

Minutes

City Council Special Meeting

April 26, 2021 at 7: 00 pm
102 Butler St., Saugatuck, MI 49453

Due to COVID-19 restrictions currently in place, the meeting was held via Zoom.

- 1. Call to Order:** Mayor Bekken called the meeting to order at 7: 00 pm.
- 2. Roll Call:**
 - Present:** Bekken (Douglas, MI - Allegan County), Dean (Saugatuck, MI - Allegan County), Leo (Saugatuck, MI - Allegan County), Lewis (Saugatuck, MI - Allegan County), Peterson (Key West, FL - Monroe County), Stanton (Saugatuck, MI - Allegan County)
 - Absent:** Trester
 - Others Present:** Ryan Heise - City Manager, Cindy Osman - Zoning Administrator, Peter Stanislawski - Treasurer, Erin Wilkinson - Clerk
- 3. Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. Regular City Council Meeting of April 12, 2021** - A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Lewis, to approve the minutes as presented. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Special City Council Meeting of April 15, 2021** - A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Dean, to approve the minutes as presented. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Mayor's Comments:** None
- 5. City Manager's Comments:** There are 3 active Social District businesses with 8 pending, and 15 permitted Pop-up-Patios.
- 6. Agenda Changes:** Add Dan Fox to Guest Speakers
- 7. Guest Speakers:**
 - A. Lt. Brett Ensfield** - Allegan County Sheriff's Department - no reported issues from Social District, but did see an increase in solo cups from private residences. Deputies are working to educate the public about rules for the district. Speed signs have been placed on Maple Street in response to a complaint received. Several new deputies have been hired for marine patrol and they are planning to hire a few additional full time deputies in the coming months.
 - B. Cathy Brockington** - Holland Area League of Women Voters - Provided updates on the redistricting efforts ongoing in Michigan. More information will be posted to the city website if citizens would like to get involved.
 - C. Kristin Armstrong** - Provided an update on the SCA parking lot changes and upcoming summer plans for programming.

D. Dan Fox - Fire Board - Provided an update on the most recent Fire Department (FD) Board meeting. EMS calls continue to be the vast majority of calls the STFD responds to. New reporting allows them to break calls out further into sub-categories. There is an ongoing wage study. The lakeshore drive washout issue is being addressed by the Allegan County Road Commission, to allow the FD heavy equipment to access the homes past the sink hole again.

8. Public Comment:

Renee Zita (resident) - Thanked council for fixing Park Street. She inquired about 4th of July fireworks and expressed support for allowing them to move forward.

9. Consent Agenda: None

10. Request for Payment: A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Stanton, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$143,207.90. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

11. Introduction of Ordinances: None

12. Public Hearings: None

13. Unfinished Business: None

14. New Business

A. EGLE Letter & Draft Response from KLSWA - A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Leo, to grant authority to the Administrator to execute the corrective action plan to be submitted to EGLE. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

15. Public Comments: None

16. Communications:

- A. Ann Broeker** - Dune Ridge Development
- B. Gary Medler** - House Boat Ordinance
- C. Dan Fox** - Dune Grass Marina
- D. Richard Donovan** - Blue Star Trail Map

17. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports: Tri-Community Recycling AdHoc Committee, KLSWA, and Tri-Community Non-Motorized Trail Study Committee

18. Council Comments:

Council Member Lewis inquired about the request from Dick Waskin regarding putting a temporary traffic sign at Lake and Blue Star Hwy. and asked the City Manager to add it as a future agenda item.

Mayor Bekken suggested the council has previously reviewed several traffic studies related to lights at the intersection and the project will have to involve Allegan County Road Commission.

Council Member Peterson suggested the council look into putting a stop light at Allegan and Blue Star, so they don't backup the entire bridge. The council has previously reviewed traffic studies related to the Lake/Blue Star intersection that indicated Allegan would be a better location for a light.

Council Member Leo suggested looking into a temporary light for the Lake/Blue Star intersection and said the Tri-Community Non-Motorized Trail Study Committee will be looking at it at some point in time, but it has not been studied in depth .

19. Adjourn (Roll Call) A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Dean, to adjourn the meeting at 8: 17 pm. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin K. Wilkinson
City of Saugatuck Clerk