

A Special Workshop Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, April 19, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Trobeck at 6:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Stacey Withee, Brent Milhiem, Lauri Krueger and Dustin McNees. Note: Commissioner Krueger was present on speaker phone, from Otsego Michigan, with a health concern. Absent: None. Also present: City Manager Mitchell.

A. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. FUTURE BALLOT PROPOSAL

Mayor Trobeck updated the Commission on the information that she had gathered regarding getting the facts to the voters regarding a future ballot proposal. It was the consensus of the Commission that Mayor Trobeck will reach out to community members to attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at a place to be determined. Each Commissioner will provide the Mayor with five names of community members to invite.

2. PERSONNEL MANUAL UPDATES

City Manager Mitchell reviewed the two Personnel Manual updates that he has prepared for the Regular Meeting. A lengthy discussion took place regarding volunteers and the possibility of requiring a drug screening in certain situations. It was the consensus of the Commission to remove the drug screen portion of the volunteer/intern job classification. The Work Expectations addition to the Personnel Manual and the Intern Job Classification will be presented at the Regular Meeting.

3. PARADES

City Manager Mitchell stated that at the Regular Meeting the Commission will be considering a parade request. He asked the Commission how they felt about the community requesting to hold parades this year. The Commissioners were all in agreement that they would support parades this year.

4. WATER SHUTOFFS

Clerk Cronen explained the proposed process to deal with utility shutoffs since the State of Michigan State of Emergency lapsed March 31, 2021. The City now must return to shutting off services for unpaid bills. Clerk Cronen explained that the City has always worked with customers to make payment arrangements for outstanding bills. The Commission asked that the option of calling 211, be put on the letters that will be sent out to the customers explaining the shut-off process.

Commissioner McNees asked what the next step was for the resident that contacted the Commissioners regarding chickens. Mayor Trobeck stated that they can come to the next meeting so we can hear their opinions and ideas. She commented that it will be put on the next Workshop agenda.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner McNees, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED – 6:55 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk