

**CITY OF EVART
REGULAR VIRTUAL COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, January 4, 2021 @ 7:30PM**

Mayor Chris Emerick called the meeting to order at 8:01pm.

Present (via roll call): Sean Duffy, Dan Elliott, Mayor Emerick, Matt Hildebrand, Sandy Szeliga

Present: City Manager Sarah Dvoracek, Finance Director/Treasurer (Meeting Host) Pepper Lockhart, City Attorney James White, City Clerk Kathy Fiebig

Guests (per Zoom ID's): Janet's iPad, Angela, iPad, Ralph Carlson, Laurie Chase, John, Jim Blais, David, 231****096

Citizens' Comments: none

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

B. Regular Virtual Council Minutes – December 21, 2020

C. Vendor's List (1/4/2021) \$54,542.22

Motion by Mr. Hildebrand to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Support by Mayor Emerick. Motion passed with a roll call vote; all were in favor.

Unfinished Business

D. Draft Ordinance – Housing Code

E. Riverside Park Improvements

Both items were postponed.

New Business

Items for Action

F. Planning Commission Recommendation to Approve Special Use Permit for 901. W. 7th St. Motion by Mr. Elliott to approve the Special Use Permit. Support by Mr. Hildebrand. Motion passed with a roll call vote; all were in favor.

G. Adoption of Major Ordinance Changes in Recodification Project

1. New Dog Ordinance Language
2. New Special Events Language
3. New Noise Ordinance Language
4. New and Revised Weeds, Grass Language
5. New Camping Prohibited Language

Ms. Dvoracek requested that council consider delaying a vote on #3 New Noise Ordinance as Chief Beam has done further research on decibel meters. He has discussed the language with the County Prosecutor and has been told it could be difficult to enforce so would like to revise the language further. She also advised council that there has been no public comment on any of the new ordinances.

Motion by Mr. Hildebrand to approve items #1, 2, 4 & 5 as presented, with no action to be taken on item #3. Support by Ms. Szeliga. Motion passed with a roll call vote; all were in favor.

Department/Informational Reports (No Action Needed)

H. Accounts Payable Report (12/22/2020-1/4/2021)

I. Payroll Reports (12/22/2020-1/4/2021)

J. Revenue & Expense Report – December 2020

City Attorney Report/Comment

Mr. White and Ms. Dvoracek have been working on the matter discussed in closed session on December 21, 2020 and he will have more information for council at the next meeting.

City Manager Report/Comment

Ms. Dvoracek intends to ask the DNR to extend the light permit for the Muskegon River bridge as she would like to see it lit permanently.

Finance Director Report/Comment

Ms. Lockhart is working with Ms. Dvoracek on mid-year budget amendments.

Department of Public Works Report/Comment

Mr. Wilson is on vacation this week.

Police Department Report/Comment


Given the brevity of the agenda, Ms. Dvoracek gave Chief Beam the evening off.

Downtown Development Authority Report/Comment

Mr. Kehoe was absent.

Citizens' Comments: John remarked that he would like to see the DPW crew plow and sand all city streets as thoroughly as Main Street. He believes some side streets are a safety issue for both drivers and pedestrians.

Motion by Mayor Emerick to adjourn. Support by Mr. Hildebrand. Motion passed with a roll call vote; all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.


 Kathy Fiebig, City Clerk