



CITY COUNCIL

January 3, 2022

A regular meeting of the City of Petoskey City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, January 3, 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, as part of the City Council's annual organizational meeting, the City Clerk-Treasurer administered oaths of office to Mayor-elect John Murphy, and City Councilmembers-elect Tina DeMoore and Brian Wagner, following their elections to the City Council at the General Election of November 2, 2021. 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 Interim City Manager/Clerk-Treasurer Alan Terry, Public Works Director Mike Robbins, Finance Supervisor Audrey Plath and Executive Assistant Sarah Bek.

Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 19619

Following introduction of the consent agenda for this meeting of January 3, 2022, City Councilmember Shiels moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Walker adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby confirms that the draft minutes of the December 20, 2021 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 December 20, 2021 for contract and vendor claims at \$1,911,556.29, intergovernmental claims at \$3,825.32, and the December 23 payroll at \$216,008.09, for a total of \$2,131,389.70 be and is hereby acknowledged.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Hear Public Comment

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

Hear City Manager Updates

The City Manager reviewed that 32 applications were received for the City Planner position and staff was reviewing this week; that the City Manager brochure is expected to be placed this week on various job boards with a February 4, 2022 application deadline to the recruiter; that 2022 reservations for Magnus Park topped \$170,000 today; and there were no issues during the Christmas and New Year's holidays and there was good weather for this time of year.

Elect Mayor Protempore - Resolution No. 19620

Mayor Murphy reported that, as required by City Charter provisions, the City Council was being asked to elect from its members a Mayor Protempore who would serve in the absence or incapacity of the Mayor, and then requested nominations for this position.

Mayor Murphy nominated Councilmember Wagner to serve as Mayor Protempore.

Councilmember DeMoore then moved that and supported by Councilmember Walker, that Councilmember Wagner be appointed as Mayor Protempore and that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby approves the appointment of Councilmember Brian Wagner as Mayor Protempore to the City Council for 2022.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Approve Board and Commission Appointment – Resolution No. 19621

Mayor Murphy reviewed that City Council consider the following appointment.

City Councilmembers inquired on the vacant seat and the Mayor responded that Ben Crockett resigned from the ZBA.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby approves the appointment of Matt McSweeney, 618 Bay Street, to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill a vacated term ending April 2022.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Authorize Contract for East Lake Street Improvements – Resolution No. 19622

The City Manager reviewed that the City's 2022 Annual Budget included \$2,658,000 from the streets, water and sewer funds for the reconstruction of East Lake Street from Division Street to Kalamazoo Avenue, along with side streets between East Mitchell and East Lake Streets that include Ottawa, Summit, Clinton and Williams Streets; and that the lowest bidder, Elmer's Crane and Dozer, Inc., Petoskey, came in under budget.

The Public Works Director further reviewed that due to the size and number of streets the project is divided into three construction phases, although all phases will overlap at some point based on the type of work being performed; reviewed Phase 1 which will begin in early spring and involves the reconstruction of the Division and East Lake Streets intersection; Phase 2 includes all streets from Division to just east of Clinton with Phase 3 including all streets east of Clinton to Kalamazoo; that final completion is expected late October or early November; that reconstruction involves water, sewer and electric replacements; and that the project has an aggressive timeline.

City Councilmembers inquired when and how residents would be made aware of the project; inquired how many lead pipes would be replaced; inquired if burying utilities was part of bid; asked how much of the City's electric has been converted to underground and when utility cable/fiber is buried; and if the project qualified for MDOT Small Urban funding.

Mr. Robbins responded that DPW staff started reaching out to citizens door to door in the affected neighborhoods over a week ago with a flyer explaining project phases and staff contact numbers; that galvanized pipes are considered lead in today's standards and 55 of 60 homes have been inventoried to see if service needs to be replaced and approximately 10-13 homes will need to be replaced; that the City will pay for any service upgrades and utilities are part of the bid which will be brand new curb to curb; that the project does not qualify for grant funding since it is considered a local street, but State Street will receive some funds since it is classified as a major street; and that undergrounding and cable is completed in conjunction with street projects using City materials and contractors and billed to the utility company.

City Councilmember Walker moved that, seconded by City Councilmember DeMoore to authorize contracting with Elmer's Crane and Dozer Inc., Petoskey, in the amount of \$2,104,999.15 for East Lake Street improvements.

Said motion was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Council Comments

Mayor Murphy asked for City Council comments and City Councilmember Walker commented she hopes the City sets goals for 2022 including affordable housing initiatives and policy changes, rigorous renewable energy goals and that it is an honor and privilege to serve the community for another year. City Councilmember Wagner commented on the status of the Action Plan and would like to review sooner than May to refocus and reset goals and priorities and thanked City Council for having the confidence in him to serve as Mayor Protem. City Councilmember Shiels inquired if there was an ordinance regulating dog barking especially in early morning hours. City Councilmember DeMoore publicly thanked Kate Marshall for serving and it is with humility she fills Ms. Marshall's seat and looks forward to working with Council and serving the citizens that elected her. Mayor Murphy addressed high school students that attended the meeting, welcomed Councilmember DeMoore to City Council and introduced his son to the community and thanked him for his service in the armed forces.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, this January 3, 2022, meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

John Murphy, Mayor

Alan Terry, Clerk-Treasurer