



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
A Regular Meeting held at 102 Butler St., Saugatuck, MI 49453
August 23, 2021 – 7:00 pm

The City Council met for Regular Council Meeting at 7:02 p.m. The meeting was held at 102 Butler St., Saugatuck, MI 49453.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bekken at 7:02 p.m.

2. Attendance

Present: Bekken, Stanton, Trester, Dean

Absent: Leo, Lewis, & Peterson

Others Present: City Manager Heise and City Clerk Gallagher

Motion was made by Trester, 2nd by Stanton to approve the absence of Council Members Leo, Lewis, and Peterson.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes – August 9, 2021

Motion was made by Dean, 2nd by Stanton, to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from August 9, 2021.

4. Request for Payment

A. Accounts Payable

Motion was made by Trester, 2nd by Dean to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$449,085.45.

5. Mayor's Comments

6. City Manager's Comments

7. Agenda Changes

8. Reports

- a. Saugatuck Township Fire Department
- b. Allegan County Sheriff

9. Public Comment

Jane Underwood – Thanked Council for looking at Park Street tonight. It is a very dangerous road for pedestrians to be walking down.

Jeff Cowhill presented a check to Council for Sparkle Downtown in the amount of \$1,500.

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

A. Approval of Special Event Permit.

Motion was made by Stanton, 2nd by Trester to approve the Special Event Permit from the Saugatuck Center to the Arts as presented.

B. Approval of Liquor License Transfer

Motion was made by Dean, 2nd by Stanton to Approve the transfer of the Liquor License to El Burrito Feliz as presented.

C. Approval of Appointments to Various Boards & Commissions

Motion was made by Trester, 2nd by Dean to approve the Mayors Appointments to various boards and commissions.

12. Public Comments

Jane Underwood – Thanked Council for their work, and the planning commission for their thorough work.

13. Closed Session – Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) of the Open Meetings Act – To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

Motion was made by Trester, 2nd by Stanton to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) of the Open Meetings Act – to discuss a confidential written legal opinion from the City Attorney regarding the enforcement of zoning violations at 443 Park Street.

Motion was made by Trester 2nd by Dean to resume public session at 8:28pm.
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

14. Council Boards & Commissions Updates

a. Kal Lake Update

15. Communications

A. STORM

B. Library Board

C. Social District Signage

16. Council Comments

a. Council Member Dean – This evening’s council meeting has been thought

provoking. The city is getting busier, and we have an over-taxed emergency response system and we don't have an ambulance in the City. We also are looking at opening the Social District. We should talk about how we want to keep people safe as Saugatuck gets more popular. We want to look out for our residents and guests.

17. Adjournment

Motion made by Dean, 2nd by Stanton to adjourn the meeting at 8:36p.m. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Padley Gallagher
City Clerk