

CITY OF EVART
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 19, 2019

This regular council meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Joyce.

Present: Carlson, Elliott, Hildebrand, Joyce, Szeliga

Present: City Manager Sarah Dvoracek, DPW/Zoning Director Mark Wilson, City Clerk Heather Pattee, Chief Beam, City Attorney Jim White, LDFA Director Melora Thuenick

Absent: DDA Director Bryan Tiedt

Guest: Larry Lauman, Jon Nailor, Helen Young, Diane Carlson, Karen Higgins, Vanessa Jones, Jane Hutchinson, Rhonda Huff, Mike Fulton, Deb Booher, Jennifer Joyce, Susanne Bieri, Karen Hodges, John Lorenz, Arnie Dodde, Bill Bradley, Sandra Keller, Mona Lou Crawford, Ron Woycehoski

Citizens Comments: Jon Nailor had concerns about notifications for open meetings.

Public Hearing-Zoning Variance/Library Sign was opened at 7:05 p.m.

Discussion was held. No public comments. Motion moved by Joyce with support from Carlson to approve the variance for the library sign. Motion passed

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hildebrand, Joyce, Elliott, Szeliga, Carlson

Nays: None.

Public Hearing closed at 7:12 p.m.

Public Hearing-Plant Rehabilitation District Request/Ventra Evart, LLC. Was open at 7:12 p.m.

Discussion was held. Jon Nailor asked for clarification regarding the tax abatement. Motion was moved to approve Ventra's request for rehabilitation district. Motion passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Joyce Elliott, Szeliga, Carlson, Hildebrand

Nays: None.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:21 p.m.

Public Hearing-Discontinuance of water services due to nonpayment of utility billing was opened at 7:21 p.m.

Discussion was held.

Public Comments: Arnie Dodde asked for clarification on how it would affect landlords. Ron Woycehoski informed council he believed it would create more evictions. Jon Nalior asked for clarification on liabilities. Bill Bradley's opinion is to leave it as it is now. John Lorenz would like for the city to decide on the dollar amount for a landlord/tenant deposit if that is the route taken. Mona Lou Crawford would like notifications to the landlords if tenants are behind.

Public Hearing was closed at 7: 44 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda: 1.) Airport courtesy vehicle. 2.) Fire Departments 2020 Chevy Tahoe Lease. 3.) Discontinuance of Water services.

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

Motion moved by Carlson with support from Hildebrand to approve the August 5, 2019 minutes with corrections. Motion passed.

FYI's 1.) Planning commission meeting minutes 2.) Special planning commission meeting minutes. 3.) DDA Minutes 4.) LDFA minutes.

Unfinished Business: 1.) DDA's request to change the sign ordinance will be tabled. 2.) LDFA 2019/20 budget will be tabled. 3.) Motion moved by Joyce with support from Hildebrand to seek alternative legal advice on the LDFA's Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan (MERS). Motion passed.

New Business: 1.) Motion moved by Hildebrand with support from Szeliga to approve the purchase of an airport courtesy vehicle in the amount of \$4250.00. Motion passed. 2.) Motion moved by Joyce with support to approve the Fire Departments request to lease a 2020 Chevy Tahoe. Motion passed. 3.) Discontinuance of water service due to nonpayment of utility bill will be tabled.

Treasurers Report: 1.) Motion moved by Joyce with support from Elliot to approve the vendors list in the amount of \$ 51,073.51. Motion passed. 2.) FYI-accounts payable/payroll and the summary of funds.

Assessors Report: David was in the office today (8/19/2019) and field work will begin in September.

City Manager: 1.) An updated list of Boards and Committees will be available at the next meeting. 2.) Looking for contractors for the neighborhood enhancement program. 3.) Sarah will be accepting the check Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 10:30 am and extended an invitation to council members to attend. 4.) Looking for members to be on the Historic Commission. 5.) Met with Kim, from DeStigter Architecture, on the drawings

for the Depot and met with Betsy, with MDOT Aeronautics, regarding aviation. 6.) Audit with Teamsters Union will begin tomorrow, August 20, 2019.0

Department of Public Works/Water/Zoning: None

Police Department: 1.) Presented the guardian light recently purchased.

Downtown Development Authority: None.

Local Development Finance Authority: 1.) Working on finding creation documents regarding MERS.

City Attorney: 1.) Working on Public Hearing information.

Reminder the next meeting will be held on Tuesday September 3, 2019

Citizens Comments: None.

Motion moved by Joyce with support from Hildebrand to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Motion passed.


Heather Pattee, City Clerk