

CITY OF EVART
REGULAR VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 20, 2020

Present: Carlson, Elloitt, Hildebrand, Joyce, Szeliga

Absent: None

Present: City Manager Sarah Dvoracek, Assistant City Manager Mark Wilson, Chief Beam, City Clerk Heather Pattee, Financial Director Pepper Lockhart, Communication Director Melissa Rohen, City Attorney Jim White, DDA Director Bryan Tiedt, Krysta Woycehoski

Guest: Members of the public

Citizens Comments: Eric Schmidt questioned the 2020 fireworks and stated the Chamber has enough time to proceed. Roger Elkins questioned the 2020 fireworks. Ashlyn Joyce stated there is not enough time to make the 2020 fireworks happen this year.

Consent Agenda:

B. Virtual City Council Minutes – April 6, 2020

C. City Council Minutes (corrected) – February 18, 2020

D. Vendors List \$72,429.12

Motion moved by Joyce with support from Hildebrand to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Elliott, Hildebrand, Joyce, Szeliga, Carlson

Nays: None.

Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda:

- Appointment of Karen Higgins to the Historic District Commission (4-year term)

Motion moved by Joyce with support to approve the agenda with additions. Motion passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hildebrand, Joyce, Szeliga, Carlson, Elliott

Nays: None.

Unfinished Business:

E. 2020 Fireworks: **Postponed** Council requested a statement from the Chamber regarding last possible date to proceed and plan if city resources would be required. Council also requested Dvoracek obtain a statement from the liability insurance company.

New Business:

- Motion moved by Szeliga with support from Carlson to appoint Karen Higgins to the Historic District Commission (4-year term). Motion passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Joyce, Szeliga, Carlson, Elliott, Hildebrand

Nays: None.

F. Motion moved by Elliott with support from Joyce to approve the request to Re-Start construction on North Oak Street subject to the Governors orders. Motion passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Szeliga, Carlson, Elliott, Hildebrand, Joyce

Nays: None

G. Motion moved by Carlson with support from Joyce to approve the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan, Transfer Agreement for the City of Ewart regarding the Local Finance Development Authority and the Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement as presented as option two in the memo to city council. Motion passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Carlson, Hildebrand, Joyce, Szeliga

Nays: None

Abstaining: Elliott

H. Motion moved by Elliott with support from Carlson to approve the 2019-2020 budget amendments. Motion passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Elliott, Hildebrand, Joyce, Szeliga, Carlson

Nays: None.

I. Draft 2020-2021 budget. There will be a virtual budget workshop meeting held April 24th at 1:00 p.m.

J. Discussion was held regarding Phase 1 Environmental now complete on vacant lots in the Industrial Park and the next steps. Council requested Dvoracek obtain a quote for an appraisal for the vacant lots.

K. Discussion regarding acceptance of property from Evart Industrial Properties, LLC. Motion moved by Joyce with support from Carlson giving permission to Dvoracek to ask Varnum Law for guidance. City Attorney Jim White will research if fees incurred can be paid by party involved. Motion passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hildebrand, Joyce, Szeliga, Carlson, Elliott

Nays: None

Informational Attachments:

L. Accounts Payable Report 4/7/20-4/20/20

M. Payroll Report 4/7/20-4/20/20

N. Cash Transaction Summary Report Feb. 2020

O. Department of Public Works Monthly Report March 2020

P. Police Department Monthly Report March 2020

Q. Arbor Day Poetry Contest

R. Perchlorate Results

Citizens Comments:

Ashlyn Joyce stated we are two months behind to pull off the fireworks for this year.

Jason O'Dell questioned if fireworks are cancelled will the party in the park and parade

be cancelled as well and will any annexations of properties go before the planning commission? Doug Derchied voiced concerns over annexations. Eric Schmidt questioned what volunteer groups Mayor Joyce has spoken too regarding the fireworks. Member of the public stated if party in the park or parade were going to be cancelled volunteer and vendors need to be notified as soon as possible. Jim Schwab questioned if the fair was cancelled this year.

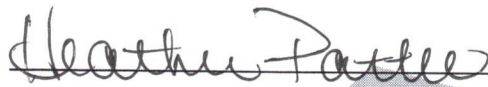
Motion moved by Joyce with support from Elliott to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Motion passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Joyce, Szeliga, Carlson, Elliott, Hildebrand

Nays: None.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather Pattee", written over a horizontal line.

Heather Pattee, City Clerk