

**CITY OF EVART
SPECIAL VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday May 27, 2021 @ 12:39PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chris Emerick at 12:30pm.

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

Absent: Matt Hildebrand, Sean Duffy

Present (City staff): City Manager Sarah Dvoracek, Finance Director/Treasurer Pepper Lockhart (Meeting Host), City Clerk/Interim Public Works Administrator Kathy Fiebig

Guests: John Tanner (OHM Engineering)

PUBLIC HEARING: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/Water Related Infrastructure

Mayor Emerick called the Public Hearing to order at 12:31pm. John Tanner of OHM Engineering reviewed the projects that had been added to the grant request: replacing the Ferric Chloride pump, installing an upgraded SCADA system, and replacing and doing maintenance on lift station equipment. All projects submitted in the grant are related to wastewater plant and lift station upgrades. All projects benefit all City residents and are included in the Capital Improvement Plan. There were no citizen comments. Mayor Emerick closed the Public Hearing at 12:40pm.

Citizens' Comments: none

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mayor Emerick to approve the agenda as presented. Support by Ms. Szeliga. Motion passed with a roll call vote; all were in favor.

Unfinished Business

B. Resolution 2021-14 Approve the Community Development Block Grant for Water-Related Infrastructure Including Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

Motion by Ms. Szeliga to approve Resolution 2021-14. Support by Mr. Elliott. Motion passed with a roll call vote; all were in favor.

C. Depot Wood Floor Refinishing Bids (Clarification on Bids)

Council had noted a discrepancy in the square footage amounts between the two bids presented at the last regular council meeting. Ms. Fiebig measured the floor space and agreed that the footage in the Cooper WoodCraft bid was high. Mr. Cooper explained that he had estimated high due to the floor areas that have buckled and will require hand sanding. Ms. Fiebig also asked both bidders if they would be willing to split the two areas, completing the east end now and returning in October after the Farmers Market closes to do the west end. This will allow the bathrooms to be open during Market. Both were willing to do so although Wolverine preferred to do both at the same time due to the commute from Grand Rapids. Motion by Mr. Elliott to accept the Cooper WoodCraft bid, preferring to keep the business local. Support by Ms. Szeliga. Motion passed with a roll call vote; all were in favor.

D. Electrical Repairs at Riverside West Pavilions

Ms. Fiebig reported that the electrical system serving the two pavilions has deteriorated to the point of being dangerous. She requested that council waive the three-bid requirement as the public is requesting to reserve the pavilions now, and she does not believe these repairs should be delayed. Ms. Szeliga questioned the "Member Savings" line item. City of Ewart has done enough business with Mr. Electric to receive their Advantage Plan, which gives an automatic discount and an extended warranty with all bids. Motion by Mr. Elliott to accept the bid as presented for electrical repairs at Riverside West. Support by Ms. Szeliga. Motion passed with a roll call vote; all were in favor.

New Business

Items for Action

E. U.S Department of Justice Grant

Chief of Police Beam and Ms. Dvoracek have considered applying for this grant in the amount of \$85,000 to be used to hire a new entry level police officer. The grant would pay 75% of the officer's salary for three years and the City would pay the other 25%. The City would be required to pay a fourth year from City funds. Since the grant must be submitted by mid June, Ms. Dvoracek recommended hiring a grant writer. No action was taken.

Citizens' Comments: none

Motion by Mayor Emerick to adjourn. Support by Mr. Elliott. Motion passed with a roll call vote; all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:07pm.



Kathy Fiebig
City Clerk