

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held on Monday, March 1, 2021.

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

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The February 1, 2021, Regular and Workshop Meeting Minutes, and the February 15, 2021 Workshop Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

A. ALLEGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONER – GALE DUGAN

Commissioner Dugan gave an update on the County's most recent activities. He commented that they are currently accepting RFP's for the demolition of Rock-Tenn.

B. PRESENTATION OF 2021-2022 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL - MAJOR STREET FUND; LOCAL STREET FUND; STREET AND BRIDGE FUND; AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Finance Director Matthew Storbeck presented the Major Street Fund, Local Street Fund, Street and Bridge Fund, and the Special Assessment Capital Improvement Fund for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Anticipated revenue for the Major Street Fund is \$417,655, and anticipated expense is \$240,505. Major Street capital improvement projects are planned in the amount of \$35,000. Anticipated revenue for the Local Street Fund is \$251,730, and anticipated expense is \$296,355. Local Street capital improvement projects are planned in the amount of \$123,000. Anticipated revenue for the Street and Bridge Fund is \$133,650, and anticipated expense is \$105,390. Anticipated revenue for the Special Assessment Capital Improvement Fund is \$6,965, and anticipated expenditures are \$0.00.

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER REMOVAL OF DEED RESTRICTIONS FOR 218 N. FARMER STREET (MUSEUM)

Mayor Trobeck opened the Public Hearing at 7:43 p.m. City Manager Mitchell briefly explained the process for removing the deed restrictions at the museum. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:44 p.m.

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

IV. ORDINANCES:

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #167 – COST RECOVERY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Mayor Trobeck presented Ordinance #167 – Cost Recovery Ordinance Amendment for the first reading. City Manager Mitchell gave an overview of the amendments and answered questions of the Commission.

V. REQUESTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE REMOVAL OF DEED RESTRICTIONS FOR 218 N. FARMER STREET (MUSEUM), AS PRESENTED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Krueger moved to remove the deed restrictions for 218 N. Farmer Street (Museum), as presented in the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE OTSEGO RUNNING CLUB TO HOLD THEIR 20TH ANNUAL READY OR NOT 5K RACE AT MEMORIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021, AS PRESENTED

Commissioner McNees asked if the City had a policy when the Fire Department or Police Department are used. Mayor Trobeck commented that there is not a policy and it is dependent on the event taking place. Commissioner Milhiem asked if the City provided anything for the event. City Manager Mitchell commented that cones are usually dropped off at Memorial Park for them to use for their event. Commissioner McNees moved to grant the request from the Otsego Running Club to hold their 20th Annual Ready or Not 5K Race at Memorial Park on Saturday, August 7, 2021, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Withee.

C. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE OTSEGO POST 3030 VFW TO HOLD A BIKE NIGHT ON THE 2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM MAY 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2021, AS PRESENTED

Commissioner McNees moved to grant the request from the Otsego Post 3030 VFW to hold a Bike Night on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from May 2021 through September 2021, and use of dedicated parking spots, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. AGREEMENTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MnS LAWN CARE SERVICES LLC FOR THE CITY PARKS PACKAGE, CITY MUNICIPALITY PACKAGE, EXTRA PACKAGE, & SPRINKLER PACKAGE FOR 2021, AS PRESENTED

DPW Superintendent Bosch briefly explained the packages. Commissioner Milhiem moved to authorize the Mayor and/or City Clerk to enter into an agreement with MnS Lawn Care Services LLC for the City Parks Package, City Municipality Package, Extra Package, and Sprinkler Package for 2021, 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:

- Gus Macker
- Workshop Meeting – March 15th – Millage Discussion & Focus Groups
- Commented that we are in a different place a year later, now we even have a third vaccine

2. He asked for further questions or comments regarding his written Manager's Report submitted to the Commission in their weekly packet.

Commissioner McNees asked how much it would cost to contract out to MnS to mow the properties that the City has to mow due to high grass. He commented that it might save the home owners money. City Manager Mitchell commented that most of the unpaid invoices for mowing are foreclosures. He stated that he will check if this is a possibility.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

DPW Superintendent Bosch commented that he thinks that the businesses will be in favor of the VFW's Bike Nights. He commented that it being mid-week will be a great thing.

Fire Chief Weber gave an update on COVID and vaccinations in Allegan County.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Milhiem – he commented that he was glad to see everyone and he continues to feel safe and comfortable at the meetings. He stated that he is excited about the possibility of having Gus Macker come back to Otsego. He commented that he is looking forward to the nice weather. He thanked County Commissioner Dugan for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Withee – she thanked the audience for attending, and Finance Director Storbeck, County Commissioner Dugan, DPW Superintendent Bosch, and Fire Chief Weber.

Commissioner Krueger –she thanked County Commissioner Dugan for “being our Champion” of the Rock-Tenn Project. She also thanked City Manager Mitchell for his efforts on the Brownfield Redevelopment project. She thanked Finance Director Storbeck for his presentation. She commented that it was nice to have DPW Superintendent Bosch in the audience to answer questions. She stated that it would be great to see Gus Macker come back to Otsego. She thanked Fire Chief Weber for his Covid updates. She announced that the 2021 senior parents are putting together an auction for next week and they have also set up a Go-Fund Me for the 2021 seniors. She gave a few examples of what the parents are doing for the seniors and asked if anyone had questions to please contact her.

Commissioner McNees – he thanked Daniel Bosch for attending the meeting and the others in the audience.

Mayor Trobeck – she thanked County Commissioner Dugan and his counterparts for their work on the Rock-Tenn project. She thanked and expressed her appreciation to Finance Director Storbeck for his presentation. She reminded the Commissioners that the City Manager's review is due today. She commented that she had been notified that Patti Herm had received a big honor and she will be recognized at a future meeting. She thanked Daniel Bosch, DPW Superintendent Bosch, and Fire Chief Weber for attending the meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner McNees, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED – 8:23 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk