

CITY OF EVART  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Elliott, Sherman, Keysor, Foster, Carlson

Heather Pattee, City Clerk. Zackary Szakacs, City Manager. Sarah Dvoracek, City Treasurer.

**Absent:** none.

**Guest:** Sandy Szeliger, Don Tatara II, John Tanner, Larry Lauman, Steve Petoskey, Rick Machleit, Andy Duffy, Jim White, City Attorney. Shawn Pattee

**Citizens Comments:** Shawn Pattee asked what the process will be for reassessing properties. Steve Petoskey introduced himself as the new owner of the Corner Cupboard, which he will be turning into a bike shop and restaurant.

**Amendments to the Agenda:** 1,) Will be taking the closed session off the agenda. 2.) SAW Grant 3.) OHM Consulting proposal.

Motion moved by Keysor supported by Sherman to accept the agenda with the changes. Motion passed.

Motion moved by Sherman supported by Elliott to approve the August 15, 2016 minutes. Motion passed.

**LDFA:** No report.

**DDA:** No report.

**Unfinished Business:** 1.) The City has not received any response from the State regarding the Rising Tide/ Community Development Block Grant. Will remain on unfinished business. 2.) Sandy Szeliger and Mark Wilson presented a power point regarding the preservation of the Forest Hill Cemetery. The Historical Society is asking for support in registering the Cemetery with the National Register of Historical Sites. Motion moved by Foster supported by Keysor to allow the request for registering. Motion passed. 3.) Motion moved by Foster supported by Keysor to approve requesting bids for the Hemlock Street water and sewer project and alternatives. Motion passed.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Keysor, Foster, Carlson

Nays: Elliott, Sherman,

**New Business:** 1.) Motion moved by Foster, supported by Keysor to leave the payout as it is for the Police and Fire Millage. Motion passed.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Keysor, Foster, Elliott

Nays: Carlson, Sherman

2.) The City has been awarded the SAW Grant. The SAW Grant will be moved to unfinished Business. Motion was moved by Foster supported by Keysor to release Fleece and Vanderbrink from the City's contract and authorized Zackary Szakacs, City Manager to send a letter thanking them for their services and terminating their contract with the City. Motion passed. 3.) OHM municipality project to be moved to unfinished business. 4.) OHM as a retained engineer moved to unfinished business.

Motion moved by Foster supported by Sherman to accept the vendors list. Motion passed.

**Treasurers/Assessor Report:** 1.) Is in a tax tribunal with the Evert Hotel. The Evert Hotel would like to settle out of court. Motion moved by Keysor supported by Elliott to waive the \$900.00 interest and penalties fees. Motion passed. 2.) Sarah had visited Ventra last week. 3.) City Audit begins Monday September 12, 2016.

**City Manager:** 1.) Meeting with Program Rising Tide on September 14, 2016. 2.) Meeting with Becket and Raider on September 15, 2016. To discuss several action items regarding Project Rising Tide. 3.) Wolverine Boot Co. is looking at Evert to Lease space for a satellite assembly plant. 4.) Will meet with MI Rehabilitation Services later this month.

**Police:** No Report.

**Department of Public Works/Water:** 1.) Timber Beast was a huge success. Looking to move the date up next year. 2.) Chief Beam and Sarah Bailey, Evert Elementary Principle asked for a reduction in the speed limit on Cedar St. to 15 mph. in the school zone areas. The Department of Public Works Department will be replacing the flashing light signs to signs from MDOT.

**City Attorney:** Working on Police issues, assessing issues, and Grant issues.

**Citizens Comments:** None.

Motion moved by Keysor supported by Sherman to adjourn meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion passed.