

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held on Monday, October 7, 2024.

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

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn, the September 3, 2024, Regular Minutes were approved as submitted. CARRIED

Commissioner Krueger moved to approve the Consideration to add under Agreements - A. CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH PLUMMER'S ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC, APPROVED ON JULY 15, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Moore. CARRIED

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

A. ALLEGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONER GALE DUGAN
County Commissioner was not in attendance.

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM OTSEGO ROTARY TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL TRAIL FOR TREATERS ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024
Commissioner Smith moved to grant the request from Otsego Rotary to hold their Annual Trail for Treaters on Thursday, October 31, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Moore. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CITY OF OTSEGO'S PURCHASING POLICY

City Manager Mitchell commented that every few years the Purchasing Policy is reviewed and minor changes are made. He reviewed the changes with the Commission. Commissioner Krueger moved to approve the proposed changes for the City of Otsego's Purchasing Policy, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. AGREEMENTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ENVIROGRO AGRONOMICS LLC FOR HAULS AND APPLICATION OF LIQUID BIOSOLIDS

Commissioner Moore moved to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Envirogro Agronomics for hauls and application of Liquid Biosolids, seconded by Commissioner Smith. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH PLUMMER’S ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC., APPROVED ON JULY 15, 2024

City Manager Mitchell explained. Commissioner Krueger moved to approve an amendment to the agreement with Plummer’s Environmental Services, Inc., approved on July 15, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-16 – A RESOLUTION THE AWARDING OF THE CYNDI TROBECK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

At this time, Mayor Withee read and presented Julie Guthrie with the Cyndi Trobeck Community Service Award. The City Commission congratulated and thanked Ms. Guthrie for her service to the community.

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

**CITY OF OTSEGO
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-16**

THE AWARDING OF THE CYNDI TROBECK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

WHEREAS, Cyndi Trobeck displayed a life of community service through multiple agencies and in many roles across the City of Otsego, and

WHEREAS, with hopes of honoring Cyndi’s legacy and extend a deep appreciation for all community service volunteers within the City of Otsego, the Cyndi Trobeck Community Service Award is awarded to the individual who best embodies Cyndi’s dedication to community with service above self, and

WHEREAS, in coordination with local volunteering agencies (Rotary, Otsego-Plainwell Chamber of Commerce, TOP), this year’s winner is Julie Guthrie, and

WHEREAS, Julie Guthrie serves her community as the Director of Food Services at Otsego Public Schools where she demonstrates her passion for fighting food insecurity for the children of Otsego, and

WHEREAS, Julie has a heart for the community that is on full display in many service opportunities as the co-creator and coordinator of the Otsego Summer Fun Nights Program and the Summer Lunch Program, as a volunteer to help teach others how to cook at the Christian Neighbors Educational Resource Center Kitchen and assists all other nonprofits where possible in the Otsego community, and

WHEREAS, Julie serves the segment of our community that is often forgotten and neglected, her efforts make a tangible impact for those who need the support the most, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Otsego, as an expression of thanks on behalf of the citizens of this City, commend Julie Guthrie for her continuous and extraordinary service to the City of Otsego through community service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread in full on the minutes of the October 7, 2024, meeting of the Otsego City Commission and a plaque commemorating the occasion is presented to Julie Guthrie.

YEAS: Commissioners: Stacey Withee, Lauri Krueger, Wayne Rayburn, Chuck Moore, Jason Smith.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CONVENTION RECAP

City Manager stated that Mayor Withee, Commissioner Rayburn, Commissioner Smith, and Commissioner Krueger attended the Michigan Municipal League Convention. Each of the Commissioners gave an overview of what they learned and how it related to our community. City Manager Mitchell stated that next years convention will be in Grand Rapids.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager commented and gave updates on the following:

1. Schanz lawsuit is done.
2. Planning Commission Meeting will have a Public Hearing on October 14, 2024, for rezoning of the Rock-Tenn property, but the final plans will not be ready until the November Meeting.
3. Parks & Recreation Survey is complete and will be available to the public soon.

4. He commented that Julie Guthrie is the perfect recipient of the Cyndi Trobeck Award, because she is so much like Cyndi. At this time, Commissioner Krueger commented that Julie is “super sweet, caring, generous, tireless, and a great choice”.

At this time, Commissioner Rayburn asked what the plans were for the pavilion area. The Commission discussed possible additions to the pavilion area.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Gary Trobeck, 218 Kalamazoo – he commented that Julie Guthrie was a good selection for Cyndi’s award, and she would have been proud.

COMMISSIONER’S’ COMMENTS

Commissioner Smith – he commented that placemaking is more than our community being beautiful. He stated that it is the people and it starts with the people. He is looking forward to implementing placemaking.

Commissioner Krueger – she stated the placemaking is something that she is passionate about and Otsego is the place to be and to volunteer.

Commissioner Rayburn – he commented that younger people need to take over, because it is the same small core of volunteers.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Rayburn moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Smith. CARRIED. 8:15 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk