

**Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Meeting
Saugatuck, Michigan, May 11, 2020**

The City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video/audio conference technology due to the COVID-19 restrictions currently in place.

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Trester at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Attendance:**
Present: Bekken, Johnson, Leo, Lewis, Peterson, Verplank, & Trester
Absent: None
Others Present: City Manager Harrier, City Treasurer Stanislawski, DPW Superintendent Herbert
City Clerk Nagel & Zoning Administrator Osman
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. **Regular City Council Meeting of April 27, 2020:** A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Verplank, to approve the April 27, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.
 - B. **Special City Council Meeting of April 30, 2020:** A motion was made by Leo, 2nd by Johnson, to amend the April 30, 2020 special meeting minutes and change the word litigation to mitigation under the public comment section referring to Eric Chatlin. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Leo, 2nd by Johnson, to approve the April 30, 2020 special meeting minutes as amended. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.
4. **Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Trester announced the following: COVID-19 cases in Allegan County are stabilizing; Cow Hill Yacht Club has cancelled the annual Venetian Festival due to COVID-19.
5. **City Manager's Report:** City Manager Harrier announced the following: S/D Rotary Club would like to honor the Saugatuck High School Graduating Class of 2020 by hanging a banner under the pallet sign; due to the Governor's Executive Order being extended until May 28, Saugatuck Public Schools will not be collecting parking fees in the Culver Street parking lot over Memorial Day weekend; President Trump on March 13, 2020 declared a national emergency due to COVID-19 and designated all counties in Michigan as eligible for assistance for Category B, Emergency Protective Measures, FEMA's Public Assistance Grant Program, however, Saugatuck does not fit the qualifications for reimbursement; Mr. Harrier is devoting 55 hours a week, 7 days a week to city operations since the pandemic began.
6. **Agenda Changes:** None
7. **Guest Speakers:**
 - A. **Lt. Brett Ensfield – Allegan Co. Sheriff's Department:** Lt. Ensfield presented Council with the Incident Analysis Report dated April 27-May 11, 2020.
8. **Public Comment:** None
9. **Request for Payment:** A motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Peterson, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$41,770.15. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.
10. **Introductions of Ordinances:** None
11. **Public Hearings:** None
12. **Unfinished Business:** None

13. New Business:

A. Fleis & Vandenbrink – Road Flooding Mitigation Plan: A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Verplank, to approve the Fleis & Vandenbrink Road Flooding Mitigation Plan dated May 8, 2020 and direct staff to prepare a FY 19/20 budget amendment and appropriate an additional \$26,700 to fund 101-441-945.000 and direct City Manager to take all necessary actions to implement the Plan. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

B. Procedural Correction to April 30, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Peterson, to rescind the motion to purchase Quick Fill Sandbagger in the amount of \$4,600 on April 30, 2020 special meeting of the City Council. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

14. Consent Agenda: None

15. Public Comment: Asher Levine (*non-resident*) would like to get married at Oval Beach in August 2020 and asked Council if they would relax their current policy regarding no weddings at Oval Beach from Memorial Day to Labor Day to accommodate his request.

Marsha Caspar (*resident*) glad to see the city moving forward with flooding priority projects.

Dan Fox (*resident*) announced that the Saugatuck Township Fire District resources are not captive to the city but rather tri-community resources.

16. Communications:

A. Zoning Administrator Right-of-Way License Memo – Accepted as information

17. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports:

A. HDC, ZBA

18. Council Comments: Council Member Lewis updated Council on the S/D Together zoom meeting some of the topics included, but not limited to, safety/sanitation protocols, marketing plan, technology committee and training to help upgrade systems and guest speaker David Lorenz from Pure Michigan encouraged communities to market open spaces this summer.

Council Member Leo would like to continue to focus on street closures to allow downtown businesses to display merchandise safely in open spaces, utilize the basketball courts for picnic tables and provide COVID-19 signage for directions of what to expect when visiting our town.

Council Member Peterson will be presenting at the May 26, 2020 meeting a resolution of appreciation for city staff.

19. Adjournment: A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Verplank, to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Nagel, CMC
City Clerk