

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, November 19, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Trobeck at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Brent Milhiem, Stacey Withee, Lauri Krueger and Nick Breedveld. Absent: None. Also present City Manager Mitchell.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The November 12, 2018, minutes were approved as submitted.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

I. PRESENTATIONS:

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF LONGEVITY BONUSES FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES

Commissioner Withee moved to authorize longevity bonuses for non-union employees, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Breedveld. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSIDERATION OF HOLIDAY GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Manager Mitchell explained that the gift certificates will be in the form of Downtown Dollars. Commissioner Milhiem moved to authorize holiday gift certificates for City employees, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE OTSEGO/PLAINWELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO DISPLAY "LIFE-SIZE" CHRISTMAS CARDS AT BROOKSIDE PARK FROM DECEMBER 1, 2018, THROUGH JANUARY 5, 2019

Commissioner Withee moved to grant the request from the Otsego/Plainwell Chamber of Commerce to display "life-size" Christmas cards at Brookside Park from December 1, 2018, through January 5, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. AGREEMENTS

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-21 - A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – TOM GILMER

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

CITY OF OTSEGO
ALLEGAN COUNTY MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-21
A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – TOM GILMER

WHEREAS, Tom Gilmer was sworn in as a City Commissioner on November 10, 2003, with the City of Otsego: and

WHEREAS, Tom Gilmer has faithfully served the City of Otsego from November 2003 to November 2018; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2018, Tom Gilmer attended his last meeting as City Commissioner for the Otsego City Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Otsego, as an expression of thanks on behalf of the citizens of this City, commend Tom Gilmer for his loyal service to the City of Otsego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution is spread in full on the minutes of the November 19, 2018, meeting of the Otsego City Commission and a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Gilmer.

YEAS: Commissioners: Cyndi Trobeck, Stacey Withee, Nick Breedveld, Lauri Krueger, Brent Milhiem.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

B. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-22 - A RESOLUTION OF
APPRECIATION – JIM MISNER

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

CITY OF OTSEGO
ALLEGAN COUNTY MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-22
A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – JIM MISNER

WHEREAS, Jim Misner was sworn in as a City Commissioner on September 17, 2017, with the City of Otsego: and

WHEREAS, Jim Misner has faithfully served the City of Otsego from September 2017 to November 2018; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2018, Jim Misner attended his last meeting as City Commissioner for the Otsego City Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Otsego, as an expression of thanks on behalf of the citizens of this City, commend Jim Misner for his loyal service to the City of Otsego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution is spread in full on the minutes of the November 19, 2018, meeting of the Otsego City Commission and a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Misner.

YEAS: Commissioners: Cyndi Trobeck, Stacey Withee, Nick Breedveld, Lauri Krueger, Brent Milhiem.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS: CITY CLERK, CITY TREASURER, CITY ASSESSOR, CITY ATTORNEY, HEALTH OFFICER
Commissioner Breedveld moved to confirm the Mayor's Appointments of: City Clerk, Angela Cronen; Treasurer, Matthew Storbeck; Assessor, Kevin Harris; Attorney, Marshall Grate – Clark Hill; and Health Officer, Aaron Mitchell; seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATION OF THE CITY DEPOSITORY
Commissioner Breedveld moved to confirm the Mayor's designation of PNC Bank as the City's Depository, seconded by Commissioner Milhiem. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. CONSIDERATION OF THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR TROBECK AND COMMISSIONER MILHIEM TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION
Commissioner Withee moved to confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Mayor Trobeck and Commissioner Milhiem to the Planning Commission, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. CONSIDERATION OF THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR TROBECK AND COMMISSIONER KRUEGER TO THE SALARY REVIEW COMMITTEE
Commissioner Milhiem moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Mayor Trobeck and Commissioner Krueger to the Salary Review Committee, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. CONSIDERATION OF THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MAYOR TROBECK AND COMMISSIONER BREEDVELD TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE

Commissioner Withee moved to confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Mayor Trobeck and Commissioner Breedveld to the Fire Department Committee, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. CONSIDERATION OF THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF PAUL MITCHELL AND ROBERT ALWAY TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, TERMS TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 2021

Commissioner Withee moved to confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Paul Mitchell and Robert Alway to the Planning Commission, terms to expire November 2021, seconded by Commissioner Breedveld. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. CONSIDERATION OF THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF TOM GILMER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF JOEL H. THOMPSON, TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 2020

Commissioner Withee moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Tom Gilmer to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Joel H. Thompson, term to expire November 2020, seconded by Commissioner Milhiem. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. He gave updates on the following: the passing of long-time employee Ron Lytle; Otsego Methodist Church Thanksgiving Luncheon; Leaf Pickup; Otsego Middle School STEAM Group projects; Hometown Christmas on December 1st; and Small Business Saturday on November 24th.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Robert Alway, 1012 Barton –he stated that he would provide City Hall with applications for the Allied Paper Superfund Site Community Advisory Group, related to the Kalamazoo River remediation.

Gale Dungan, County Commissioner – he gave an update on current County issues. He thanked the voters for their support at the recent election, so that he could serve for two more years. He congratulated the new City Commissioners.

Al Radspieler, PO Box 266, Hopkins – he commented that two months ago the City had hired an attorney out of Grand Rapids, and had asked why he was hired. He indicated that he thought he was hired for real estate deals. He stated that at that time he asked the Commission if they were hiring him, “for me”. He stated that the Commission replied “no”. He commented that the City is wasting their money on an attorney from Grand Rapids and they should be giving their money to the City people. He stated “you are not going to beat me”.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Breedveld – he wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving. He thanked the audience for attending.

Commissioner Krueger – she wished everyone to have a happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. She thanked the audience for attending. She stated that she is glad to be on the Commission.

Commissioner Withee – she thanked all of the volunteers who serve on the City Boards. She stated if anyone is ever interested in being on a board or committee, to contact the Mayor.

Commissioner Milhiem – he stated that he has big shoes to fill and thanked Tom Gilmer and Jim Misner for their service. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Trobeck – she commented that she was surprised to see three year olds with hard hats and shovels at the recent groundbreaking ceremony for the Early Childhood Learning Center. She gave a special thank you to Jim Misner for filling a spot on the Commission, during a difficult time, as we were in the process of selecting a new City Manager. She thanked Tom Gilmer for being the one to appoint her to the City Commission, as this was her start on the Commission. Small Business Saturday is on November 24th, and from 9am until 1pm, there will be Downtown Dollars available at Our Table. Hometown Christmas will be held on Saturday, December 1st, the parade will be at 7pm with the tree lighting following the conclusion of the parade.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Milhiem, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED – 7:34 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk