



## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN, OCTOBER 11, 2021**

The City Council met for Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m at City Hall, 102 Butler St., Saugatuck, MI 49453.

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bekken at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Attendance:**

Present: Bekken, Stanton, Trester, Dean & Peterson

Absent: Leo & Lewis

Others Present: City Manager Heise & Deputy Clerk White

Motion was made by Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean, to approve the absence of Council Members Leo and Lewis from the October 11, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

**1. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2021**

Motion was made by Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stanton, to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from September 27, 2021. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

**2. Regular City Council Meeting Closed Session Minutes – September 27, 2021**

Motion was made by Trester, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson, to approve the closed session meeting minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting on September 27, 2021. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

**5. Mayor's Comments:**

Mayor Bekken noted on the passing of community member and one-time "Citizen of the Year" recipient, Margaret "Peggy" Boyce. Long time resident with a lifetime of achievements and deep community ties, Bekken stated how significant Peggy's passing is to Saugatuck and how she will be missed.

**6. City Manager's Comments:**

City Manager Heise mentioned that the Clerk Appointment of Jamie Wolters should be added to the agenda as Item 15(D). Trester voiced concern over ad-hoc, last-minute agenda

changes and stressed the importance that agenda changes should not become regular occurrences.

**7. Agenda Changes:**

(addition) 15(D) Clerk Appointment of Jamie Wolters

**8. Guest Speakers:**

**A. Lt. Brett Ensfield - Allegan County Sheriff's Department:** Lt. Ensfield commented on the success of the Douglas Elementary Walk-a-Thon and relative quietness around town, in terms of activity.

**B. Saugatuck Township Fire District:** No present Board Members; report accepted as information.

**9. Public Comment:**

Glenna DeJong (*resident*) presented information about Allegan County's current redistricting efforts, which occurs every ten years. Allegan County officials are looking to shift from 7 Districts to 5 Districts. DeJong noted that this proposed downsizing in Districts was surprising given that the County has grown in population since the last redistricting effort. DeJong also mentioned how Allegan County, over the past several decades, has decreased the number of districts. Glenna emphasized that the redistricting would affect the community of Saugatuck by placing the City in a larger district where their interests may be less represented to the County. The Allegan County Reapportionment Commission will be voting on the shift from 7 to 5 Districts on October 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Council Member Peterson asked if it would be beneficial for the City of Saugatuck to take a stand on the reapportionment effort, in some way. DeJong mentioned that letters of support from Council Members for maintaining the 7 District map would be beneficial.

**10. Consent Agenda:** None

**11. Request for Payment:**

**A. Account Payable approval:** Motion was made by Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stanton, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$87,643.38. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 5-0. Trester voiced concern about the Check Register amount and wanted clarification on the amount stated in the register. City Manager Heise agreed to investigate and get clarification from City Treasurer Stanislawski.

**12. Introduction of Ordinances:** None

**13. Public Hearings:** None

**14. Unfinished Business:** None

**15. New Business:**

**A. Campbell Road Bid Selection:** A motion was made by Trester, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean, to approve Southwest Transport Company (SWTCO) of Hartford, Michigan in the amount of \$730,263.75, of which the city's share is \$319,123.75 and allow for a 20%

contingency on the project. Upon roll call, the motion carried 5-0.

- B. Planning and Zoning Consultant Engagement:** A motion was made by Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stanton, to approve the engagement letter with Horizon Community Planning. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.
- C. Saugatuck High School Homecoming Parade Permit Approval:** A motion was made by Stanton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean, to approve the parade permit for Saugatuck High School for homecoming on Friday, October 22nd. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.
- D. City Clerk Appointment of Jamie Wolters (addition):** A motion was made by Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean, to approve the appointment of Jamie Wolters as the Saugatuck City Clerk. City Manager Heise noted her impressive clerical and professional management experience.

16. **Public Comment:** None

17. **Closed Session – Legal Opinion:**

- A.** Motion by Stanton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean, to move into a closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to discuss a confidential written legal opinion regarding threatened litigation from Dune Ridge SA, LP. Upon roll call, the motion carried 5-0. Council moved into closed session at 7:46 p.m.

Motion by Trester, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stanton, to come out of closed session. Upon roll call, the motion carried 5-0. Council came out of closed session at 8:03 p.m.

18. **Communications:**

- A. Camp Blodgett Bike Event** (accepted as information)
- B. Jane Verplank – Holiday Lighting and Energy Letter** (accepted as information)
- C. Russell Gardner – Photos of Mt. Baldhead Radar Building Painting** (accepted as information)

19. **Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports:** None

20. **Council Comments:**

Council Member Dean congratulated Douglas Elementary on their P.T.O Walk-a-Thon, which raised over \$90,000 in donations. Dean also remarked on the job well-done by the Mt. Baldhead Radar Building Painting crew.

12. **Adjournment:** Motion was made by Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trester, to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kate White  
Deputy Clerk/Intern