

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 7, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held June 7, 2021, electronically via *Zoom* at Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Marquardt.

Commissioners: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Absent: None.

City Manager: Dale Kerbyson, present.

City Attorney: Michael Nolan, present.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

121 2021 06-07 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the Agenda for June 7, 2021.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

122 2021 06-07 MINUTES

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Osentoski.

Approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held May 17, 2021, as presented.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rick VanHaften, Board President of Center for the Arts of Grater Lapeer, Inc. gave a presentation of the events, status, and financial reports for the organization including the PIX Theater and Gallery 194. They do have a full schedule beginning in the fall of 2021.

Commissioner Stroh requested that the Center for the Arts prepare a presentation prior to the budget workshop, so the Commission has a better understanding as to how the monies are being utilized and where the needs are, so the Commission can invest in the arts more wisely. He would like to have the report/presentation by April 30, annually; prior to the budget workshops that take place in May. Also, Ms. Lyons has done a good job keeping the doors open, keeping employees and keeping the arts aware.

Commissioner Atwood thanked the Center for the Arts Board and Ms. Lyons for the presentation and the graphs. Thanked Ms. Lyons for filling in for him during a school walk

downtown. 2019 and 2020 has been difficult to plan and then having to cancel. It has been a hard time for the arts and culture, people want to create; it is a form of stress reliever for people. Happy they were able to offer the virtual shows during such a difficult time. Doing a good job and keep up the good work. Arts and culture are important to the community. Thank you.

123 2021 06-07 CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Cattane.

Approve the Consent Agenda for June 7, 2021, resulting in the following:

1. DDA Outdoor Dining Permit – J&N Cheers.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

124 2021 06-07 BILL LISTING

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the Bill Listing for June 7, 2021, in the amount of \$309,537.36.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING

125 2021 06-07 DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND (DWRP) PUBLIC HEARING

City Manager Dale Kerbyson introduced Don Scherzer, the owner of Spicer Group, Inc.

Don Scherzer, Spicer Group, we prepared your project plan, we will be brief on the public hearing. I would like to introduce Sam Szaroletta who is the Spicer Project Manager who actually prepared the plan.

Sam Szaroletta stated we will be respectful of everyone's time and keep this as brief as I can. This is the public hearing for the City of Lapeer's project plan and application to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy to the Drinking Water Revolving Fund. The public hearing is intended to be a forum for any public input and for any questions, comments, if anyone has some clarification, etc. The meeting minutes from this hearing is going to be included in the project plan submittal to EGLE that is due July 1st, and the affidavit of publication, advertisement and a list of all the attendees at the meeting today. The meeting minutes for the public portion should be verbatim and I provided a resolution to Romona that will need to be passed at the end of this hearing.

With that being said, just a brief description of the project, the proposed project includes watermain replacement on W. Genesee St. from Millville Rd. to Harrison St. watermain replacement along Harrison St. from W. Genesee St. to Liberty St. and then verification and identification of approximately 700 water services throughout the City with unknown materials of construction. The overall proposed project estimate of cost is \$9,408,000

and due to EGLE's determination the City is classified as disadvantaged which provides, basically, the City is qualified for Booker Funds, which the Booker Funds provide up to \$3 million of principal forgiveness for the construction related costs associated with replacing a lead and/or galvanized water service contingent on the Lead and Copper Rule of Michigan. Like I said, they're just strictly there for the construction costs only, all the other costs are going to be associated with a low interest loan through DWRP the State Revolving Fund, or funding from some other mechanism.

The just a brief project schedule. We are requesting funding for third quarter of 2022. So based on previous projects through the State of Michigan Revolving Fund, typically that means we submit our application by July 1st of this year, we hear back from the State on whether or not we are funded sometime either late September and/or October. This year there is quite a few applicants, so I would not be surprised if we didn't find out until some time in October. Then after we are, hear if we are funded or not, then assuming we are funded, we would start design in October through typically January. Then we would apply for any permitting that is associated with this project, and then when once approval from EGLE is given, we put the bid out sometime in March 2022 and then construction would be slated for some time probably in August. So, with that being said, I'd just like to open the floor up to Council and/or anyone from the public for questions and/or comments.

