

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held on Monday, November 15, 2021.

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

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The previous Regular and Special Meeting Minutes were approved.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

A. ALLEGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONER DUGAN

Commissioner Dugan gave an update on current Allegan County activities.

B. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE – TODD CURRY

DPW Supervisor, Mike Bosch introduced new DPW employee Todd Curry. He stated that the DPW is now at full staffing. Mr. Curry gave a brief introduction and commented that “it is a privilege to work for the City and he is honored.” The Commission welcomed Mr. Curry.

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF LONGEVITY BONUSES FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES

Commissioner Withee moved to grant the Longevity Bonuses for Non-Union Employees, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McNees. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSIDERATION OF HOLIDAY TURKEYS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Commissioner Krueger moved to authorize the purchase of turkeys for City Employees, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Milhiem. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MONETARY DONATION TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR MEAT FOR THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Commissioner Krueger moved to authorize a monetary donation to the Fire Department, not to exceed \$400.00, for the meat for their Annual Christmas Party, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE OTSEGO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PLACE LIFE-SIZED CHRISTMAS CARDS AT THE PAVILION, AS PRESENTED

Commissioner Krueger moved to approve an updated request from the Otsego/Plainwell Chamber of Commerce to place Life-Sized Christmas Cards at the pavilion, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Milhiem. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AGENDA POLICY

Commissioner McNees moved to remove the Consideration of the Adoption of the City Commission Agenda Policy, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. AGREEMENTS:

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF JIM MISNER AND BLAIR BOYCE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION – TERMS EXPIRING NOVEMBER 2024

Commissioner Milhiem moved to affirm the Mayor’s appointment of Jim Misner and Blair Boyce to the Planning Commission – terms expiring November 2024, seconded by Commissioner McNees. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER’S REPORT

The City Manager gave updates on the following:

1. Welcome Todd Curry
2. Hometown Christmas
3. City’s New Social District
4. PA 33 of 1951 Presentations
5. Congratulated the Boy’s Cross-County Team for winning the State Championship. He indicated that they will be recognized at a future City Commission Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner McNees – he welcomed new employee Todd Curry. He congratulated the Boy's Cross-Country Team for winning State and the Girl's Cross-County Team for placing fifth at State.

Commissioner Krueger – she thanked County Commissioner Dugan for his update. She welcomed Todd Curry and commented that we are glad to have you. She congratulated both Cross-County Teams on their accomplishments. She commended and congratulated the Otsego High School Band for their hard work and for having one of their best seasons ever.

Commissioner Withee – she congratulated the Otsego Band and the Cross-County Teams on their accomplishments. She welcomed new employee Todd Curry. She announced Small Business Saturday will also include Shop Small Win Big with the chance to win Downtown Dollars, on Saturday, November 27, 2021.

Commissioner Milhiem – he thanked County Commissioner Dugan for his report, for the awesome job he has done with the Rock-Tenn project. He welcomed new employee Todd Curry. He congratulated the Boys and Girls Cross-County Teams for their accomplishments and hard work. He thanked the community for the countless activities and the Commission for allowing the activities in the City throughout the year.

Mayor Trobeck – she commented that she is proud of all of the City employees and she welcomed newest employee Todd Curry. She thanked Robert Alway for being a wonderful asset to the Planning Commission for many years. She thanked County Commissioner Dugan for his report. She thanked the City employees who attended the Veteran's Memorial Service. She complimented City Manager Mitchell for his very nice speech. She announced that the City Commission will be having special meetings on November 23, December 13, and Saturday, January 8, 2022, to present PA 33 of 1951. She stated that information will be posted on the City's website and on Facebook.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner McNees, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED – 7:24 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk