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CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Council Chambers 201 N. Main Street

6:30pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm 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.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Danielle Cusson, Pam Howd, Heather MacDermaid, Brad Dick, Brenda Simons, Dave Franz

Absent: Ray Culbert

Also Present: Scott Sutter, Interim City Manager

Approval of Minutes

Motion by MacDermaid, supported by Dick to approve the minutes from July 22, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Simons, supported by Dick to approve the minutes from July 29, 2019 Special City Council Meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Presentations

None.

Correspondence

None.

Citizens' Comments

None.

Consent Agenda

None.

Discussion Regarding

a. Loose Center

Carl Gabrielson reviewed the existing interlocal agreement; what would happen if the Center were to fail; and is asking the Council to create a new letter of understanding between the City and the Loose Center, as 4 of the 5 municipalities have withdrawn from the interlocal agreement.

Council Members, Gabrielson and City Attorney discussed other municipalities within the interlocal agreement; the current agreement presented; purchase of land and splitting of property; City's share in the agreement; members of the corporations and the status of the Well Spring project.

Members asked Gabrielson what the proposed Well Spring project is suppose to be. Well Spring project is a condo housing and wellness center building.

Chris Kinyon asked within the local agreement, can they go along with the Well Spring project? Why do you want Linden out of the agreement?

Franz asked if someone buys the proposed housing, do they have to sell it back to the corporation if they want to get rid of it?

Bryan Mulanix asked what does dissolving the agreement allow the Loose Center to do that they can't do now?

Council members requested the Loose By-laws; Well Spring agreement and agreement with Southern Lake Park and Recreation

Cusson to amend the agenda.

b. Cemetery

Cusson reviewed the possible cemetery site plan to the council and fundraising ideas that would be done to cover the cost of changes.

Members from the VFW that were present would like to be brought up to speed and be involved in the project.

Members discussed the price; budget options; creating a committee and possibility of completing the project in phases. Council would like the City Planner to create a site plan that was more detailed.

c. Park and City Property rules/ordinance

Members discussed samples that were provided from other municipalities in the surrounding area and amending other ordinances to apply to what the Council would like for Linden. Members commented on adding rules regarding marijuana and vaping, moving of items and staying on the designated paths on city owned property.

Discussion for Future Agenda Items

Council would like to discuss goal setting at the next upcoming work session.

Manager's Update

Eagles Wooden Park: Come join the Linden Parks and Recreation Committee along with some of our great Community groups on Saturday, August 24th, from 10a to 2p, to stain the wood playscape at Eagles Wooden Park.

Back to the Bricks: This year's event was a complete success. Classic cars filled up our downtown area and beyond. Music by the Mill at the gazebo was completely packed and several thousand people had a great time in Linden. This event could not have been as successful as it was without the help of the Genesee County Sheriff's Department Reserves, volunteers, Linden Police Department, Linden Fire Department, the Linden DPW and SLPR.

National Night Out: This year's event was a complete success as well. I would like to personally thank our Treasurer, Beverly Vondra, for all the work she put into making it such a success. Several Public Safety partners from throughout southern Genesee County took part in the event. In addition to our Public Safety partners, several community organizations took part as well.

B&B Gas Station: On August 5th the Planning Commission approved the conditional rezoning, special land use and preliminary site plan applications for the B&B gas station expansion. At the August 26th City Council meeting the City Council will be able to consider the Planning Commissions recommendation as far the conditional rezoning for this expansion.

Council Comments

Simons commented that the Hodgepodge is looking into the process to obtain a liquor permit. Dick commented on Linden had some great events last week. Loose Center doesn't have a tenant to take over that portion of the program that they are proposing on adding.

Cusson thanked everyone that volunteered for the events.

Franz commented on the Taste of Fenton event happening on the same day of Linden's event.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tessa Wightman, City Clerk

Approved: _____