Commissioner Cattane if we are investigating lines into homes as well with this project. Mr. Szaroletta said that is correct. The Lead and Copper Rule has guidance that was issued very recently, probably within the last six weeks or so, and it is a three-part verification; three or four part verification. Basically, with this project we would need to verify at the curb stop, from the curb stop to the home, then from the curb stop to the street and then once inside the home as well. Then if needed, there is a fourth identification at the connection point to the watermain in the street.

Commissioner Cattane asked if the old historical rule of the line inside the house, or the line from the sidewalk to my house is my responsibility. Am I correct in this statement? Mr. Szaroletta stated typically from the curb stop or the road right-of-way to your home, yes. Commissioner Cattane asked if that still applied today, as with recent lead laws changing at the State level. Mr. Szaroletta said it is still yours, the line is still the homeowners, and part of the project plan briefly discusses this and essentially, there will be an agreement between the City and the homeowner that says, if you have a lead line the City will replace it, however, after construction is completed, and after the construction is closed out, the line is still the homeowner's responsibility from here on out.

Commissioner Cattane asked how long we think this project is going to take. Mr. Szaroletta stated construction of this nature, we would probably be looking at, between 18 months and 2 years. 18 to 24 months I would envision.

Commissioner Cattane asked Mr. Kerbyson if we are going to see lane closures, he would imagine. Mr. Kerbyson said no, actually the real time eater there is the number of individual lines we have to investigate. That will take the majority of the time and we estimate that if we work at that diligently, it will take a year to uncover those 700 lines, so then the actual construct would begin after that.

Mr. Kerbyson continued saying the plan would initially, that we would replace or pave 50% of Genesee, the north side, with waterline, is with this project. Mr. Szaroletta stated there would be a lane closure during that portion of the work; I would anticipate that taking 2-3 months for that particular portion. But, like Dale said the vast majority of time is going to be identification/verification of services, and then ya know and any corresponding replacement after that.

Commissioner Stroh stated he had two quick questions, Sam you had mentioned that the refund or the forgiveness program that would go toward this because of being an underserved community was up to \$3 million, however, some of our paperwork seems to allude to the fact that, it is \$3 million. Do we have a clarification or is that just sort of a ballpark? Mr. Szaroletta, stated it is up to \$3 million, so when I say up to, if you have \$3,000,001 worth of lead service replacement, then City would be responsible for \$1 of the construction costs. If you have \$2,999,999, the City will have \$1 left in the fund.

Commissioner Stroh stated of the \$9 million budget, you're saying the proposal or the grant that we are applying for, or the funding that we are applying for is for the \$3 million based on the cost analysis of this project, correct? Mr. Szaroletta stated the \$9 million, the overall project scope is \$9.4 million. With the principal forgiveness the overall loan that the City would have at the end of the project would be \$6.4 million. Commissioner Stroh continued stating that as we have just learned from Commissioner Cattane, from the curb to the residence, of course, it is the homeowner's responsibility, is this project going to cost the homeowner any funding or is the \$9 million covering the replacement of their cost or are they going to be asked to kick in from their side. Mr. Szaroletta stated individually no, there will be no individual costs to the homeowner outside of a blanket funding increase for the overall project. So, if the homeowner finds or we find that the homeowner has a lead service there's going to be no additional fees associated with that person's water line its just the cost of this project typically would be spread across the entire community on a per REU basis. Commissioner Stroh continued saying what is highlighted in what you're anticipating the increase in service to individual residences after the project is completed, is that correct? Mr. Szaroletta said yeah, it should just be a blanket, everyone is gonna get the same thing, no one's gonna have an additional cost if they have the lead service.

