

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, July 2, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Trobeck at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Tom Gilmer, Nick Breedveld, Jim Misner and Stacey Withee. Absent: None.

Also present: Fire Chief, Brandon Weber; Police Chief, Gordon Konkle; and City Manager, Aaron Mitchell.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The June 18, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes were approved.

There were no remarks on agenda items.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

At this time Fire Chief Weber introduced the new full-time firefighter – David Kranz. Fire Chief Weber stated that Lieutenant Kranz will be working at the station Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lieutenant Kranz gave a brief overview of his background. He commented that he is excited to give back to his community. The Commission welcomed Lieutenant Kranz.

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

IV. ORDINANCES:

A. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 161 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OTSEGO TO REGULATE BLIGHT AND BLIGHTED PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY

The Second Reading of Ordinance No. 161 took place. Ordinance No. 161 is an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Otsego to regulate Blight and Blighted Properties within the City of Otsego. Commissioner Misner moved to adopt Ordinance No. 161- an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Otsego to regulate Blight and Blighted Properties within the City of Otsego, seconded by Commissioner Gilmer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V. REQUESTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE DDA/MAIN STREET BOARD - STEINS & VINES COMMITTEE TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL STEINS AND VINES EVENT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2018, AT THE MUSEUM

Commissioner Breedveld moved to grant the request from the DDA/Main Street Board to hold their annual Steins and Vines event on Saturday, August 11, 2018, at the museum, seconded by Commissioner Gilmer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. AGREEMENTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DDA/MAIN STREET BOARD TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL STEINS AND VINES EVENT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2018, AT THE MUSEUM

Commissioner Gilmer moved to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a License Agreement with the Otsego DDA/Main Street for the Steins and Vines Event on August 11, 2018, at the museum, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Updates on the following: Rock-Tenn and Justice for Otsego.
2. He answered questions of the Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

County Commissioner, Gale Dugan – he gave a County Commission update.

Janette Schurman, 734 Howard – she gave a detailed overview of the April 10th, sewage backup that occurred at her residence. She stated that she had received a letter from the City's insurance company, but wants to know what the City is going to do for her.

Richard DeLong, 728 Ruby – he commented that the water and sewer system belongs to the City. He suggested to tack on \$5.00 to \$10.00 to the utility bills for a citywide insurance policy. He commented that more maintenance should be done.

City Manager Mitchell explained that the Plummer Trucks have the technology to view the lines. He stated that the City is coming to the end of a five year agreement with Plummer's for scheduled maintenance on all of the City's lines. He then explained the City's insurance policy in detail and the option that homeowners have to carry the insurance on their policy. He stated that the City had to take into consideration the entire City and we can't do it for just one homeowner. Mayor Trobeck commented that she feels for the Schurman's, but the Commission is keepers of the entire City. She commented that there are riders available to homeowners and we fixed it as soon as we were aware of it, and ultimately we have to follow the law.

John Leland, 801 Kay – he gave an overview of the events and suggested that the Eley Acres sewer system be looked at. He stated that there needs to be more places to process the sewage because of situations like this.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Gilmer – he commented that he was sorry that the City’s Attorney Ken Lane has left the law firm, as he did an excellent job. He indicated that as long as the City Manager and City Clerk were comfortable with the new attorney he would support it.

Commissioner Withee – she commented that the Main Street Mud Volleyball event is on July 14th.

Commissioner Misner – he welcomed and thanked new Full-Time Firefighter Kranz.

Mayor Trobeck – she also welcomed new Full-Time Firefighter Kranz. She thanked the audience for attending, and their comments. She stated that the Commission does take their thoughts and concerns into consideration.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Withee, seconded by Commissioner Breedveld. CARRIED – 7:30 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk