

Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Meeting
Saugatuck, Michigan, April 13, 2020

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

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Trester at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Attendance:**
Present: Bekken, Johnson, Leo, Lewis, Peterson, Verplank, & Trester
Absent: None
Others Present: City Manager Harrier, City Treasurer Stanislawski & City Clerk Nagel

Council Member Bekken entered into session at 7:02 p.m.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Johnson, to approve the March 11, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.
4. **Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Trester announced the following: Pleased with city residents complying with the Governor's orders of shelter in place and social distancing to help combat COVID-19; thanked city staff, Department of Public Works and Sheriff Deputies for keeping city services available and taking measures to keep residents safe.
5. **City Manager's Report:** City Manager Harrier announced the following: The City is complying with the Governor's executive orders; City facilities are closed to the public, however, administrative staff is working remotely when possible and alternating times when in the office; DPW is on schedule with picking up brush and leaves for this week; flags were lowered to half staff per the Governors orders to recognize those that lost their battle with COVID-19; due to the high winds and storm surge, certain areas experienced flooding; Edgewater Resources will present Council with their Downtown Riverfront High Water report at the April 23, 2020 workshop meeting; Allegan County Health Department announced there are currently 23 positive COVID-19 cases in Allegan County.
6. **Agenda Changes:** None
7. **Guest Speakers:**
A. Lt. Brett Ensfield – Allegan Co. Sheriff's Department: Provided Council with an update on the following: City Deputy Visser, who is a Captain in the Army National Guard, was deployed due to COVID-19 and is currently in New Jersey waiting for assignment; provided the Incident Analysis Report from March 30-April 13, 2020; will be monitoring city parks making sure individuals are practicing social distancing measures; due to COVID-19 the patrol structure has changed where deputies will work a continuous two-week shift
8. **Public Comment:** None
9. **Request for Payment:** A motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Peterson, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$90,637.54. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.
10. **Introductions of Ordinances:** None
11. **Public Hearings:** None
12. **Unfinished Business:** None

13. New Business:

A. Resolution No. 200413-A – Saugatuck Township Fire District’s Request to Construct Dock for Emergency Services: A motion was made by Verplank, 2nd by Peterson, to approve Resolution No. 200413-A (version 09805-004-00105743.3) regarding Saugatuck Township Fire District’s request to construct a dock for emergency services. Upon roll call the motion carried by the following vote:

Council Member Leo lost internet connection at 7:25 p.m.

Yes: Verplank, Peterson, Lewis, Johnson, Bekken, Trester

No: None

Absent: Leo (*due to internet connectivity*)

B. Resolution No. 200413-B – Authorizing Sale of City Personal Property without Competitive Bidding: A motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Verplank, to approve Resolution No. 200413-B authorizing sale of City Personal Property without competitive bidding as presented. Upon roll call the motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Johnson, Verplank, Bekken, Trester

No: Peterson, Lewis

Absent: Leo (*due to internet connectivity*)

Council Member Leo regained internet connectivity at 7:40 p.m.

C. Department of Public Works Services – Postpone Spring Curbside “Junk Pickup” Services: A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Verplank, to postpone the City of Saugatuck’s 2020 curbside junk pickup service and authorize the City Manager to establish another date during 2020 that does not interfere with other critical City Public Works operation or impact the community negatively during the tourist season. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

14. Consent Agenda: None

15. Public Comment: None

16. Communications:

A. 2019 Tree City USA Recognition – Accepted as information

17. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports: None

18. Council Comments: Council Member Peterson thanked all essential workers for being the front lines during this pandemic.

Council Member Johnson thanked all essential workers including city residents and neighbors for doing their part in helping flatten the curve.

Council Member Verplank thanked First Responders.

Council Member Bekken thanked essential workers and the community for practicing social distancing.

Council Member Lewis announced Dr. Laurie Birkholz is offering COVID-19 antibody testing and would like council to discuss a possible tax cut for businesses.

19. Adjournment: A motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Verplank, to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Nagel, CMC
City Clerk