

Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Meeting
Saugatuck, Michigan, July 22, 2019

The City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 102 Butler Street, Saugatuck, Michigan.

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Trester at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Attendance:**
Present: Johnson, Hess, Verplank, Peterson & Trester
Absent: Bekken
Others Present: City Manager Harrier & City Clerk Nagel

A motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Hess, to excuse Council Member Bekken with prior notification. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Hess, to approve the July 8, 2019 regular meeting minutes as presented. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

5. **Mayor's Comments:** None

6. **City Manager's Report:** City Manager announced the Chain Ferry has been closed due to the high winds and strong current.

7. **Agenda Changes:** *(addition)* **18. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports - HDC**

8. **Guest Speakers:**

A. Lt. Brett Ensfield – Allegan Co. Sheriff Department: Lt. Ensfield announced the following: with the help of Douglas PD they were able to apprehend two (2) suspects in the recent larcenies; Plainwell students created a recruitment video for the Allegan County Sheriff's Department that showcases Saugatuck; Saugatuck Deputies are ready for Venetian Festival.

9. **Public Comment:** None

10. **Request for Payment:** A motion was made by Hess, 2nd by Johnson, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$634,836.11. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

11. **Introductions of Ordinances:** None

12. **Public Hearings:** None

13. **Unfinished Business:** None

14. **New Business:**

A. City Council Vacancy Appointment: A motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Verplank, to appoint Catherine Simon to fill the vacant unexpired portion of the City Council At-Large term ending November 11, 2019 effective upon being sworn in. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Yes: Johnson, Verplank, Hess, Trester

No: Peterson

Absent: Bekken

B. Historic District Commission Reappointment: A motion was made by Hess, 2nd by Verplank, to approve the Mayor's reappointments of Nico Leo and Jennifer Davenport to the Historic District Commission with said terms expiring August 1, 2022. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

15. Consent Agenda: None

16. Public Comment: Dan Fox (*resident*) expressed concerns with the latest Friends of Blue Star Trail renderings that bring the Blue Star Bridge down to two lanes and getting public safety vehicles across the bridge safely and in a timely manner.

Mark Klungle (*resident*) with regards to portion of Water and Lucy Streets being under water due to the high-water levels, would like to work with the city in long term emergency plan to prevent flooding in the future.

John Adams, Friends of Blue Star Trail, announced that the recent Friends of Blue Star Trail renderings of Blue Star Bridge do meet safety standards, however, is meeting with Fire Chief Janik to discuss safety concerns.

Garnet Lewis (*resident*) expressed disappointment that there were no public interviews conducted for the council vacancy.

17. Communications:

18. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports: Council received reports from the following committee(s): Harbor Authority, Fire Board, Planning Commission, Tree Board, HDC

19. Council Comments: Council Member Hess with regards to the Friends of Blue Star Trail latest renderings is pleased to see reduction in infrastructure costs.

20. Adjournment: Mayor Trester adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Nagel, CMC
City Clerk