

Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Meeting
Saugatuck, Michigan, September 14, 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 Trestler at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Attendance:**
 - Present:** Bekken, Johnson, Leo, Lewis, Peterson, Verplank, & Trestler
 - Absent:** None
 - Others Present:** City Manager Kirk Harrier, Clerk Erin Wilkinson, City Attorney Jeff Sluggett, Interim City Manager Candidate Karen Doyle Homan
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. Regular City Council Meeting of August 24, 2020:** A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Verplank, to approve the meeting minutes of August 24, 2020 as presented. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.
4. **Mayor's Comments:**
 - A. Proposed agenda item for next regular meeting to re-activate the Tri-Community Non-Motorized Blue Star Trail Committee.
 - B. Proposed agenda item for next workshop to discuss Milfoil Duck Weed issue in the harbor.
 - C. Update on COVID-19: there have been 15 cases reported in Saugatuck and 9 cases reported in Douglas. Numbers have been holding steady and that's a good sign what we're doing is working.
5. **City Manager's Report:** None
6. **Agenda Changes:** None
7. **Guest Speakers:**
 - A. City Attorney Discussion:** Jeff Sluggett presented council with a report regarding letters from Council Member Verplank and Council Member Peterson.

Council Member Peterson made a motion, 2nd by Johnson, disagreeing with council member Leo's previous statement regarding the city clerk and a council member and affirming that it is a council members duty to vote unless there is a conflict, as stated in our charter and law, and affirming that council members that did vote it was appropriate, as they had no conflict or other improprieties. Upon roll call vote the motion carried 5 to 2:
Yes (5): Peterson, Johnson, Bekken, Trestler, Verplank
No (2): Leo, Lewis
8. **Public Comment:**
 - A. Scott Dean** commented on the use of city resources and board governance.
 - B. Lauren Flanagan** commented on board governance and the use of city resources.
 - C. Mark LaChey** commented on board governance and the use of city resources.
 - D. Angela Carrion** commented on the use of city resources and board governance.
 - E. Todd Hoskins commented on board governance.**

- F. **Neil Lefort** commented on board governance and Park Street.
- G. **Vicki Cobb** commented on board governance.
- H. **Dan Fox** commented on board governance.

9. **Request for Payment:** A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Leo, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$569,515.68. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

10. **Introduction of Ordinances:** None

11. **Public Hearings:** None

12. **Unfinished Business:** None

13. **New Business:**

- A. **City Hall Computer Server Replacement:** A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Johnson, to approve quote #000190 v1 from Shoreline Technology Solutions as presented in the amount of \$12,686 to replace the computer server and operating software at City Hall. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.
- B. **Various City Boards & Commission Reappointments:** A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Leo, to approve the Mayor's reappointments of Jim Muir to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Steven Manns to the Planning Commission, and Daniel Pannozzo to the Historic District Commission. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Employment Agreement – Ms. Karen Doyle Homan:** A motion was made by Verplank, 2nd by Peterson, to approve the employment agreement between the City of Saugatuck and Ms. Karen Doyle Homan as presented. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

14. **Consent Agenda:** None

15. **Public Comments:**

- A. **Dan Pannozzo** thanked the council for their comments and appointment to the Historic District Commission.
- B. **Lt. Brett Ensfield - Allegan County Sheriff's Department** updated council on the following: School back in session, traffic citation, graffiti complaints and arrest, and complaints regarding stolen campaign signs.

16. **Communications:**

- A. **Robert Sarro – Harbor Update** (ACCEPT AS INFORMATION)
- B. **Judy Anthrop – Gazebo/Band Shell** (ACCEPT AS INFORMATION)
- C. **Bloom Sluggett, PC – Letter Regarding Lake Michigan Frontage/Obstacles** (ACCEPT AS INFORMATION)
- D. **Kirk Harrier – Letter of Resignation** (ACCEPT AS INFORMATION)

17. **Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports:** Council received reports from the following committee(s): Ad-Hoc Tri-Community Recycling Committee.

18. **Council Comments:**

Council Johnson expressed support for restarting the Blue Star Trail Committee and asked the council to support having the city attorney review the issues surrounding Shoreline Alterations and Erosion Control.

Council Member Lewis inquired about Pop up Patio status for later in the week.

Council Member Peterson provided an update about Pop up Patio progress being made with local business owners, provided an update regarding the holiday lighting, and remarked about the historical fishing shanty removal.

Council Member Bekken asked Council Member Johnson for clarification regarding the shoreline issue.

19. Adjournment: A motion was made by Verplank, 2nd by Peterson, to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin K. Wilkinson
City Clerk