Commissioner Stroh asked City Manager Kerbyson if we have plan or have had any discussion with regards to hardship. People who might have a difficult time, because it is a relatively; 11% increase. Don Scherzer stated no residents with a lead service will pay anything, it's part of the project those services that are lead will be replaced and that is part of the \$3 million of loan forgiveness is the construction cost to replace those lead services from the watermain all the way into the home. So, the resident pays nothing. Commissioner Stroh stated he understands that. City Manager Kerbyson continued stated to follow up, I think where you were going with your question is if we incurred, let's say the maximum loan balance of \$6.4 million we would take out a 30- or 40-year loan to pay that back with the fund at their approved low interest rate. We do not anticipate it coming any where near that number but because this is a grant funded large project, we're casting the net as wide as we can, that's, you recall this was originally going to be a \$5.4 million project but the cost of the new excavation requirements for the services and some of the other aspects have really driven up the cost. We do not anticipate going forward with a project that is nearly that expensive. So, we have some money in the bank

and Kelly and I were talking about it just today that we would take out a long-term bond to pay it back and that would be covered in water rates so the impact would be minimally felt across the City.

Commissioner Stroh stated that his question is connected to area or category G, User Costs, the existing number of REU's on the system is 4,000. These REU's are derived from the number of taps that are installed throughout the system. After the proposed project has been installed, user rates are anticipated to increase between \$8.07 and \$11.84 per quarter per REU. Can you explain a, for a layman like myself what REU is, there is a lot of acronyms being thrown around? City Manager Kerbyson answered that REU is Residential Equivalent Unit. So, it is a measuring stick by which we consider flow in a home or in a factory, so the cost is spread over the amount of water used. So, the larger user pays a little more than the smaller user individual homes. In this case, let's say your water bill \$23. a month, if it were to go up 11%, we are talking \$2.30, but again that is the worst-case scenario. Commissioner Stroh stated he wanted to make sure he was understanding it clearly. Even though we've got the funding in order and we're securing the funding for the project that our residents and/or homeowners might see an increase on the resident usage. Thank you.

Commissioner Atwood asked if you are seeing any inflation on the materials that might be used in 2022. Mr. Szaroletta said yes, we have been seeing inflation, there's has been a number of materials going up such as steel, cost of iron, as well as plastic. Basically, COVID has been increasing the costs, as well there has been some sever storms down in Texas earlier this year, which had an impact on the resin they make the PVC pipe from. By the time that this project is constructed I really don't know what that is going to do; if they are gonna go back down to normal or what. It's just a very weird time in construction, that's for sure. Commissioner Atwood also stated some of his other questions were already answered early on, thank you.

Commissioner Stroh stated sorry to ask more questions, but I'm famous for it, so, the reality is of prices going down after COVID and supply and demand is gonna be probably slow moving at best; we're looking at a year out are we going to be able to contract this at this rate with a guarantee, given the scope and size of this so we can lock in pricing? Or is this something we could anticipate being double if supply and demand continue to rise as we have been seeing in construction costs. Mr. Szaroletta stated when we put together these estimates we are typically conservative. While materials are going up, we try and budget that, because typically for the time that an estimate is developed to construction can be any where between one and sometimes two years. We do have a little bit of play in that, typically we don't see huge jumps in cost, definitely don't think it would double, but I believe the \$9.4 million would be a very reasonable number for the overall project cost.

Commissioner Pattison stated regardless of cost, this is a project that has to be done. We need to replace the lead lines, we need to replace the watermain, it's important to the City. It needs to be done, we put it off we risk more important things where increased costs, we need to get this done. Mr. Szaroletta stated the Lead and Copper Rule is basically, the City needs to have the complete DSMI, Distribution System Material Inventory, basically its an overall break down of all your materials used in the distribution system from the main to the home that needs to be completed by January 1, 2025. That

is strictly an inventory, but with Booker Funds and the principal forgiveness that really is a lucrative program to pursue. That is the driving force here between this project and the Lead and Copper Rule.

