,000 people attended the Emmet Street Food Truck Rally. Councilmember Lyman inquired if an article could be posted on the website concerning how to prevent deer from destroying residential gardens. Councilmember Marshall commented that if residents want trees trimmed in the right-of-way to contact the City Manager. Mayor Murphy commented on the excessive amount of deer in town.

Recess to Closed Session – Resolution No. 19204

City Council was being asked to adopt a resolution that would recess to a closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, to consider material exempt from disclosure.

City Councilmember Wills moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Lyman adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Manager has requested that the City Council recess to a closed session, pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, to consider material exempt from disclosure, at the City Council's regular meeting of June 18, 2018:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby authorizes to recess to a closed session, to consider material exempt from disclosure.

Recessed to closed session at 7:58 P.M. and reconvened into open session at 8:25 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, this June 18, 2018, meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

John Murphy, Mayor

Alan Terry, City Clerk-Treasurer