

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, November 18, 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 and Fire Chief Weber.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The November 4, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Nick Breedveld, 1101 Barton – he asked if Resolution No. 2019-25, was in regards to the home purchased at 123 North Grant Street. Mayor Trobeck stated that Resolution No. 2019-25, pertained to DDA/Main Street Trees.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

A. UPDATE FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONER DUGAN

Commissioner Dugan gave an update on the most recent County Commission activities. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF LONGEVITY BONUSSES FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES

Manager Mitchell explained that it has been a practice to give longevity bonuses to non-union employees who have reached five year and ten year status. He commented that each year the Commission is asked to affirm the bonuses, which are in the budget. He also commented that the union employees receive their bonuses throughout the year in their earnings. Commissioner Withee moved to grant the request for the distribution of longevity bonuses to non-union employees, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSIDERATION OF HOLIDAY TURKEYS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Manager Mitchell stated that he is suggesting that turkeys be purchased for City employees, replacing the gift cards which were given last year, to thank the employees. The turkeys will be classified as a non-monetary item, thus there will not being a taxing issue. Commissioner Milhiem moved to grant the request to purchase holiday turkey for City employees, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McNees. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 FINE & FEE SCHEDULE – REGARDING NON-METERED SEWER RATES

Manager Mitchell gave a brief history of the one utility bill with a Sewer Only (Non-Metered) – charge in the City. He stated that he is proposing that the Fine and Fee Schedule be changed to reflect a per person charge of 4,500/Gallon per quarter. He stated that the owner will be required to sign an affidavit stating how many people reside at the residence for billing purposes. Commissioner Withee moved to authorize an amendment to the 2019-2020 Fine & Fee Schedule, regarding Non-Metered Sewer Rates, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. AGREEMENTS:

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2019-25 - A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2019-2020 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Manager Mitchell explained that the budget adjustment was a request from the DDA/Main Street Board for additional trees to be planted in the downtown. Commissioner Krueger offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Withee.

CITY OF OTSEGO
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-25

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2019-2020 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL

WHEREAS, the Otsego City Commission approved the 2019-2020 Annual Appropriations Bill which limited amounts for expenditures and anticipated revenues for the 2019-2020 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, certain activities and/or revenue sources will exceed previous projections; and

WHEREAS, the Otsego City Commission wishes to formally amend the annual appropriations bill in acknowledgement of the need for revisions,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Otsego City Commission hereby approves the following increases and decreases to the 2019-2020 Annual Appropriations Bill:

DDA/Main Street Expenditures		
248-729-880.202	Design – Trees	\$ 2,500
Net Increase/(Decrease)		\$ 2,500

YEAS: Commissioners: Cyndi Trobeck, Stacey Withee, Brent Milhiem, Laurie Krueger, & Dustin McNees.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

B. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2019-26 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT NO. 19-5532 BETWEEN THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF OTSEGO MICHIGAN

Manager Mitchell commented that the resolution is to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with MDOT for the matching grant for mill and fill on various streets. A brief discussion took place regarding the specifics of the grant. Commissioner Milhiem offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McNees.

CITY OF OTSEGO
MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-26

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT NO. 19-5532
BETWEEN THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND THE CITY OF OTSEGO MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, the City of Otsego desires to complete hot mix asphalt resurfacing along South Grant Street from Highway M-89 to Otsego Middle School entrance, along North Street from Highway M-89 to Helen Avenue, along Orleans Street from Grant Street to Sherwood Street, along Franklin Street from South Grant Street to Sherwood Street, along Eley Street from Highway M-89 to Barton Street, along Temple Street from Irving Street to South Wilmott Street, along Allen Street from Irving Street to South Wilmott Street, and along Goodsell Street from Lawrence Drive to Barton Street, and all together with necessary related work; and

WHEREAS, the City of Otsego desires to enter into a contract with the Michigan Department Transportation for the purpose of fixing the rights and obligations of the parties in agreeing to the above mentioned improvements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT, the Otsego City Commission hereby approves the contract between the City of Otsego and the Michigan Department of Transportation for hot mix asphalt resurfacing work along South Grant Street from Highway M-89 to Otsego Middle School entrance, along North Street from Highway M-89 to Helen Avenue, along Orleans Street from Grant Street to Sherwood Street, along Franklin Street from South Gant Street to Sherwood Street, along Eley Street from Highway M-89 to Barton Street, along Temple Street from Irving Street to South Wilmott Street, along Allen Street from Irving Street to South Wilmott Street, and along Goodsell Street from Lawrence Drive to Barton Street, and all together with necessary related work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mayor, Cyndi Trobeck and City Clerk, Angela M. Cronen are specifically authorized to enter into this contract – No. 19-5532, with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

YEAS: Commissioners: Cyndi Trobeck, Stacey Withee, Brent Milhiem, Laurie Krueger, & Dustin McNees.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. He gave updates on the following: leaf pickup; completion of M-89 road repair; and the Main Street Pavilion. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
2. He asked for further questions or comments regarding his written Manager's Report submitted to the Commission in their weekly packet. Commissioner Withee asked if there was going to be a spring leaf pickup, and Manager Mitchell replied at this time, there are no plans to have one. Commissioner Milhiem asked if Manager Mitchell had spoken with the school regarding the upcoming millage request. Manager Mitchell stated that he will give Commissioner Milhiem the information that he has.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Robert Alway, 1012 Barton – he commented on the distribution of the turkeys to employees. Mayor Trobeck commented that if an employee does not want the turkey, it will be donated.

Nick Breedveld, 1101 Barton – he had various questions and comments regarding the crack filling work on Dix and Washington Streets. He described it as a mess.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner McNees – he thanked the audience for attending. He thanked the volunteers who worked on the ice rink for an entire Saturday morning – Mike Bosch, Eli and Rick Saucedo, Marty Bennett, and Joel Saukas. He thanked Clerk Cronen for the work that she does.

Commissioner Krueger – she thanked County Commissioner Dugan for his update. She thanked the audience for attending. She also thanked the volunteers who constructed the ice rink, commenting that it makes the downtown look very nice at night when the lights are on. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Withee – she thanked the audience for attending. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Milhiem – he wished that audience, Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Clerk, and all of the City employees a Happy Thanksgiving. He commented that City employees have to make tough decisions, tough calls, not popular decisions and sometimes it is a no-win situation, but the decisions are made for the greater population. He commented that he hopes everyone enjoys their holiday and being with their family.

Mayor Trobeck – she thanked County Commissioner Dugan and the audience for attending the meeting. She thanked the volunteers who built the ice rink and also Commissioner McNees for his help with the project. She reminded everyone that the Community Thanksgiving will take place on Sunday, November 24th, at 6:00 p.m., at the High School Auditorium. She commented that Hometown Christmas will take place on Saturday, December 7th, from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., with activities taking place throughout the day.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Withee, seconded by Commissioner Milhiem. CARRIED – 7:28 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk