

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held on Monday, October 3, 2022.

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

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The September 19, 2022, Regular Minutes, were approved as submitted.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER GALE DUGAN UPDATE

County Commissioner Dugan gave an update on current Allegan County activities.

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 18.5A – ELECTRONIC SIGNS

City Manager Mitchell gave an overview of the amendments that were originally adopted in 2016, that will be removed.

Commissioner Milhiem moved to approve the amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance Section 18.5A – Electronic Signs, as recommended by the Planning Commission, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

VI. AGREEMENTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH FLYWHEEL MOMENTUM FOR A HOUSING STUDY

City Manager Mitchell explained that the agreement is for the completion of a housing study that the Rock-Tenn developers will use to understand the needs of the community. He stated that the study should be completed by the end of 2022.

Commissioner Krueger moved to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Flywheel Momentum for a housing study, seconded by Commissioner Moore. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2022-21 - A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022-2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL

City Manager Mitchell stated that the budget adjustment was due to a donation to the Fire Department from USG – Otsego Paper, for equipment or training that would benefit the community.

Commissioner Smith offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Moore.

**CITY OF OTSEGO
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-21**

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022-2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL

WHEREAS, the Otsego City Commission approved the 2022-2023 Annual Appropriations Bill which limited amounts for expenditures and anticipated revenues for the 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 Annual Appropriations Bill:

Public Safety Fund Revenues		
205-000-674.336 Contributions to Fire Dept.		\$5,000
Net Increase/(Decrease)		\$5,000
Public Safety Fund Expenditures		
205-336-760.000 Fire Dept. Minor Equipment Purchases		\$5,000
Net Increase/(Decrease)		\$5,000

YEAS: Commissioners: Stacey Withee, Lauri Krueger, Brent Milhiem, Chuck Moore & Jason Smith.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager gave updates on the following:

- Vibrancy Grant completion
- Creative Arts Festival – went well and thanked the Chamber
- Otsego Public School request to lower the speed limit to 25 mph during specific times before and after school

Questions for the City Manager: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Charles Housel, 379 W Orleans – he asked if the speed limits could be lowered on Rocket Football game days. City Manager Mitchell explained that the school's request to lower the limit before and after school is allowed within the law, but no other times.

COMMISSIONER'S' COMMENTS

Commissioner Moore – he thanked everyone for attending. He stated that this will be his first election and would ask for support. He thanked County Commissioner Dugan for sharing his update, for all of his time and effort he has given to the community. He commented that the Creative Arts Festival was a success and a very good time.

Commissioner Krueger – she thanked the audience for attending. She thanked County Commissioner Dugan. She stated that the Creative Arts Festival was a great event. She complimented and thanked Otsego Public Schools for holding the Purple Game, as it is near and dear to her heart because of her dad and husband. She said they did a wonderful job and raised a lot of money for a great cause. She also commented that VanAndel partners with only a few schools, and Otsego is honored to be able to have the Purple Game.

Commissioner Smith – he thanked County Commissioner Dugan and City Manager Mitchell for all they do.

Commissioner Milhiem – he commented that he appreciated the audience's attendance, as four years ago when he first got on the Commission, only Mr. Alway attended the meeting regularly. He stated that the attendance is appreciated and to remember the Commission is here to serve you. He thanked County Commissioner Dugan for all that he has done for the community. He stated that he can't say enough about County Commissioner Dugan and to remember that at the election. He commented that the Housing Study is an exciting next step for the developers of the Rock-Tenn property, which will be beneficial for the City and Community. He stated that it was the intention of our founding fathers to give the power to the people to decide what the government needs are and it is the foundation of the democratic democracy. He commented that voting is a key responsibility as an adult.

Mayor Withee – she thanked everyone for attending. She thanked the Creative Arts Festival Committee as it is always a special event for Otsego. She commented that the Art Thing brought an “art feel” to the Creative Arts Festival and it was nice to see all of the vendors. She thanked the Chamber and all of the volunteers for the success of the Creative Arts Festival and the Art Thing. She thanked County Commissioner Dugan for all that he has done for the City and his assistance with the Rock-Tenn Project, commenting that - we couldn’t have done it without you.

ADJOURN

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

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk