

CITY OF EVART
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday July 6, 2021 @ 8:00PM
Community Building at the Osceola County Fairgrounds
101 Recreation Avenue, Evert MI 49631

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chris Emerick at 8:02pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Sean Duffy, Dan Elliott, Mayor Emerick, Matt Hildebrand, Sandra Szeliga

Present (staff): City Manager Sarah Dvoracek, Interim Director of Public Works Dustin Moma, City Attorney James White, City Clerk Kathy Fiebig

Guests: Ralph and Diane Carlson, Emily Duffy, Elijah Walter

Citizens' Comments:

Ralph Carlson wondered how long residents must pay the \$1.75 surcharge for the Republic waste carts—does this fee drop off when the cart is paid for or is it in perpetuity?
Elijah Walter appreciated the 3rd of July parade but was not pleased by the float with water cannons. He felt this was uncalled for and found it to be an upsetting experience. He asked that council prohibit water cannons and pistols from future parades.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mayor Emerick to approve the agenda as presented. Support by Mr. Elliott. Motion passed with all in favor.

Consent Agenda

- B. Regular Council Minutes – June 21, 2021
- C. Special Virtual Council Minutes – June 25, 2021
- D. Requesting Approval for Budget Amendments
- E. Vendor's List \$27,757.30

Motion by Mr. Hildebrand to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Support by Mayor Emerick. Motion passed with all in favor.

Unfinished Business

- F. Schedule another Public Hearing for Rental Inspection Program (*postpone*)
- G. Riverside Park Improvements (*postpone*)
- H. Attitude Wellness – Marihuana Application Extension

Ms. Dvoracek has found an independent party to interpret the environmental testing report and will present those findings at the next regular council meeting. No action taken.

New Business

Items for Action

- I. Draft Interlocal Agreement for Providing Building Board of Appeal Services withing the City of Evert (*postpone*)
- J. Resolution 2021-15: Appointing Dustin Moma as Street Administrator

Motion by Mr. Elliott to appoint Interim Director of Public Works Dustin Moma as Street Administrator. Support by Mr. Hildebrand. Motion passed with all in favor.

K. City's List of Surplus Real Property

Ms. Dvoracek presented an updated listing of surplus property owned by the City. Negotiations are currently underway for the possible sale of several parcels. Mr. Hildebrand suggested that the City consider combining some parcels in order to make them easier to sell, and splitting the parcel along US10 by the water tower. He also noted that it might make sense to rezone the property at 402 W. 10th from industrial to residential, given that it is in a residential neighborhood. Ms. Dvoracek will take that suggestion to the Planning Commission. Motion by Mr. Hildebrand to continue marketing the surplus properties. Support by Mayor Emerick. Motion passed with all in favor.

L. Request to Purchase a 2021 Chevy Silverado Work Truck

Mr. Moma reminded council that the 2006 Ford truck used by Department of Public Works (DPW) employees is in need of a new engine, but the cost is prohibitive given other problems with the truck. He presented three quotes for a new vehicle. Motion by Mr. Duffy to authorize Mr. Moma to purchase a 2021 Chevy Silverado truck per the presented bid. Support by Ms. Szeliga. Motion passed with all in favor.

M. Request to Contract Street Sweeper

Mr. Moma pointed out that City streets have not been swept since 2015 and that allowing silt and debris to continue to be washed into the storm water system is very detrimental to the system and will eventually overwhelm it. He recommends that the streets be swept twice a year, at a minimum. Motion by Mr. Hildebrand to accept the street sweeping bid from Tri-US. Support by Mr. Elliott. Motion passed with all in favor.

N. Development Agreement with ZP 6251 LLC

Ms. Dvoracek presented council with a draft agreement. No action taken.

Department/Informational Reports (No Action Needed)

O. Accounts Payable Report (6/21/2021 – 7/6/2021)

P. Payroll Reports (6/21/2021 – 7/6/2021)

Q. Revenue and Expense Report – June 2021

City Attorney Report/Comment

Mr. White continues to work with Ms. Dvoracek and Attitude Wellness regarding the land swap and moving the Trail. They are waiting for the survey but think they have the plan finalized. The DNR has been slow to respond but has now told the City what they want the trail to look like. The Pere Marquette Snowmobile Club has been involved with the process and the trail groomer would like to see the new route staked out before giving final approval. Mr. White and Ms. Dvoracek are also meeting with Attitude Wellness about moving the dispensary from its current location to the industrial park. He mentioned that Ken Wirth purchased a piece of property behind Family Dollar that has no water and sewer, and the current easement for access to the property does not permit water and sewer lines. The neighboring property owners have no issue with the easement being changed to permit lines to be run.

City Clerk Report/Comment: none

City Manager Report/Comment

R. Evert Municipal Airport Inspection Report 2021 – FYI

S. First Contracting Weekly Report on Depot (exterior painting) – FYI

T. Labor Relations Committee Meeting Request

Ms. Dvoracek noted that the brush at the end of the airport runway must be addressed in the very near future, and she is working with Mr. Moma to determine how much of this can be done in house. Although several issues were noted during the inspection, she found the process to be informative and

the inspector was very helpful. She requested that the Labor Relations Advisory Committee (Mayor Emerick and Mr. Hildebrand) meet soon to discuss police wages. She would also like to meet with the Economic Development Committee (Mayor Emerick and Mr. Elliott). Labor Relations will meet Monday, July 12 at 4:30pm at the airport, with the Economic Development following at 5:30. She reminded council that the Downtown Development Authority Board will host a public engagement meeting with the MSU team regarding the Downtown walkability project.

Finance Director Report/Comment: Ms. Lockhart is on vacation this week.

Department of Public Works Report/Comment

Mr. Moma is trying to get a grasp on the City's big needs and is working on smaller projects in the meantime.

Police Department Report/Comment: Ms. Dvoracek gave Chief Beam permission to miss tonight's meeting.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Report/Comment:

U. DDA Receives Grant – Public Engagement Meeting scheduled for July 7, 2021 at the Osceola County Fairgrounds

V. DDA Meeting Packet – June 8, 2021

Evert Fire Department

W. Fire Department Minutes – June 2021

X. Fire Department Budget Amendments 2020-2021

Citizens' Comments: none

Motion by Mayor Emerick to adjourn. Support by Mr. Hildebrand. Motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.



 Kathy Fiebig
 City Clerk