

CITY OF LINDEN
Minutes for City Council Work Session Meeting
Held at 7pm on June 10, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ROLL CALL

City Council Present: Mayor Danielle Cusson, Pam Howd, Ray Culbert, Dave Franz, Brenda Simons, Heather MacDermaid

Absent: Brad Dick

Others Present: Scott Sutter, Interim City Manager, Mike Gildner, City Attorney, Bev Vondra, Treasurer

IV. MINUTES

Motion by Culbert, seconded by Howd, to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2019 Regular City Council meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

V. PUBLIC HEARING/PRESENTATION

Fire Chief Brian Will presented new firefighters Dan Cusson and Steve Steele to City Council. The firefighter recently completed their firefighter academy training and will be serving the City of Linden.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Loose Senior Center Inter-Local Agreement

Council reviewed the correspondence and requested they be provided with a copy of the original will document as well as a copy of the interlocal agreement. Council also requested that, after further discussion at an upcoming Council meeting, that Carl from the Loose Center be asked to attend a Council meeting to discuss it further.

b. Special Tribute to the City of Linden Police Department

The City of Linden Police Department received a special tribute from the State of Michigan to recognize National Police Week and the Department's dutiful service.

c. 2019 AMAR Review

Council recognized receipt of a Certificate of Achievement for the City of Linden's perfect AMAR score.

d. Michigan Community Revitalization Program (MCRP) Grant Wax Real Estate Holdings, LLC - Union Block Redevelopment

VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by MacDermaid, seconded by Howd to approve the consent agenda and make appointments to the Mill Building Advisory Committee

- a. Danielle Cusson (Council Representative) (June 2020)
- b. Marguerite Plumb (HDC Representative (June 2020)
- c. Barbara Kinc
- d. aid (Historical Society Representative) (June 2020)
- e. John Hartranft (Architect) (June 2020)
- f. David Lossing (June 2020)
- g. Peter Maas (June 2020)
- h. Karen Breasbois (June 2020)

Motion carried 6-0.

IX. CAS 24-19 Resolution No. 08-09 amending Resolution No. 06-19 adopting the FY 2019-2020 Budget and Resolution No. 09-19 amending the FY 2019-2020 Budget

Due to an error in the calculation of our Headlee Rollback factor by the Genesee County Equalization Department, our new millage rate is less than expected. A factor of 10.5964 for general government operational purposes and an additional millage of 0.3859 for the purpose of mosquito control was approved for the 2019/2020 budget. The new factor for general government operational purposes is now 10.4692 and the additional millage for mosquito control is 0.3847. The total change in general fund revenue will decrease by \$13,574.00. Council reviewed the funds that are affected and the reasons for the amendments.

Motion by Howd, seconded by MacDermaid that City Council adopt Budget Resolutions No. 08-19 & No. 09-19 amending Resolution No. 06-19 setting the FY 2019-2020 millage rates and amending the FY 2019-2020 budget. Motion carried 6-0.

YEAS: MacDermaid, Franz, Simons, Culbert, Cusson, Howd

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Dick

X. DISCUSSION REGARDING PARK RULES

Council discussed creating rules for all City parks and potential other City properties. Attorney Gildner spoke about different rules existing throughout our code such as for the Cemetery etc. . . He also noted it would be beneficial for Council to state in the rules that they may be amended or new ones adopted by City Council from time to time to make them more flexible if a new issue comes up. Council requested that we consider the issues of stones being moved in the river as well as signs. Council requested the information regarding last year's recommendation from Parks and Recreation Commission.

MacDermaid brought Council a request from Parks and Recreation for trash and recycling bins to be placed in all of the parks.

XI. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council would like to discuss Loose Senior Center and Park Rules at upcoming work sessions. Additionally, Cusson requested that at a future work session Council discuss the Cemetery Veteran's Memorial and invite the public to comment on the design.

XII. MANAGER'S UPDATE

City Managers Search: The deadline for resumes is June 7th. We are currently planning to hold a special council meeting on June 19th at 6:30pm to go over the resumes. We will need to discuss what day works best for City Council to conduct the interview at Monday's meeting. We are anticipating conducting interviews either the week of July 8th or July 20th.

Council determined that the July 8th work session would be used to interview City Manager candidates, with the meeting beginning at 5PM. If necessary, interviews will continue on July 9th with the meeting beginning at 6PM. Because of the change in the work session, future agenda items will be pushed until later in the year to accommodate the City Manager hiring process.

B&B Gas Station: B&B submitted an application for HDC, which is a site plan for a new building & demoing the old one. We will be advising them that this needs to go to the planning commission first, as it is a site plan for a new building. Our City Planner, Adam Young, will be advising the B&B representatives of this.

Eagles Wooden Park Bathroom: Eagles Wooden Park Bathroom is up and running. The contractor has installed temporary toilets because they had to ship the stainless steel toilets back to the manufacturer due to them not working. We have given the contractor a punch list of items to be completed within the next 2 weeks.

Council commented regarding the need for the restroom to be cleaned and lights to be installed.

Performance by German Balletschule Feibicke: Please plan on attending the performance by the German Balletschule Feibicke on Friday, June 28th, 6:30pm, at Linden High School. This is sponsored by the Linden Arts Council.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

a. Pending Litigation: Schrock v. Genesee County et al.

Motion by Cusson, seconded by Culbert to enter into a closed session regarding pending litigation at 7:39 PM. Motion carried 6-0.

YEAS: Simons, Howd, MacDermaid, Franz, Cusson, Culbert

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Dick

Motion by Cusson, seconded by Culbert to return to open session at 8:17 PM. Motion carried 6-0.

YEAS: MacDermaid, Simons, Howd, Culbert, Franz, Cusson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Dick

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

MacDermaid commented that the driveway to the park had been graded.

Howd commented that she recently attended the MML Engineering and Environment Committee meeting.

Cusson commented regarding Small Cities and that Linden would be hosting in September. She is looking for a location as well as choosing a speaker. Additionally, she commented that the Library Book Sale was coming up on June 21st and 22nd. Further, she commented on considering a volunteer appreciation even and that she would be gone from June 20th through the 27th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Armstrong, Clerk

Approved: _____