



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN, April 25, 2022**

The City Council met for Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at 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, and Stanton.

Absent: Councilmember Trester.

Others Present: City Manager Heise, Zoning Administrator Osman, DPW Superintendent Herbert & Clerk Wolters.

Approval of Minutes:

A. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes – April 11th, 2022.

B. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$113,736.00.

Motion by Gardner, second by Dean, to approve the minutes from the April 11th meeting and the accounts payable. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Bekken entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Staff Reports:

City Manager, Treasurer, Zoning Administrator, DPW Superintendent, and Engineer submitted status reports of current activities since the last Council meeting on April 11th, 2022, for their respective departments. Allegan County Sheriff's Lt. Ensfield was in-person to speak regarding his department.

Agenda Change: None

Guest Speakers: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only:

- Dean Kapenga- County Commissioner updated Council on:
 - a. A new PFM system is a new fiber network that gives two-way texting and relief from down internet.
 - b. Director of Road Commission put in for a \$5 million grant for the road on Lakeshore Dr.
 - c. Health and Human Services introduced EMed, a testing kit for COVID.
- George Lucas- *Republican candidate for House District 38*. His primary objective is to grow the population and the economy of Michigan. He would like to work to lower

- taxes, less regulation, improving high speed need internet access particularly in more rural areas, and expanding vocational and technical training in schools.
- Dan Fox- *Saugatuck Township Fire District Board Member*. Mr. Fox updated Council with information regarding the Saugatuck Fire Board meeting on April 18th.
 - Glenna DeJong- *Saugatuck City Resident* spoke in support of item 12F-Pride crosswalk painting.

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A. Special Event- Venetian Festival:

Cow Hill Yacht Club is proposing Venetian Festival to be held from July 29, 2022, thru July 31, 2022. City Staff, Fire, Police, and event organizer will meet closer to the event date to discuss specifics needed from each department.

Motion by Stanton, second by Leo, to allow staff to approve the Venetian Festival to take place from July 29th thru July 31st, organized by the Cow Hill Yacht Club. Upon voice vote, motion carried 6-0.

B. Special Event- Waterfront Invitational Fine Art & Craft Fair:

The Saugatuck Douglas Art Club is proposing the Waterfront Invitational Fine Art & Craft Fair to be held on July 2, 2022, and July 30, 2022. City Staff, Fire, Police, and event organizer will meet closer to the event date to discuss specifics needed from each department.

Motion by Gardner, second by Stanton, to approve the Waterfront Invitational Fine Art & Craft fair to take place on July 2nd and July 31st organized by the Saugatuck Douglas Art Club. Upon voice vote, motion carried 6-0.

C. Special Event- Community Pride Car Parade:

The proposed Community Pride Car Parade is to be held on June 4th, 2022. See attached application and break down of event below. City Staff, Fire, Police, and event organizer will meet closer to the event date to discuss specifics needed from each department.

Motion by Leo, second by Dean, to approve the Community Pride Car Parade to take place on June 4th. Upon voice vote, motion carried 6-0.

D. Allegan County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Services Agreement:

Council had a first review of the proposed Sheriff's Contract at the Monday 11th meeting and a discussion at the April 20th meeting.

Motion by Stanton, second by Gardner, to Allow Staff, legal counsel, and insurance to negotiate final terms of the continued contract with Allegan County Sheriff's Department and authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem to execute contract with the following understandings: fees to not exceed 3% annually, police vehicles to be acquired in partnership with Allegan County Fleet Management and City of Saugatuck branding of vehicles continue. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

E. Resolution 220425-A: Pride Crosswalk Painting:

In June of 2019, Saugatuck City Council approved a resolution to authorize the painting of a section of the City sidewalk to recognize the LGBTQ+ community. The sidewalk in front of the Culver Street parking lot, adjacent to Scooter's Pizzeria and the Saugatuck Center for the Arts, was painted with rainbow colors and has remained painted since 2019. There is interested in expanding the multi-colored painting into the crosswalks within the City, with inspiration for the idea being pulled from the City of the Village of Douglas and many other communities across North America. If approved, the resolution would allow for the City of Saugatuck to paint the crosswalk in front of City Hall, crossing Butler Street, with rainbow colors in support of the LGBTQ+ community.

Motion by Leo, second by Dean, to approve Resolution No. 220425-A to authorize the painting of the crosswalk in front of Saugatuck City Hall crossing Butler Street in recognition of the LGBTQ+ community.

Council went into discussion and decided to proceed with four crosswalks painted instead of the proposed one, a new motion followed.

Motion by Leo, second by Dean, to amend the Motion and to amend the Resolution No. 220425-A to authorize the painting of the crosswalks, plural. Foursquare in front of Saugatuck City Hall crossing Butler and Culver Streets in recognition of LGBTQ community. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

F. Resolution 220425-B: Schedule of Fees Amendment:

Presented in the following resolution are changes to the short-term rental fee schedule. Proposed changes in short-term rental fees include an increase in the short-term rental registration fee from \$250.00 to \$350.00 (three-year registration) and an increase in the re-inspection fee from \$60.00 to \$100.00.

Motion by Stanton, second by Gardner, Resolution No. 220425-B as presented approving a change in the City's Schedule of Fees, effective June 1st, 2022. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

G. Revocable License for Temporary Sidewalk Restaurant Seating- Pumpernickels:

On March 9, 2015, the Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding an ordinance amendment to regulate outdoor restaurant seating, including a provision to approve seating within the public right-of-way. City Council adopted an ordinance allowing for restaurants to have seating between the sidewalk and the curb.

Motion by Stanton, second by Leo, to approve the Revocable License Agreement for temporary outside restaurant seating in the public right-of-way for Caldwell & Caldwell, LLC DBA. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment:

- Lauren Flanagan- *Saugatuck City Resident and Business Owner* spoke in favor of item 12F- Pride Crosswalk Painting.
- Marsha Casper- *Saugatuck City Resident* spoke in favor of item 12F- Pride Crosswalk Painting.
- Randy Walker- *Douglas City Resident and Business Owner* spoke in favor of item 12F- Pride Crosswalk Painting.
- Glenna DeJong- *Saugatuck City Resident* spoke in favor of item 12F- Pride Crosswalk Painting.

Correspondence:

Council received sixteen written letters in favor, and one opposed of item 12F- Pride Crosswalk Painting.

Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports:

- Councilmember Bekken shared the KLSWA packet from meeting date 4-18-22 prior to this meeting and asked Council if they had any questions.
- Councilmember Stanton noted the next Historic District Committee meeting is not this coming Thursday but the following.
- Councilmember Gardner recapped the Planning Commission meeting held on 4-21-22. Planning Commission had a ninety-minute closed session and noted they addressed putting a condition on a special land use related to occupancy.
- Mayor Lewis noted that the Tri-Community Recycling Committee is meeting every two weeks. Household Hazard Waste Day is filling up quickly, scheduled for May 24th.

Council Comments:

- Councilmember Bekken witnessed on this past Saturday that Kalamazoo Lake Sewer and Water Authority responded to an active water main within fifteen minutes and had it repaired within thirty minutes. He noted their impressive work.
- Councilmember Gardner asked who maintains the Mildred Peterson Pond.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Lewis complimented how good the Butler Street paving looks and that the Rose Garden is coming along. Businesses in town are getting ready for summer tourists.

Adjournment:

Motion by Leo, second by Stanton, to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Wolters
City Clerk