

Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Special Meeting
December 23, 2020 – 4:00 pm

The City Council met in special session at 4:00 pm via Zoom video/audio conference technology due to COVID-19 restrictions currently in place.

1. **Call to Order:** by Mayor Bekken at 4:00 pm
2. **Attendance:**
 - Present:** Dean, Leo, Lewis, Peterson, Trester, Stanton, Bekken
 - Absent:** None
 - Others Present:** Interim City Manager Doyle Homan, Clerk Wilkinson, Zoning Administrator Osman, Finance Director/Treasurer Stanislawski, City Manager Candidate Heise
3. **Agenda Changes:** Reshuffle action items 6 A and B to make Wicks Park Tent application first and City Manager second.
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Discussion Items:**
 - A. **Release of Balas Sellman Donation** - Interim City Manager Doyle Homan suggested returning Mr. Sellman's donation in full plus interest.

Council Member Lewis agreed and suggested a committee be formed to restore the existing gazebo and suggested Peg Sanford should lead it.
 - B. **Eurasian Water Milfoil Report** - The committee provided a report, resulting in the recommendation to use herbicide, and to work with the City of Douglas to hire Aquatic Doctors to take advantage of a collaborative discount. The contractor is also willing to extend a discount to any residents wishing to pay to have their dock areas treated.
6. **Action Items:**
 - A. **New Year's Eve Wicks Park Tent** - A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Leo, to approve the Wicks Park Bar and Grill special event application for outdoor seating with food and alcohol service, and live music as described in the application. The council further authorized Zoning Administrator Osman administrative privileges to approve any additional applications submitted prior to New Year's Eve. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.
 - B. **City Manager Contract** - A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Trester, to approve the City Manager Employment Agreement between the City of

Saugatuck and Ryan Heise. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

7. **Public Comment:** Clerk Erin Wilkinson (resident) expressed her appreciation for Frank Walsh's consulting services and welcomed Ryan to the team.
8. **Adjourn:** A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Lewis, to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 pm. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin K. Wilkinson
City Clerk