

Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Regular Meeting
December 28, 2020 – 7:00 pm

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

1. **Call to Order:** by Mayor Bekken at 7:00 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
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. **Regular City Council Meeting of December 14, 2020** - A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Lewis, to approve the December 14, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.
 - B. **Special City Council Meeting of December 23, 2020** - A motion was made by Trester, 2nd by Dean, to approve the December 23, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.
4. **Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Bekken announced new City Manager Ryan Heise will start February 1, 2021 and we are looking forward to working with him.
5. **City Manager's Comments:** The Eurasian Milfoil recommendation is being reviewed by the City Attorney and will be presented at the first meeting in January. Sidewalk grinding to level trip hazards will begin as weather permits in the coming weeks.
6. **Agenda Changes:** Water Authority Grant Application was added under 13C.
7. **Guest Speakers:**
 - A. **Lt. Brett Ensfield – Allegan Co. Sheriff's Department** - Allegan Co. Sheriff's Department - Lt. Ensfield provided council with an update on scheduling challenges county wide due to staff contracting COVID-19, but it hasn't impacted Saugatuck personnel yet. Annual reporting will be provided after the new year, but numbers are very similar to last year in terms of total calls. They worked with the fire department to do radio testing in the schools and extra reserves are scheduled for New Year, but they may be sent home if they are not required.
8. **Public Comment:** None

9. Request for Payment: A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Lewis, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$468,050.10. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

10. Introduction of Ordinances: None

11. Public Hearings: None

12. Discussion Items:

A. New City Website Demo - City Clerk Wilkinson provided a tour of the new city website, answered questions, and announced it would go live by no later than January 1, 2021.

B. Dan Fox - Fire Department ISO Upgrade - Fox provided council with an overview of the ISO insurance rating achieved by the Fire Department and commended them on the significant accomplishment of attaining a 3 in the majority of their service area.

13. Unfinished Business: None

14. New Business:

A. Release of Balas Sellman Donation - A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Trestler, to approve the Donation Rescission / Termination Agreement between the City of Saugatuck and the David Balas Jim Sellman Living Trust in the amount of \$101,800. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

B. Accept June 30, 2020 Audited Financial Statements - Berthiaume & Company CPAs - A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Peterson, to accept the City of Saugatuck Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2020. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

C. Water Authority Grant Application - A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Peterson, to authorize Mayor Bekken to sign the Drinking Water Asset Management Grant on behalf of the City of Saugatuck. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

15. Consent Agenda: None

16. Public Comment: Barry Johnson (resident) showed council a lead pipe removed from his house on Main Street 5 years ago and expressed his support for the study and grant application KLSWA is pursuing.

Peg Sanford (resident) provided an update on the more than 1000 signatures and

comments on the petition in support of preserving the Wicks Park Gazebo. She will provide city staff with a copy of the signatures.

Dan Fox (resident) commented on what an amazing job Clerk Wilkinson did creating the new city website, remarked on the cost savings to the community, and commended her for initiating the project and completing the project in such a short period of time.

17. Communication:

A. Peg Sanford E-Mail - Received as Information

18. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports: Council received a report from the Fire Board and KLSWA.

19. Council Comments: Council Member Dean complimented Scott Herbert and the DPW team for doing a great job clearing the snow for Christmas.

Council Member Trester echoed Dan Fox's comments on the website and complimented Clerk Wilkinson for a job very well done, that exceeded expectations.

Council Member Peterson echoed the sentiments about what an outstanding staff we have between the DPW and the Christmas snow removal and Christmas light issues, and the Clerk and the new website - staff has really stepped up and done an exceptional job.

Council Member Leo commented she was excited to re-start the Tri-Community Blue Star Trail committee and the next meeting will be Wednesday at 2pm. She thanked Cindy, Karen and Erin for their help preparing for the meeting.

Council Member Lewis wished everyone a new year.

Mayor Bekken wished everyone a happy new year.

20. Adjourn: A motion was made by Trester, 2nd by Dean, to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin K. Wilkinson
City Clerk