

**CITY OF EVART  
VIRTUAL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday April 28, 2021 @ 7:30PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chris Emerick at 7:33pm.

**Present (via roll call):** Sean Duffy, City of Evart, Osceola County MI, attending remotely  
Dan Elliott, City of Evart, Osceola County MI, attending remotely  
Mayor Emerick, City of Evart, Osceola County MI, attending remotely  
Matt Hildebrand, City of Evart, Osceola County MI, attending remotely  
Sandra Szeliga, City of Evart, Osceola County MI, attending remotely

**Present (City Staff):** City Manager Sarah Dvoracek, Finance Director/Treasurer Pepper Lockhart (Meeting Host), Lead Water/Wastewater Operator Patrick Muczynski, City Clerk Kathy Fiebig

**Guests (per Zoom ID):** Laurie Chase, Ralph Carlson, Sara's iPhone, Karen Higgins

**Citizens' Comments:** none

**Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Dvoracek requested that Item D: Proposed Budget be moved to the end of New Business. Motion by Mayor Emerick to approve the agenda with this change. Support by Mr. Duffy. Motion passed with a roll call vote; all were in favor.

**New Business**

**B. Proposals for 11<sup>th</sup> Street Lift Station to rebuild pumps**

Ms. Dvoracek reminded council that these pumps are a critical component in the sewage system. Installed in 2006, they have never been rebuilt and failure would be catastrophic. Mr. Muczynski reviewed the three bids received and gave a brief description of the work involved. He recommended accepting the bid from Dubois-Cooper, the only bidder that included both pumps. Their technicians will rebuild the first pump on site and train Mr. Muczynski to rebuild the second. Motion by Mr. Hildebrand to accept the bid from Dubois-Cooper. Support by Mr. Duffy. Motion passed with a roll call vote; all were in favor.

**C. Resolution 2021-12 to approve Point Broadband's request to install device on City Right of Way near South Cherry Street**

Ms. Dvoracek feels a survey should be made of the proposed site to ensure that it is City owned property. This area is not attached to a parcel so has no legal description. Mr. Elliott expressed concern that that easement is "in perpetuity" and would prefer a clause ending it if Point Broadband ceases operation. He questioned the clause giving "aerial rights", as well. Motion by Mr. Duffy to approve Resolution 2021-12 with the stipulation that Point Broadband must provide a survey of the site at their expense. Support by Ms. Szeliga. Motion passed with a roll call vote: Mr. Hildebrand, Ms. Szeliga, Mr. Duffy and Mayor Emerick were in favor; Mr. Elliott was opposed.

**E. Cemetery Storage Building Repair Quote**

Ms. Dvoracek reminded council that this is an insurance claim and the City will only pay the \$1,000 deductible. She was unable to obtain three bids as required by the Purchasing Policy and remarked that the Policy does not address insurance claims. Due to the difficulty in obtaining bids, she requested that council waive the three bid requirement. Motion by Mr.

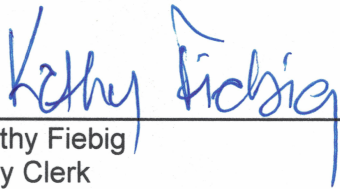
Hildebrand to accept the quote. Support by Mr. Duffy. Motion passed with a roll call vote; all were in favor.

**D. Proposed 2021-2022 Budget (Work Session)**

Ms. Dvoracek reminded council that per City Charter, a budget must be approved by the second regular council meeting in May. She stated that this draft is very preliminary as she and Ms. Lockhart are still working with Baker-Tilley on the water and sewer rate study. There are many variables to be considered this year due to the slowdown due to COVID-19 during 2020, the closing of Vitro and the sale of Nestle Ice Mountain. The expansion of the grow facility at Lume may increase water usage there. Baker-Tilley will present at the next regular meeting on May 3 and will answer questions then. Ms. Dvoracek and Ms. Lockhart led a discussion on each fund. A second budget workshop was set for Thursday, May 6, at 7:30pm.

Motion by Mr. Hildebrand to adjourn. Support by Mayor Emerick. Motion carried with a roll call vote; all were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10pm.

  
Kathy Fiebig  
City Clerk