

**Minutes**  
**Saugatuck City Council Meeting**  
**Saugatuck, Michigan, July 13, 2020**

The City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom/audio conference technology due to 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, Interim City Clerk Osman
3. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Veplank, to approve the June 22, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.
4. **Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Trester announced the following: Saugatuck Center for the Art received a grant through the National Endowment for the Arts specifically through the CARES Act; Allegan County Health Department has reported only 5 COVID-19 cases in Saugatuck and only 1 in Douglas.
5. **City Manager's Report:** City Manager Harrier announced the following : Additional radar speed signs arrived; Dropbox will be installed on front of city hall;
6. **Agenda Changes:** None
7. **Guest Speakers:**  
**A. Jon Moxey - Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering:** Jon Moxey from Fleis & VandenBrink reviewed with Council the 2018 Routine Bridge Inspection Report.  
  
**B. Lt. Brett Ensfield – Allegan Co. Sheriff Department:** Lt. Ensfield updated Council on the following complaints: parking, boat mooring in Coghlin Park, speeding issues.
8. **Public Comment:** Jon Helmrich, Saugatuck Township Treasurer, informed Council that the joint meeting between the two cities and the township has not been forgotten and hopes once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted the meeting can resume, he also suggested the Tri-Community adopt a Resolution of Support for Wearing Masks.  
  
Jane Underwood (*resident*) expressed concerns with pedestrian/vehicular traffic on Park Street.
9. **Request for Payment:** A motion was made by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$436,978.89. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.
10. **Introductions of Ordinances:** None
11. **Public Hearings:** None
12. **Unfinished Business:** None
13. **New Business:**  
**A. Release of Restrictive Covenant – 655 Spear Street:** A motion was made by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Verplank, to approve the Termination of Restrictive Covenant Agreement and authorize the Mayor and

Interim Clerk execute the document and have it recorded with the Allegan County Register of Deeds. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

**B. Resolution 200713-A – FY 20/21 Budget Amendment (KLSWA Master Meter):** A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Peterson, to approve Resolution No. 200713-A amending the FY 20/21 budget as presented an appropriate funds for payment of the City’s portion of work associated with the KLSWA Master Meter Capital Project. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

**C. Professional Services Proposal – Update of the 2005 Non-Motorized Pathway Study for the Park Street Corridor:** A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Verplank, to approve Professional Services Proposal from Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering dated July 7, 2020 to update of the 2005 Non-Motorized Pathway Study for the Park Street Corridor as presented. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

**D. Special Event Application – Saugatuck Sport Fishing Association:** A motion was made by Leo, 2nd by Lewis, to approve the Saugatuck Sport Fishing special event application to hold the 27th annual Big Lake Classic Fishing Tournament on August 8 and 9, 2020 and use a portion of Wicks Park to set up a weigh station table contingent on applicant signing the letter of understanding dated July 13, 2020. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

14. **Consent Agenda:** None

15. **Public Comment:** None

16. **Communications** (*accepted as information*):  
**A. 2018 Routine Bridge Safety Inspection**  
**B. Sheriff Office Incident Analysis Report (June 25 to July 10)**  
**C. Executive Order 2020-147 (MASKS)**

17. **Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports:** Council received reports from the following committee(s): Tri-Community Recycling Committee

18. **Council Comments:** Council Member Johnson inquired on an update from the Blue Star Trail Committee and encouraged individuals to utilize the Public Comment section of the meeting to voice concerns/comments.

Council Member Leo suggests adding parking options to the Oval Beach webpage to help alleviate some traffic congestion on Park Street.

Council Member Lewis inquired when the Cemetery Agreement will be available for Council and announced some area businesses bought signs encouraging individuals to wear masks.

Council Member Verplank inquired how a closed session meeting would be handled via Zoom.

Council Member Peterson thanked city staff for handling issues that arise in a professional and timely manner.

19. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Lewis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Nagel  
Recording Secretary