Commissioner Atwood thanked them for the information and answering all the questions, it was pretty straight forward, he appreciates it. Mr. Szaroletta stated he appreciated working on the project for the City.

The Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF) public hearing was opened at 7:14 p.m. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

126 2021 06-07 DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND (DWRF)

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Pattison.

Adopt the resolution for final project plan for water system improvements and designating the City Manager as authorized project representative.

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL PROJECT PLAN FOR
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND
DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE**

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer recognizes the need to make improvements to its existing water treatment and distribution system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer authorized Spicer Group, Inc. to prepare a Project Plan, which recommends the construction of watermain replacement along W. Genesee St. from Millville Rd. to Harrison St., watermain replacement along Harrison St. from W. Genesee St. to Liberty St., hydro excavation, and identification of approximately 7010 water services located through the City and the replacement of all identified lead and/or galvanized waters services; and

WHEREAS, said Project Plan was presented at a Public Hearing held on June 7, 2021, and all public comments have been considered and addressed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lapeer formally adopts said Project Plan and agrees to implement the selected alternative (Water System Improvements).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager, a position currently held by Dale Kerbyson, is designated as the authorized representative for all activities associated with the project referenced above, including the submittal of said Project Plan as the first step in applying to the State of Michigan for a Drinking Water Revolving Fund Loan to assist in the implementation of the selected alternative.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

127 2021 06-07 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – FY 2020-2021

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the budget amendments for the FY 2020-2021.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

128 2021 06-07 DELINQUENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Stroh.

To approve adding Special Assessment District 2017-01; 2017-02 and 2011 10-03 Delinquent Special Assessment installments as of May 20, 2021, to the 2021 Summer Tax Roll as authorized by the City Charter.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

129 2021 06-07 GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY – SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Cattane.

Adopt the resolution approving the settlement agreement with Great Lakes Water Authority and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign the necessary documentation.

Commissioner Atwood thanked Great Lakes Water Authority for the agreement after what happened, it is appreciated.

City Manager Kerbyson indicated this agreement shows what a great partnership we have with Great Lakes Water Authority.

Mayor Marquardt thanked City Manager Kerbyson for negotiating this agreement.

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AND
RELEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
CITY OF LAPEER AND GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY
(Settlement Amount: \$84,295.68)**

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer ("City") is a home rule municipality established and existing in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the City has reached terms on the settlement of a certain claim made by the City against Great Lakes Water Authority for damages sustained by the City as a result of water main breaks that occurred or repairs necessitated as a result for the calendar year 2020, only; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Water Authority has provided a Settlement and Release Agreement ("Release") to the City, releasing his claims against the Great Lakes Water Authority. A copy of the Release is attached to this Resolution as **Exhibit 1**; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the City find that it is in the City's best interests that the Settlement and Release Agreement be approved and that the City accept the Great Lakes Water Authority's offer of payment to the City in the amount of \$84,295.68.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LAPEER, LAPEER COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Board of Commissioners of the City of Lapeer approve and authorize the execution of the Settlement and Release Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**. Further, the Board of Commissioners authorize and direct the Mayor and City Manager to execute the Settlement and Release Agreement, and to execute and deliver all other documents that are necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under the Settlement and Release Agreement.

SECTION 2: The Board of Commissioners of the City of Lapeer authorize the receipt of settlement in the amount of Eighty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Five and 68/100 Dollars (\$84,295.68) as the total amount to be paid to the City by the Great Lakes Water Authority as provided for in the Release as a result of water main breaks that occurred or repairs necessitated as a result for the calendar year 2020, only.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

130 2021 06-07 LAPEER TOWNSHIP – SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Osentoski.

