

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, September 16, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Trobeck at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Stacey Withee, Lauri Krueger, Dustin McNees and Brent Milhiem. Absent: None. Also present City Manager Mitchell, Finance Director Storbeck, Police Chief Konkle, Fire Chief Weber, and WWTP Superintendent Keyzer.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The September 3, 2019, Regular Minutes; September 11, 2019, Special Meeting Minutes; September 11, 2019, Closed Session Minutes were approved as submitted.

Commissioner Krueger moved to amend the agenda to move item “B” under agreements, to the end of the meeting, seconded by Commissioner McNees. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

A. BY COUNTY COMMISSIONER GALE DUGAN

Commissioner Dugan gave an update on the most recent County Commission activities.

B. PRESENTATION WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPERINTENDENT KEYZER – LEAD AND COPPER RULES

Manager Mitchell presented a PowerPoint presentation that explained the Lead and Copper Rules and how they will affect the City. Various ways to replace lead services were presented along with various cost options. The State has made it mandatory that municipalities have to replace the service up to the house, if lead is present. He stated that the replacements will be at no cost to the property owners, only the City. The City will have to report how many potential lead services there are in the City by December 31, 2019. The number will be approximately three hundred, which include the questionable services. He explained that the City records indicate twenty-six services are lead, and they will be the services that are replaced first. The approach on replacing the services will also have to be addressed. WWTP Superintendent Keyzer stated that the exact amount will not be known until the services are dug up. Three options were discussed regarding how the potential services would be replaced, the cost to the City, and the ultimate cost to the customers. WWTP Superintendent Keyzer answered questions of the Commission.

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

City Manager Mitchell gave a brief overview of the Public Participation Policy. He commented that having the policy is a requirement to be a Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC). Commissioner Krueger moved to approve the adoption of the Public Participation Plan, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. AGREEMENTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE DDA/MAIN STREET BOARD FOR CITY MANAGER MITCHELL TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH MICHIGAN MAIN STREET – COMMUNITY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS AGREEMENT

Manager Mitchell stated that the amendments to the agreement include language regarding Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC). Commissioner Milhiem moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into an amended agreement with Michigan Main Street – Community Requirements and Expectations Agreement, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. He gave updates on the following: Creative Arts Festival; Pavilion Crowd Funding Project; Washington/Dix Street improvements; and new striping at the crosswalks by Northside Park – he thanked the residents for bringing this to the City's attention.
2. He gave a brief update on the request from the Zadny's regarding trailer parking. He reported that during his research he did not find a community that has size limits on trailers. A brief discussion took place regarding the Zadny's specific issue of the neighbor's placement of their trailer in their own back yard. Mayor Trobeck commented that we can't tell residents what to do on their own property if they are not in violation.
3. He asked for further questions or comments regarding his written Manager's Report submitted to the Commission in their weekly packet.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Milhiem – he thanked Manager Mitchell and WWTP Superintendent Keyzer for the presentation and the research that they have completed. He commented that he likes the proactive approach. He commented that the City has healthy, clean drinking water. He thanked County Commissioner Dugan for his report. He asked the community to consider donating to the Pavilion Project. He commented that the downtown events, young families, sports, bring people from our community to the downtown and people from other communities to our downtown.

Commissioner Withee – she thanked Manager Mitchell, WWTP Superintendent Keyzer, and Finance Director Storbeck for their presentation and appreciated their knowledge. She commented that the pavilion would be a wonderful place that is close to the kayak launch, and would house the Farmer’s Market and Ice Rink. She stated that the pavilion would make the city a standout in the river community.

Commissioner Krueger – she thanked Manager Mitchell, WWTP Superintendent Keyzer, and Finance Director Storbeck for their presentation. She commented that the following activities will be taking place: Homecoming and the Homecoming Parade at 5:45 on September 20th; Creative Arts Festival on September 28th; Band Invitational at Bulldog Stadium on September 28th; and the Pavilion Concert on September 21st, from 1pm-3pm.

Commissioner McNees – he thanked Allegan County Commissioner Dugan for the County Commission approving funding for the improvements at the Allegan County Animal Shelter. He thanked Ryan Lewis of the Allegan County News for attending the meeting.

Mayor Trobeck – she thanked the Zadny’s for their love of the City. She complimented WWTP Supervisor Keyzer for his knowledge and how he handled the claims of our water being contaminated when our water was fine. She stated that she was a judge at the Allegan County Fair Spelling Bee. She reminded everyone of the following events: Homecoming; Pavilion Project booth at Homecoming game; Creative Arts Festival – September 28th; and the Pavilion Concert – September 21st from 1pm-3pm at the riverfront. She reminded the Commission that they will be walking and passing out candy at the Creative Arts Festival Parade and Mayor Pro-Tem Withee will be picking the winner of the Mayor’s trophy in the Car Show.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner McNees moved to go into Closed Session to discuss a real estate transaction, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 8:00 p.m.

Commissioner Milhiem moved to reconvene the Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 8:17 p.m.

VI. AGREEMENTS CONT.

**A. CONSIDERATION OF ENTERING INTO A PURCHASING AGREEMENT TO
PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY**

Commissioner McNees moved to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Purchasing Agreement to purchase real property, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Milhiem. CARRIED – 8:18 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC