

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**March 22, 2021 – 7: 00 pm**

- 1. Call to Order:** Mayor Bekken called the meeting to order at 7: 00 pm.
- 2. Roll Call:**
  - Present:** Bekken, Dean, Leo, Lewis, Peterson, Stanton
  - Absent:** Trester
  - Others Present:** Ryan Heise – City Manager, Cindy Osman – Zoning Administrator, Erin Wilkinson – Clerk, Dan Fox – Fire Board Member
- 3. Approval of Minutes:**
  - A. Regular City Council Meeting of March 8, 2021:** A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Dean to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Mayor’s Comments:** None
- 5. City Manager’s Comments:** Manager Heise thanked Council Member Dean for the paddle board tour of the area and mentioned the governor’s executive order permitting virtual Zoom meetings will expire as of April 1st. He will work with the Mayor to schedule a special meeting to address it.
- 6. Agenda Changes:** None
- 7. Guest Speakers:**
  - A. Lt. Brett Ensfield** – Allegan County Sheriff’s Department – Lt. Ensfield updated council that Deputy Flockstra is field training a new officer in the area right now and answered council questions regarding various incidents in the community.
  - B. Dan Fox** – Saugatuck Township Fire Board Report
- 8. Public Comment:** None
- 9. Request for Payment:**
  - A. Approval of Accounts Payable:** A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Stanton, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$46850.13. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.
- 10. Introduction of Ordinances:** None
- 11. Public Hearings:** None
- 12. Unfinished Business:** None
- 13. New Business:**
  - A. Special Event Permit – Mt. Baldhead Challenge:** A motion was made by Stanton, 2nd by Leo, to approve the Special Event Permit for the Mt. Baldhead Challenge, and authorize staff to handle execution and details administratively. Upon roll call vote the

motion carried unanimously.

- B. Special Event Permit - Town Crier Race:** A motion was made by Dean, 2nd by Lewis, to approve the Special Event Permit for the Town Crier Race, and authorize staff to handle execution and details administratively. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.
- C. Special Event Permit - Bike MS: West Michigan Great Lakes Breakaway:** A motion was made by Stanton, 2nd by Peterson, to approve the Special Event Permit for the Bike MS ride, and authorize staff to handle execution and details administratively. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.
- D. Removal of Hesco Barrier:** A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Lewis, to approve the removal of all Hesco barriers from the Spear street boat launch and other locations. Upon roll call vote motion carried unanimously.
- E. Recycling Committee Contribution:** A motion was made by Leo, 2nd by Stanton to approve the funding request in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for Tri-Community Recycling Events and Activities for 2021, as outlined in the report provided by the Tri-Community Recycling Committee presented by Garnet Lewis, and delegate authority to staff to assist with the administration of Household Hazardous Waste Day; including but not limited to financial contributions and payments to participating entities. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

**14. Consent Agenda:** None

**15. Public Comments:** Dan Fox (resident) expressed his surprise that there has been no discussion, lessons learned, or preliminary thoughts about how the Social District is going. He suggested the City needs to do a better job communicating the rules, as people don't seem to understand the drinks must be purchased from a participating bar and the signage needs to be improved.

**16. Communications:** None

**17. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports:** Fire Board and KLSWA

**18. Council Comments:** Council Member Dean inquired about the star on Mt. Baldhead, if it had been turned off and joked the new City Manager was never in danger on their paddle boarding trip down the river.

Council Member Stanton updated council on what she's learned about the social district and said she spoke with Stephen Phelps from the Butler. He mentioned the deputies have spoken with the Butler and reported it is going very well.

Council Member Peterson updated council that the star and Christmas lights will be taken down this week and the Star has been turned off already.

Council Member Lewis thanked Chief Janik for his time volunteering at the COVID clinic.

**19. Adjourn (Roll Call)** A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Stanton to adjourn the meeting at 7: 56 pm. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin K. Wilkinson  
City of Saugatuck Clerk