

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, August 6, 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; WWTP Superintendent, Luke Keyzer; Police Chief, Gordon Konkle; DPW Superintendent, Mike Bosch; and City Manager, Aaron Mitchell.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The July 16, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes were approved.

**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

Robert Alway, 1012 Barton – asked if there would be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions regarding the presentation of the Redevelopment Ready Communities. Mayor Trobeck commented that there will be an opportunity during audience remarks.

**I. PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. PRESENTATION BY KAREN WIEBER - REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES**

Karen Wieber was in attendance to give an overview of the purpose and background of Redevelopment Ready Communities. The program is through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). She explained that the City had passed a resolution to participate in the program. Ms. Wieber reviewed City's Baseline Report highlights and the next steps. Sue DeVries of the MEDC was also in attendance.

At this time, Chief Konkle introduced new Part-Time Police Officer Eric Tollefson. The Commission welcomed Officer Tollefson.

**II. PUBLIC HEARING:**

**III. PLANNING AND ZONING:**

**IV. ORDINANCES:**

**V. REQUESTS:**

**VII. RESOLUTIONS:**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-15 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE A REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES CERTIFICATION FROM THE MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MEDC)**

Commissioner Withee and Mayor Trobeck commented that they were excited about the program

and looking forward to its completion.

Commissioner Withee offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Gilmer.

CITY OF OTSEGO  
MICHIGAN  
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-15

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS  
NECESSARY TO RECEIVE A REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES  
CERTIFICATION FROM THE MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
(MEDC)

WHEREAS, the City of Otsego has participated in the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities Program, including passing of a Resolution for the engagement with the MEDC and undergoing an evaluation of the City's redevelopment practices as reported in the Redevelopment Ready Communities Assessment Report and Evaluation of Findings dated July, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the MEDC has developed a program for certifying Redevelopment Ready Communities, and the City of Otsego desires to achieve that certification by implementing best practices and recommended strategies for redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the program includes evaluating the partnerships with City boards and commissions related to development including the City Commission, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Downtown Development Authority/Main Street; and

WHEREAS, after review of the Redevelopment Ready Communities Assessment Report, the City of Otsego is willing to complete the tasks as outlined; and

WHEREAS, the Assessment Report requires certain recommendations to be completed in order for the City to attain Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the City of Otsego, Michigan through the City Commission, authorizes the implementation of the MEDC recommendations necessary to receive Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification.

YEAS: Commissioners: Cyndi Trobeck, Tom Gilmer, Nick Breedveld, Stacey Withee, & Jim Misner.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

## VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

### A. CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATION OF THE MAYOR TO BE THE VOTING DELEGATE AT THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S ANNUAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

Commissioner Misner moved to designate Mayor Trobeck to be the voting delegate at the Michigan Municipal League's Annual Meeting on September 21, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Breedveld. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

### MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Updates on the following: Recent PFAS Test results – he read a prepared statement; and the Meeting on August 8, at the Methodist Church from 4-7pm – with the City, EPA, DEQ, and Allegan County Health Department.
2. He answered questions of the Commission.

### COMMUNICATIONS

None.

### REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

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

Robert Alway, 1012 Barton – he asked a question of Ms. Wieber regarding the RRC and the City's Planning Commission.

Janette Schurman, 734 Howard – she read a prepared statement regarding her sewer claim. She commented that it is the City's obligation. She referred to a claim on Barton Street eight years ago. She referenced an article in the Kalamazoo Gazette. She asked why does the City have insurance and the claim was denied. Mayor Trobeck stated that she could talk to the City Manager or the City's insurance company.

Al Radspieler, Hopkins - he asked if he could make an appointment at this time with the Mayor to look at his house. Mayor Trobeck answered no. He asked if he could clarify what Commissioner Gilmer said at the last meeting. Mayor Trobeck answered no and advised him to talk to her or the City Manager. At this time, he made various complaints regarding his house that he is trying to fix up, buying more houses, his ticket, the Police Department.

Mr. Stinson, 719 Howard – he asked for clarification of the Schurman sewer claim. Mayor Trobeck gave an overview of the incident, insurance available, and how taxpayers who have the insurance can't be penalized. He asked how the City system works and had technical questions. Mayor Trobeck asked if he could stay and speak with Luke Keyzer and Mike Bosch who would be glad to explain it to him.

Penny DeBoer, 724 Howard – she spoke in regards to her insurance company and the limitations. Commissioner Gilmer gave a brief overview of his experience with the limitations and his neighbor's coverage who had a claim.

#### COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Breedveld – he welcomed Officer Tollefson. He echoed Manager Mitchell's letter that he read. He commented that the City is dedicated to the citizens of Otsego and look out for them. He stated that we are doing the best we can and the fastest we can. He thanked WWTP Superintendent Keyzer and DPW Supervisor Bosch for their assistance.

Commissioner Gilmer – he echoed Commissioner Breedveld's comments. He stated that the City is being very transparent, as there is a lot going on. He commented that it is still not known how it affects one health. He commented that it will be tricky to find the source in Well #3. He stated that it is hard to separate emotion from facts. He stated that he is pleased with the way it was handled by the City employees. He stated that County Commissioner Dugan does an excellent job.

Commissioner Withee – she echoed the other Commissioner's comments. She thanked WWTP Superintendent Keyzer, City Manager Mitchell, DPW Supervisor Bosch and all City employees for always watching over the community. She welcomed Officer Tollefson. She thanked the audience for attending.

Commissioner Misner – he echoed the other Commissioner's comments. He thanked the community and the employees of the City. He thanked the audience for attending. He stated that he trusts the City and will drink the water.

Mayor Trobeck – she commented that WWTP Superintendent Keyzer is a great resource if anyone has questions. She reminded everyone to vote tomorrow. Main Street's Steins & Vines will take place on August 11<sup>th</sup>, and Gus Macker will be happening later this month.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Misner, seconded by Commissioner Breedveld. CARRIED – 7:52 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC  
City Clerk