



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2022**

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

Call to Order:

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

Attendance:

Present: Mayor Lewis, Mayor Pro-Tem Dean, Councilmembers Bekken, Gardner, Leo, Stanton & Trester.

Others Present: City Manager Heise, DPW Assistant Supervisor Hardy, Deputy Clerk/DPW Assistant Williams.

Agenda Changes: Mayor Lewis moved agenda changes from Item #6 to Item #4. Mayor Lewis added Election of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem as Item #5. Mayor Lewis added Closed Session as Item #14.

Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem Appointments:

A. Mayor

Motion by Stanton, second by Trester to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Dean as Mayor. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

B. Mayor Pro-Tem

Motion by Leo, second by Lewis to appoint Councilmember Stanton as Mayor Pro-Tem. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

A. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2022.

B. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$414,017.04

Motion by Trester, second by Gardner, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports:

City Manager, Treasurer, Zoning Administrator, DPW Superintendent, and Engineer, submitted status reports of current activities since the last Council meeting on October 24th, 2022, for their respective departments.

Guest Speakers:

Presentation and Proclamations for Councilmembers Bekken and Trester by Councilmember Gardner & City Manager Heise. City Staff will frame and assign proclamations numbers at a later date.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: None

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:**A. Special Event Application: Christmas Parade**

Annual Christmas Parade sponsored by SDABA to be held on December 3rd, 2022.

Motion by Gardner, second by Stanton, to approve the special event application for the Christmas Parade sponsored by SDABA to be held on December 3rd, 2022, contingent on final approval of barricade map from Fire and Staff. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

B. Special Event Application: Tree Lighting Ceremony

Proposed event sponsored by SDABA to be held at 6 p.m. on November 25th 2022, at Wicks Park.

Motion by Leo, second by Trester, to approve the special event application for the Tree Lighting sponsored by SDABA to be held on November 25th, 2022, contingent on safety approval by Police, Fire and City Staff. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

Closed Session:

Motion by Lewis, second by Stanton, regarding the case of state court litigation now pending in the Allegan County Circuit Court, case No. 21-64709 and Case No. 22-65713. I move to go into closed session under section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with the City's attorney regarding mediation strategy in connection with said pending litigation, as discussion in open session would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the city. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Council entered closed session at 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Trester, second by Lewis to go back into open session. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Council entered open session at 8:06 p.m.

Correspondence: None.

Boards, Commissions & Committees Reports:

- Councilmember Trester - The Harbor Authority has not met this month.
- Councilmember Bekken – KWSLA has not had a meeting. He was appointed by council to serve on board until Feb-Mar 2023 and will continue to do so. He will send reports.
- Councilmember Leo – Overjoyed that after administrative review at the State and Federal level the 1.2-million-dollar grant was approved, and we will receive approval letter any day. Thanked Ryan and the team for their hard work.
- Councilmember Lewis - Tri-Community Recycling Committee met last Wednesday. They will be wrapping up purview at the end of this year so she will have a report. She will likely have Daniel DeFranco come in and present that to Council to what the committee recommends and the next steps.
- Councilmember Gardner – Planning committee meets this Thursday. Wanted to comment on ZBA meeting from last Thursday regarding 2 of the projects they were working on. One of those properties being the Gleason property on Water Street. He commends the ZBA for the work done there as they are very professional and methodical. He continues to be impressed by the board even though they are not present he wanted to thank them for their service.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Stanton – HDC had lengthy discussion regarding repairs to City Hall and making sure that the signs for City Hall and Information Booth remain intact and some of the windows around the basement and the adjustments that they wanted to see there. They are very detailed in how they take care of City Hall and are in very good hands. We made some other approvals but that was the big one.
- Mayor Dean - Parks and Public Works Committee meets November 22. We made some good progress on getting work groups lined out and suggested some people to participate in those groups.

Council Comments:

- Councilmember Trester – He owes a lot to people like Mark Bekken and Barry Johnson who have memorized Roberts Rules of Order and Mark who has memorized everything in Saugatuck for the last 60 years. He thanked the City of Saugatuck for selecting him for council and thanked the City Council for voting him Mayor for three terms.
- Councilmember Leo – Thanked Bekken & Trester, she has enjoyed working with both & they will be missed. She will miss sitting next to Mark. Was great being able to call on Ken for help with meetings.

- Councilmember Gardner - Thanked council for being allowed to do presentations for Mark & Ken. Told Mark that he will be asked to return, that something will be named after him for his years of service.
- Councilmember Lewis – Sat in on “Every Second Week Live with the League” and the word was Lame duck will be lame this year, won’t be anything. Thanked Trester & Bekken for their years of service, both have been valuable resources and their expertise has been greatly appreciated. She learned from Ken how to manage a room full of people who are not necessarily very happy with the Public Safety issue. She learned from Mark not to make a big deal of anything because nothings really a big deal, it’s not the end of the world.
- Councilmember Bekken – Thanked everyone.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Stanton - Thanked Bekken & Trester for their dedication and teaching her through her first term making the time enjoyable. She hopes that they can still come to them for many things in the future.

Mayor Comments:

- Mayor Dean – Thanked Councilmembers Lewis, Bekken and Trester for inspiring and mentoring him through their terms of Mayor. He really appreciates that Council has faith in him and Mayor Pro-Tem Stanton moving forward. He asked City Manager Heise to add to the workshop agenda a discussion of boards and committee assignments. Asked Council to reach out him over the next 10 days about their thoughts on boards and committee assignments. He wants to make sure the right people are in place to handle big issues coming before the boards and committees.

Adjournment:

Motion by Bekken, second by Trester to adjourn, upon voice vote, motion carried unanimously, and Mayor Dean adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Williams, City Deputy Clerk/ DPW Admin. Assistant