Approve the settlement agreement between Lapeer Township and the City of Lapeer for Annexation by Choice parcels for shared property tax revenue and authorize the Mayor and the City Manager to sign the necessary documentation.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

131 2021 06-07 BOUNDARY TRANSFER REQUEST - RUSS ARNOLD

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

Adopt the resolution to approve Boundary Transfer Request for Russ Arnold, for a boundary transfer request for 23 W. Genesee (L21-23-704-040-00) & 39 W. Genesee (L21-23-700-040-00).

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

132 2021 06-07 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FY2021-2022

OPERATING BUDGET

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Osentoski.

Approve the Downtown Development Authority's FY2021-2022 Operating Budget.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

133 2021 06-07 MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

AUTHORITY (MSHDA) EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Cattane.

Adopt the resolution to approve Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Emergency Housing Voucher Program for Emergency Housing Voucher Administration 2021 and allow the Director of Housing Neighborhood Development to sign the necessary documents.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MSHDA)
DIVISION OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND HOMELESS SOLUTIONS
EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM
PROPOSAL FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHER ADMINISTRATION 2021**

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer has established a goal to reduce homelessness, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program will help reach that goal locally; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer's Housing Improvement Department (HID) currently administers Housing Choice Voucher and Veteran's Administration Supportive Housing (VASH) Voucher programs for Lapeer, Tuscola and Huron Counties via contract with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and receives administrative funds to support the expenditures; and

WHEREAS, MSHDA has allocated EHV's to the City of Lapeer for Lapeer, Tuscola and Huron Counties; and requires signature of a Memorandum of Understanding between MSHDA, the Thumb Planning Body, a local Service Provider and the City of Lapeer to define goals, roles, homeless population served, and eligible services; and will provide amendments to the 2021 HCV Administration contract for the program requirements and additional administrative fees as well as lease-up incentive fees for the City of Lapeer to properly administer the vouchers; and

WHEREAS, the HID may need to modify the existing fiscal year budget to accommodate for additional revenues and expenses for the program as well as modify MSHDA contract staff 2021 contracts to allow for additional lease up incentive and voucher issuance bonuses; and

WHEREAS, said City Commission authorizes the Director of Housing and Neighborhood Development to sign the related EHV contractual documents including the MSHDA 2021 HCV Administrative contract amendments, HID MSHDA staff 2021 contract amendments for additional bonuses, and the MSHDA EHV Memorandum of Understanding; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lapeer City Commission authorizes the City of Lapeer Housing Improvement Department's Director of Housing and Neighborhood Development signature authority to amend both the 2021 HCV Administration contract with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's (MSHDA) Rental Assistance and Homeless Solutions Division and the HID MSHDA staff 2021 contracts to accommodate for the EHV program and incentives; as well as signature authority for a local Memorandum of Understanding relating to the expectations of the EHV program on or after June 7, 2021 with potential fiscal year budget amendments for additional EHV program revenues and expenses in efforts to reach the goal of reducing homelessness.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

134 2021 06-07 2021-2022 SOLID WASTE LICENSES

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Pattison.

Approve the Solid Waste Licenses for 2021-2022 for Republic Services, Rick Rhein Disposal, GFL Environmental USA, Inc., and Deerfield Disposal.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kerbyson commented the salvage company at White Jr. High is planning on having a sidewalk/parking lot sale this weekend. They should be done early next week and vacating the building. Next the asbestos abatement team comes in and completes that phase in about 3-5 days, and then we will schedule the demolition.

Commissioner Cattane asked about the graffiti wall, can it be digitally mapped. City Manager Kerbyson indicated that we are waiting to clear the area to see if anything can be done.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Nolan stated he wanted to sing praises of Kelly Hanna, Director of Financial Services; they were in court this morning and since the reports were so diligently prepared the judge had no issue or questions and granted our motion. You have a star working for you and that makes his job easy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

135 2021 06-07 APPOINTMENT – BOARD OF REVIEW

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Cattane.

To appoint Marguerite Pope as Alternate to the Board of Review for a term to expire January 1, 2023.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Medical Marihuana Licenses Update for May 2021 was received into the record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Atwood: Had a rollercoaster week last week; Lapeer Schools Swing Out, getting back to normal; Friday Night Bikes was successful and the fire on Saturday morning was heartbreaking. Very thankful for the City staff and firefighters. First time observing something like that in person; being there for the residents and speaking to property owners. Mayor and Commissioners were at the site helping where they could. Fire Chief came back from his vacation, which says a lot about his character. Thanks to the community, businesses and residents who were bringing coolers and ice, bigger businesses were donating food and water. Fortunate there was no loss of life; very proud of the community and City staff; thank you to the other fire departments from other cities who came to help. Very impressive team effort was shown during this tragedy.

Commissioner Cattane: What a wonderful Thursday and Friday in town; Bike Night was a wonderful time with the Social District; the restaurants were hoping; retail was getting traffic; it was peaceful and wonderful. Saturday stunk! Went down to help and the City Manager had breakfast sandwiches for everyone; helped pass them out. It is a moment of tragedy yet to see the camaraderie and the beauty that can come from a tragedy. Bless the fire department and all the other fire departments for the assist and then in Oregon Township a few hours later. Hope to not have a weekend like that again. To the business owners and residents of those buildings affected by the fire, please know that better days are ahead.

Commissioner Osentoski: Ditto to what the two fellow commissioners have said, thank you to Chief Kluge and the entire fire department. City Manager Kerbyson and all the city staff involved in containing that fire; could have been bigger and could have been worse. Hopes the businesses will be able to rebuild. It was a great show of community support with all the businesses and community. Bike Night was incredible; never seen so many people downtown; it was calm, and everyone had a great time. Good report by Rick VanHaaften; good information and it is important to have the PIX and Gallery 194 in the downtown; looking forward to seeing the theater up and running in the future.

Commissioner Stroh: A tremendous weekend; great to see the Swing Out ceremony and see the traditions coming back. Bike Night, what a new and exciting event, the large number of people and no incidents was amazing. Saturday morning was another moment in history. Very concerned about the people who lived in the apartments and the families who have been displaced, this is a devastation crisis, and we need to make sure we are not forgetting that. The community will need to champion these families for a while and not forget those families. Ask that the Mayor and City Manager extend thank you to the various other communities that provided fire support formally and thank them for coming to our aid.

Commissioner Pattison: What he has learned about Lapeer, is that the worst brings out the best in this community and we saw it this weekend. Fantastic job by the Fire Department and the Police Department; as Commissioner Stroh said, we need to formally thank the other departments; put a resolution together and ask Chief Kluge that we extend our sincere hope that we never have to assist them in this situation.

City Manager Kerbyson: Chief Kluge came back from vacation rushing back from Ohio; Mr. Oliver came in from leave and was there all day; by Monday morning the streets had been swept; remaining buildings had been inspected; City staff did a great job taking care of their duties. This is a great reminder on why fire suppression is so important. We will definitely draft a letter to be sent; all the other fire departments have been publicly thanked; we can do a resolution. Just sent out the COVID report; seven new cases and no deaths.

Mayor Marquardt: Wants to thank our Fire Department and all our City departments that were involved. Wants to thank all the other fire departments that came in to assist; would appreciate writing a letter. Has a contact with Red Cross; she will be able to assist a woman and her 1-month-old baby; she has a lot of stuff for the baby. Spoke to owner of New to You Consignment and she has been contacted by 4 or 5 people looking for help with household goods; other non-profits will be assisting families as well. Asked how soon the new apartment complex on Baldwin Road will be ready; maybe some of the displaced can go there. Some of the businesses will come together to gather funds and goods for the displaced residents. Great report from the Center or the Arts and looking forward to the shows being open soon. Bike Night was a wonderful event for the downtown and the businesses; did have some noise complaints. The stores were open; vendors on the streets; brings business into town which extends beyond the downtown.

136 2021 06-07 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cattane.

Adjourn the regular meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk

Tracey S. Russell, Deputy City Clerk