

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held on Monday, July 17, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Withee at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Chuck Moore, Jason Smith, and Wayne Rayburn. Absent: Lauri Krueger. Also present: City Manager, Aaron Mitchell; and Director of Police & Fire, Brad Misner.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Moore moved to excuse Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn. CARRIED.

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the June 17, 2024, Regular Minutes were approved as submitted. CARRIED

## **REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

### **I. PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **A. FIRE DEPARTMENT PINNING**

Director of Police and Fire Misner gave a brief update on the recent changes in the Fire Department. He reviewed the current new hires and new Officer team. The new hires consist of: Michael Fabijancic, Dylan Bush, and Kyle Petrie. Director of Police and Fire Misner introduced each new firefighter and welcomed them. At this time, Clerk Cronen swore in the new firefighters. The firefighters were then pinned by a person of their choice.

The new Officer team consists of: Lieutenant, Spencer Miller; Lieutenant, Tyler Welcher; Lieutenant, Skyler Henion; Captain, Mike McGrail; Captain, Todd Campbell; and Assistant Fire Chief Mike Bush. Director of Police and Fire Misner introduced each of the officers and thanked them for their service. At this time, Clerk Cronen swore in the Officers. The Officers were then pinned by a person of their choice.

The Commission welcomed the new firefighters and officers.

#### **B. LAKESHORE ADVANTAGE**

Mandy Cooper of Lakeshore Advantage was in attendance and gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Annual Investor update. Ms. Cooper gave examples of Otsego success stories such as Tengam, Safari, Parker, and Peloton. She answered questions of the Commission.

#### **C. ALLEGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONER GALE DUGAN**

County Commissioner Dugan asked for a moment of silence for the injured in last week's Presidential assassination attempt. He commented that elected officials need to be held to higher ethics and standards. He then gave a report on the County Board's recent activities. He thanked the City for hosting the recent CAG meeting. He answered questions of the Commission and audience.

**D. ALICE BERNAL & PROBATE JUDGE MIKE BUCK**

Judge Buck announced his retirement and gave an overview of his career as a probate judge. He stated that there are three candidates for the open judge position. He introduced and endorsed candidate Alice Bernal. Ms. Bernal gave an overview as to why she was running for the judge position.

**II. PUBLIC HEARING:**

**III. PLANNING AND ZONING:**

**IV. ORDINANCES:**

**V. REQUESTS:**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE PLAINWELL/OTSEGO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

Commissioner Rayburn moved to grant the request from the Plainwell/Otsego Chamber of Commerce to hold their Annual Creative Arts Festival on Saturday, September 28, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Smith. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE GUS MACKER ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE AND TOP TO CLOSE VARIOUS STREETS, THE USE OF PUBLIC PARKING LOTS, & USE OF CITY HALL FROM AUGUST 22, 2024, TO AUGUST 25, 2024, AS PRESENTED**

Commissioner Smith moved to grant the request from the Gus Macker Organizational Committee and TOP to close various streets, the use of Public Parking Lots, and use of City Hall from August 22, 2024 to August 25, 2024, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Moore. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VI. AGREEMENTS:**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH TOP FOR THE GUS MACKER EVENT – AUGUST 22-25, 2024**

Commissioner Moore moved to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with TOP for the Gus Macker event on August 22-25, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B. CONSIDERATION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE OTSEGO VFW 3030 FOR THEIR BIKE EVENT ON JULY 27, 2024**

Commissioner Rayburn moved to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Otsego VFW 3030 for their Bike Event on July 27, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Moore. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C. CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH PLUMMER'S ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC**

City Manager Mitchell explained the State of Michigan Grant for lead services. He stated that Plummer's Environmental, Inc. was the lowest bidder. Commissioner Smith moved to authorize the

City Manager to enter into an agreement with Plummer's Environmental Services, Inc., as presented, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**VII. RESOLUTIONS:**

**VIII. APPOINTMENTS:**

**IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

The City Manager commented and gave updates on the following:

1. The next City Commission Meeting will be held at the Pavilion, and if there is inclement weather it will be moved to the Fire Department.
2. Announced that voting will begin at City Hall on Saturday, July 27.
3. HoM Flats will be submitting a site plan for review by the Planning Commission. He gave a brief overview of the project.
4. He complimented Director of Police and Fire Misner for his great job of building a team at the Fire Department and establishing the Officer Team.
5. He complimented Lakeshore Advantage, Mandy, and her team, for doing a good job in our community.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Robert Alway, 1012 Barton – he asked various questions concerning the fire trucks and the capabilities of the truck in regards to the new HoM Flat project. City Manager Mitchell commented that a committee is being formed to put together future fire truck plans. He also stated the Director of Police and Fire Misner has good ideas and great connections in the field.

Clarissa McDonald, 106<sup>th</sup> Ave, Otsego – she thanked the Commission for approval of the date for the Creative Arts Festival to move forward. She commented that there are going to be many changes this year.

Judge Buck – he stated that the County has a Tornado Plan in place for election night.

**COMMISSIONER'S' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Rayburn – on behalf of the Commission he thanked the audience, the VFW Veterans, County Commissioner Dugan, and the Creative Arts Festival Committee. He thanked Judge Buck for attending and congratulated him on his retirement. He congratulated the firemen that were pinned. He commented that getting a fire truck is a long process.

Mayor Withee – she congratulated the firefighters and thanked them for their sacrifice, hours, and training. She commented that it was nice to see the families of the firefighters in attendance and thanked all of them for their service to our community.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Moore moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn.  
CARRIED. 8:49 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC  
City Clerk