

**CITY OF LINDEN**  
**Minutes for City Council Regular Meeting**  
**Held at 7pm on Monday, July 27, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor David Lossing. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited by all present. A moment of silence in memory of those who have served on behalf of the United States was observed by all.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Brad Dick, Matt Chapman, Mayor David Lossing, Ed Ciesielski, Ray Culbert, Danielle Cusson, Charlie Ross  
Absent: None  
Others Present: Paul Zelenak, City Manager and Chuck McKone, Attorney

**MINUTES**

Motion by Culbert, second by Cusson, to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2015 regular City Council Meeting. Motion carried by full yeas vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING/PRESENTATION**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Cemetery Tour
- b. Back to the Bricks
- c. Marihuana Ordinance
- d. 2015 Back to the Bricks Letter
- e. 2015 Music by the Mill Letter
- f. Farmer's Market Flyer
- g. Liquor Control Ordinance

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Barbara Thibodeau- Submitted a letter on behalf of the Linden Beautification Committee regarding the Fairview Planter. The Committee asks that a guardrail be installed to protect the planter. The Committee will not maintain the planter in the future.

Peter Ponzetti- Thanks Council for their service, for enacting the anti-discrimination ordinance, and for the new carts with Republic. I ask that Council move forward with enacting a Marijuana ordinance like Fenton ordinance, #687.

Dane Miller- Thinks search function on new website needs some tweaking. Has concerns about the condition of the roads in the City, knows that some of them are not patchable and would like to learn more about the City's long term plans.

Julie Driver- Reviewed with Council her experience with water sitting in her yard at 708 Cherry, the repairs, and lack of drainage from their yard and on their street. The City Manager met with the DPW Director last Friday and a contractor has been hired to fix the issue. She will be contacted regarding the project's timeline.

Jim Driver- expressed upset that his house wasn't given a yard drain when the road was being put in. Wants to fix this issue so he is able to sell his home. Has burned through 2 sump pumps. Doesn't like the alley and believes it hurt the value of his home.

Paul Morrison- Drivers' neighbor, wanted to confirm that there was an issue at the Drivers' house and yard. After the 10 Street project there were many homes in that area that took on water and had flooded. basements.

Chris Ash- Drivers' neighbor, when it rains yard fills with water. Spent \$7,000 for a flood.

Council would like to hear back at the next meeting regarding these issues.

## CONSENT AGENDA

None

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

### (A) CAS 41-15 Award Bid for Brick Replacement

As a result of the downtown lighting installation last year, there are several areas where brick was removed. Also, there are areas where the brick has fallen into disrepair and/or needs replacement. After soliciting bids, we received a bid from Envious Landscape (\$12,220) and H&M Landscaping, LLC (\$20,438.79).

Paul Morrison- wasn't this issue considered ahead of time?

Zelenak- Yes, it was anticipated and budgeted for.

Motion by Ciesielski, seconded by Cusson, for the City Council to award the bid to Envious Landscape of Linden for an amount not to exceed \$13,820. Motion carried by full yeas vote.

**YEAS: Cusson, Culbert, Ciesielski, Ross, Dick, Chapman, Lossing**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

### (B) CAS 42-15 Traffic Control Orders

City Manager and Police Chief have been reviewing speed limits and accident reports in the City to see if there is a correlation. Their recommendation is to lower the speed limit near Silver Lake / Broad Street Curve to 25 MPH.

Dane Miller- supports lower the speed limit, as it is difficult to turn onto Silver Lake from Hickory

Paul Morrison- It can be dangerous and is hard to pull out into traffic. There are also some bushes obstructing the view when turning off of Hickory.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Dick to adopt Traffic Control Order #95, 96, 97, 98 to change speed limits along Silver Lake Road. Motion carried by full yeas vote.

**YEAS: Culbert, Lossing, Cusson, Chapman, Ross, Dick, Ciesielski**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

### (C) CAS 43-15 MML Conference

MML Annual Convention will be in Traverse City on September 16, 17 & 18, 2015. Zelenak and Culbert will be attending.

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

**A. Back to the Bricks Event:** Wednesday, August 5th in downtown Linden from 5pm to 8pm.

**B. Main Street Program:** We are looking for residents and business owners to volunteer and sit on one of our Main Street Boards. If you know anyone who can sit on the board, please have them contact our offices.

**C. Gus Macker:** This year's event was successful, with over 120 teams, already working on next year.

**D. Farmers Market:** The Farmers Market has had more vendors and visitors than ever before.

**E. Music by the Mill:** This year's first Wednesday concert will be this coming week on the water near the Mill.

**F.** There was a small woodchip bed set on fire by cigarette butts and smoldered for hours to burn underside of bench.

## CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The State does the slow walk, so we will of course stay on top of it and keep the pace steady.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

The Council reviewed the Police Department Monthly Activity Report, Fire Department Monthly Activity Report, Building Official's Monthly Activity Report and Code Enforcement Report, Revenue and Expenditure Report for the City of Linden, and the Check Register for the City of Linden.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Cusson- Gus Macker was a good event despite the weather. The Market is off to a great start.  
Culbert- Sheri is doing a good job managing the market. Back to the Bricks needs volunteers, starting at 4pm.  
Dick- Have we looked at cut throughs like Lindenwood to put up no thru truck signs?  
Ciesielski- keep Council abreast of the 10 Street issues  
Ross- Update on the Mill Building? Zelenak- receiving report any day now  
Lossing- Glad to be back

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Motion by Ross, second by Cusson, to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$235,929.70. Motion carried by full yea vote.

**YEAS: Chapman, Ciesielski, Ross, Dick, Culbert, Lossing, Cusson**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Erica Armstrong, Deputy Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_