

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held on Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Trobeck at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Stacey Withee, Brent Milhiem, and Dustin McNees. Absent: Lauri Krueger. Also present: City Manager Aaron Mitchell; and Fire Chief Weber.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Withee moved to excuse Member Krueger seconded by Commissioner McNees.
CARRIED.

The June 21, 2021, Regular Meeting and Special Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER GALE DUGAN UPDATE

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

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR 610 S PLATT – PRIME SOLUTIONS

City Manager Mitchell reviewed the recommendation of the Site Plan approval from the Planning Commission. He explained that the request is for Prime Solutions for additional storage. He commented that it meets the requirements and engineered drawings were presented. Commissioner Withee moved to approve the Site Plan for 610 S Platt Street, Prime Solutions, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Milhiem. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

VI. AGREEMENTS:

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager gave updates on the following:

1. Boat and Trailer Parking
2. Summer Activity Series – it has been great and attracting many people. He commented that he is excited for next year – as this event is putting Otsego on the map.

COMMUNICATIONS

At this time, Mayor Trobeck read a portion of a letter that was sent by Richard & Elieth Roedel of Florida, to President Biden, Vice President Harris, and Governor Whitmer. “Throughout the vast beautiful Michigan landscapes, one place in particular we found the most inviting number of human and environmental factors seldom experienced across our lands. That place is Allegan County, the towns are Douglas, Saugatuck, and Otsego all caught our attention for municipal management (making the most with what is at hand) and human attitudes toward life and each other. Mr. President if this nation wishes to adopt more favorable municipal management and public relation practices by law enforcement bodies and city governments (excluding large metropolitan areas...) a required visit should be to this area. A study of how these small towns in middle America conduct municipal and law enforcement business that is a truly “Protect and Serve” is exemplary... We would be remiss if not to mention the favorable attitudes, coordination and professionalism demonstrated by the interactions of two law enforcement bodies and three individuals. Corporal Lori Warsen, Douglas PD, and Officers Brandon Weber and Judd Sikkema of the Otsego Police Department, these officers seem to have found the answers to public relations and duty.” A copy of the letter in its entirety will be placed in the minutes.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Fire Chief Weber gave a COVID update.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner McNees – he thanked County Commissioner Dugan; Fire Chief Weber; and Officer Gudith for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Withee – she thanked Fire Chief Weber for the COVID update. She thanked County Commissioner Dugan; Fire Chief Weber; and Officer Gudith for attending the meeting. She commented that the Summer Activity sounds very interesting.

Commissioner Milhiem – he thanked County Commissioner Dugan; Fire Chief Weber; and Officer Gudith for attending the meeting. He commented that he appreciates the comments and updates. He thanked his fellow Commissioners for the conversion of the field at Memorial Park into a soccer field. He commented that it was greatly needed in our community. He stated that his mother commented on the Summer Activity Event – Touch a Truck event, stating that she was very impressed.

Mayor Trobeck – she stated that the Library and Main Street are currently working together on the wonderful “Animal Tracks” scavenger hunt in the downtown. She complimented Fire Chief Weber on the excellent job he did putting the words together and speaking at the Fire Department ceremony last week. She announced that the Michigan Municipal League will be hosting their annual convention in Grand Rapids in September. She commented that she is a huge believer in education and networking – being on the cutting edge for our constituents. She advised the Commissioners to contact Clerk Cronen if they would like to attend.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner McNees, seconded by Commissioner Withee.
CARRIED – 7:23 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk