



CITY COUNCIL

August 20, 2018

A regular meeting of the City of Petoskey City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, August 20, 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: Kate Marshall, City Councilmember
Izzy Lyman, City Councilmember
Grant Dittmar, City Councilmember
Jeremy Wills, City Councilmember

Absent: John Murphy, Mayor

Also in attendance were City Manager Robert Straebel, Clerk-Treasurer Alan Terry, Parks and Recreation Director Kendall Klingelsmith, Downtown Director Becky Goodman and City Planner Amy Tweeten.

Hear MEDC Presentation Certifying the City as a Redevelopment Ready Community

Representatives from MEDC, Congressman Bergman's office and Senator Wayne Schmidt were present to recognize the City of Petoskey as the 25th community to be certified under the statewide Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program. Dan Leonard, MEDC representative, reviewed the RRC program and that the City will now receive more promotion from the State on development needs.

Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 19213

Following introduction of the consent agenda for this meeting of August 20, 2018, City Councilmember Marshall moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Lyman adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby confirms that the draft minutes of the August 6, 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 August 6, for contract and vendor claims at \$2,303,531.13, intergovernmental claims at \$873,743.43, and the August 9 payroll at \$211,933.85, for a total of \$3,389,208.41 be and is hereby acknowledged.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Lyman, Dittmar, Wills (4)

NAYS: None (0)

Public Comment

Mayor Protem Dittmar asked for public comments and a representative from Citizens Climate Lobby announced that there would be a presentation on climate change at North Central Michigan College. Lindsey Walker, 1312 Emmet Street, had concerns with the Emmet Property Owners Protecting Petoskey article in the Petoskey News Review and opposes the article viewpoints and read aloud Regina Gasco's letter in response to the article.

City Manager Updates

The City Manager reported that Knute Nadleoffer, Director of the Michigan Biological Station in Pellston, is giving a presentation regarding climate change on September 6 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at North Central Michigan College Library; that the City achieved Silver Certification in 2018 for the Michigan Green Communities Challenge program which was attributed to various energy efficiency improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, enrolling 100 residents in the Voluntary Green Pricing Program (VGP) and transitioning to LED street lighting; that City staff, in cooperation with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, will be removing overgrown vegetation at Solanus Beach in September with staff developing plans for modest improvements at the beach in future years; reviewed Sheridan and Emmet Street project improvements; reviewed the Greenway Corridor status and that there are a few minor items pending; and reviewed the City Manager's annual evaluation process and that forms are to be submitted to the City Attorney by September 10 and discussed in closed session at the September 17 City Council meeting.

City Councilmembers inquired if Sheridan Street was a candidate for a similar parking lane that was implemented on Jennings Avenue and if the geese containment was working. The City Manager responded that Sheridan is narrower so hard to use parking lanes, but that it may be able to be redesigned and that the geese are being contained by the bushes that were planted at Festival Beach area.

Hear DNR Presentation on Urban Deer Management

The City Manager reviewed that Councilmember Lyman requested a presentation and discussion regarding deer management techniques that homeowners can utilize to mitigate damage to gardens and flower beds.

Jennifer Keitch, DNR representative, Gaylord, gave a brief presentation on urban deer management and reviewed ways to limit deer population such as eliminating food sources.

Councilmembers inquired if deer population still contracts Lyme Disease and that residents have had great success with liquid fence. Ms. Keitch responded that the deer population do carry Lyme Disease and that dogs can contract the disease as well.

Authorize Contract for Marina Electrical and Pedestal Upgrades – Resolution No. 19214

The Parks and Recreation Director reviewed that in 2017, the City applied for and received a matching grant for electrical upgrades on Piers A, C and D to comply with the 2017 National Electric Code in the amount of \$99,415; that in 2018 the City also applied for and received a matching grant for pedestal upgrades on Pier B to remain consistent with the pedestal upgrades that will occur on Piers A, C and D for \$35,350; and that both grant obligations will be completed in this project. The Director further reviewed that GRP Engineering prepared detailed bid specifications for the marina upgrades; that bids were advertised and made available; and that four bids were received and opened publicly on August 14, 2018. GRP Engineering and City staff reviewed the low bid of \$171,957.50 by Select Electric, Petoskey, and that the contractor can perform the specified work and has also been reviewed and approved by the State of Michigan.

City Councilmembers inquired if there was electrical leakage protection and the Parks and Recreation Director responded that there is protection on shore with marina guards.

City Councilmember Marshall moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Wills to authorize contracting with Select Electric, Petoskey, for Marina electrical and pedestal upgrades in the amount of \$171,957.50.

Said motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Lyman, Dittmar, Wills (4)

NAYS: None (0)

Name Municipal League Annual Meeting Representatives – Resolution No. 19215

The City Manager reported that at the request of the Michigan Municipal League, the City Council was being asked to adopt a proposed resolution that would confirm the City Council's appointment of an official voting representative and an alternate representative, one of whom would be seated at the annual business meeting of the Municipal League that would be conducted September 20, in conjunction with the League's 2018 Convention September 20-22, which will be in Grand Rapids.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Petoskey City Council does and hereby selects Councilmember Jeremy Wills as the City's voting representative for the annual business meeting of the Michigan Municipal League that has been scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2018, in Grand Rapids.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Lyman, Dittmar, Wills (4)

NAYS: None (0)

Council Comments

Mayor Protem Dittmar asked for Council comments and there were no comments.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, this August 20, 2018, meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Grant Dittmar, Mayor Protem

Alan Terry, City Clerk-Treasurer