



**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 8, 2024**

The City Council met for a Workshop Meeting at 5:30 p.m.  
City Hall  
102 Butler St., Saugatuck, MI 49453.

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stanton at 5:30 p.m.

**Attendance:**

Present: Mayor Stanton, Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin and Councilmembers Anderson, Dean, Gardner Muncey.

Absent: White.

Others Present: Interim City Manager/ Director of Planning, Zoning & Project Management Cummins, DPW Superintendent Herbert, Treasurer Stanislawski, Attorney Witte and Clerk Wolters.

**Agenda Changes:**

**Guest Speakers:** None.

**Public Comment:**

Mark LaChey, resident: in support of item #6B- limiting parking to one side on certain streets.

Bobbie Guant, resident: in support of item #6B- limiting parking to one side on certain streets.

**Discussion Items:**

Milfoil Treatment for 2024:

Interim City Manager/Zoning Director Ryan Cummins discussed the historical process with treating the Eurasian Water Milfoil. In the past the City has covered the entire cost and in some years private waterfront property owners have been invoiced for their share. He discussed with the council options for 2024, such as partnering with Douglas and contracting Aquatic Doctors for treatment and limiting areas adjacent to City property or treating the same areas in the provided map. He also discussed the City continuing to cover the expense from the general fund or evaluate a special assessment for the group of properties that would benefit from the treatment. Aquatic Doctor representatives were present to answer questions.

Councilmember White entered meeting at 5:56 p.m.

### Limiting Parking to One Side on Certain Streets:

The short-term rental task force encouraged the City Administration to review areas within residential districts in which “no parking this side of the street” signs could be installed to aid in emergency services access. The City engineer reviewed on-street parking in residential areas and submitted a report to City Administration. Chief Janik from the Saugatuck Township Fire Department and the DPW Superintendent evaluated streets included in the City Engineer report. Chief Janik provided a section from the International Fire Code for consideration. The following streets were presented for consideration.

- Mason Street between Grand Street and Elizabeth Street
  - Recommend parking on one side of the street. Discretion in choice of side.
- Hoffman Street between Grand Street and Elizabeth Street
  - Recommend parking on one side of the street, North side. No parking on South side.
- Main Street between Griffith Street and Elizabeth Street
  - Recommend parking on one side of the street, North side. No parking on South side.
- Mary Street between Griffith Street and Grand Street
  - Recommend parking on one side of the street, North side. No parking on South side.
- Grand Street between Hoffman Street and Spear Street
  - Recommend parking on one side of the street, East side. No parking on West side.
- St. Joseph Street between Hoffman Street and Francis Street
  - Recommend parking on one side of the street, East side. No parking on West side.
- Newnham Street between Lucy Street and the North End
  - Recommend parking on one side of the street, West side. No parking on East side.
- Francis Street between Holland Street and Elizabeth Street
  - Recommend parking on one side of the street, North side. No parking on South side.
- Pleasant Street from Allegan Street to State Street
  - Recommend No Parking on either side of the street.

### Request for Contribution to July 5 Fireworks Show:

Ryan Cummins explained that the Saugatuck Douglas Area Convention & Visitors Bureau is organizing a Fourth of July fireworks show with Don Karaus as the organizer. The vendor is available on July 5<sup>th</sup> and unavailable on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The CVB is requesting a \$3,000 contribution from the City for the fireworks show.

### **Public Comment:**

Bobbie Guant, resident: presented her special event “Jazz for Justice in June” included on the agenda for the upcoming council regular meeting.

Joe Leonatti, resident: expressed concern regarding the resignation of the previous city manager.

**Correspondence:** None.

### **Council Comments:**

- Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin: None.
- Councilmember Anderson: None

- Councilmember Dean: None.
- Councilmember Gardner: None
- Councilmember Muncey: None
- Councilmember White: Thank you for CVB for handling the fireworks.

**Adjournment:**

*Motion by Muncey, second by Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote, motion carried unanimously. Mayor Stanton adjourned at 6:52 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted

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Jamie Wolters, City Clerk