

CITY OF EVART  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 4, 2016

The council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Keysor.

Present: **Council** – Mayor, Casey Keysor, Dan Elliott, Ralph Carlson, Mayor Pro Tem BJ Foster, Gregg Sherman; **City Clerk** – Acting City Clerk Sarah Dvoracek; **City Manager** – Zack Szakacs; **City Treasurer** – Sarah Dvoracek, **City Attorney**-Jim White, **Interim Chief of Police**, John Beam

Absent: **City Clerk**, Heather Pattee (vacation)

Guests: John Tanner-OHM, John Devol-Fleis & Vandenbrink, Dave Johnson-Fleis & Vandenbrink, Sandy Szeilga, Larry Lauman, Lane Johnston, Rick Machleit, Andy Duffy-Reporter, Donald Tatara II, and Karin Armbruster-Reporter.

**Brief Public Comment:** none

**Approval of the agenda:** no additions to the agenda

**Moved by Sherman, seconded by Elliott to accept the agenda. Passed unanimously.**

**Approval of the minutes:**

Council Meeting March 21, 2016 Minutes.

**Moved by Carlson, seconded by Foster to approve the minutes stated above. Passed unanimously.**

Special Council Meeting March 21, 2016 Minutes.

**Moved by Keysor, seconded by Sherman to approve the Special Meeting Rising Tide minutes on March 21, 2016. Passed unanimously.**

**L DFA:** Melora Theunick not in attendance

**DDA:** Al Weinberg not in attendance

**Unfinished Business:**

**E. OHM—South Hemlock Street Project**

Representing engineering firm, OHM, Project Manager, John Tanner presented council with 5 cost estimates for different repair options for the South Hemlock Street Project. Tanner stated of all the options presented option 3 is most like the construction completed on S. Oak and S. Pine Street Projects. Discussion was held.

**Moved by Foster, seconded by Keysor to give OHM permission to bid out South Hemlock project with the understanding the project will only move forward depending on bid amounts and funding. Passed unanimously.**

**F. Saw Grant/Proposal**

Representing engineering firm, Fleis & Vandenbrink, John Devol and Dave Johnson presented their work plan for the initial SAW Inflow/Infiltration Evaluation. The work plan included sewer televising cleaning, smoke testing, GIS and Field Utility Mapping. Fleis & Vandenbrink suggested the City could move forward by starting the SAW Grant, (prior to the grant award) concentrating on the south side of US 10, with the Television Trailer & Equipment, Field Mapping, GIS, and Smoke Testing for an estimated payment of \$81,000.00 Johnson stated Fleis & Vandenbrink would like to take a scientific approach to the City's inflow and infiltration problems.

Council member Foster stated his biggest concern is that the City has not been officially awarded the grant. Discussion was held.

SAW Grant/Proposal will be tabled until City has officially been awarded the grant.

**G. Mead/Hunt Cross Connection Contract Renewal**

Discussion was held.

**Moved by Foster, supported by Carlson to renew Mead/Hunt Cross Connection Contract Renewal. Passed unanimously.**

**New Business:** none

**City Treasurer's Report:**

**H. Moved by Foster, seconded by Sherman to approve the Vendor's List 04/04/2016 of \$33,219.94. Passed unanimously.**

**I. Revenue/Expense Report-no discussion held**

Misc.

Dvoracek and City Manager, Szakacs, met with Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) last week to entertain a collaborative effort to give local disabled youth work experience through the city. The work group would consist of 3 to 4 high school students and a job coach. The work experience project would be an 8 week program. Jobs would be delegated through the City's DPW Director, Mark Wilson. The job coach and all wages would be federally funded.

**City Manager's Report:**

**J.** Szakacs presented emails he received from Acardis regarding the results from boring the new well between PW8 and PW9. Szakacs presented a letter from City Attorney, Jim White, a legal opinion regarding a confidential matter concerning planning and zoning. Szakacs asked council for permission to inquire about a land swap with Blarney Castle for the Ralph Gas Station property and the property behind the Sunoco building, permission was granted.

**Police Department:**

Chief Beam stated he will be attending Chief School next week in Okemos. Chief Beam's school will be funded 75% by a RAP Grant he applied for and was awarded.

**DPW:**

Mark Wilson not in attendance.

**City Attorney Report:**

White stated he has been working with Szakacs on planning and zoning concerns regarding a confidential issue. White stated he has been working with the police on legal issues.

**Brief Public Comment:** Sandy Szeilga inquired about the name of the new pocket park. Mayor Keysor told her it was Cant Hook Park which was decided at the last council meeting.

**Moved by Sherman, seconded by Foster to adjourn at 7:47 pm.**

**Sarah J. Dvoracek-Acting City Clerk/City Treasurer**

