

CITY OF EVART  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joyce at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Carlson, Elliott, Joyce, Szeliga

**Present:** City Manager Sarah Dvoracek, City Clerk Heather Pattee, DPW/Water/Zoning Director Mark Wilson, DDA Director Bryan Tiedt, Chief Beam, LDFA Director Melora Thuenick.

**Absent:** Hildebrand

**Absent:** City Attorney Jim White.

**Guest:** Diane Carlson, Karen Copeman, Kathy Fiebig, Jon Nailor, Mechelle Farrell, Scott Farrell, Jason O'Dell, Cindy Bullock, Sandra Keller, Dan Kleeves, Larry Lauman, Jim Swab, Ryan Douglas, Travis Douglas, Mike Fulton, Roger Elkins, Howard Bowen, Pam Bowen, Priscilla Foerst, Nancy Lashway-Bokina

**Citizens Comments:** Roger Elkins (815 N. Pine) had questions regarding the last meeting minutes and questions regarding the LDFA's budget being six months overdue. Jon Nailor (528 N. Oak) had questions regarding the Marijuana Ordinance change and questioned if the stop signs on Oak Street will be put back up. Dan Kleeves (420 N. Cherry) had concerns regarding the Marijuana Ordinance. Howard Bowen (513 6<sup>th</sup> St.) had concerns regarding the Marijuana Ordinance. Jim Swab (423 N. Cherry) thanked everyone involved in the Christmas carnival and the tree lighting ceremony, and also voiced concerns regarding the Marijuana Ordinance. Kathy Fiebig (414 N. Cedar St.) voiced support for the Marijuana Ordinance.

*PUBLIC HEARING- Regarding the North Oak St, Special Assessment began at 7:11 p.m.*

*Citizens Comments: Jon Nailor asked for clarification regarding an assessment. Dan Bushroe had concerns regarding sidewalks and the payment of them. Bill Bradley questioned if the assessment was posted before or after the project began.*

*PUBLIC HEARING- Closed at 7:20 p.m.*

Amendments to the Agenda: 1.) Resolution 2019-36 / Michigan Historic Preservation Network-MI Impact Local Resolution (Support of the Reinstatement of State Historic Tax Credits).

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

Motion moved by Carlson with support from Szeliga to approve the December 2, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

FYI's – DDA minutes, LDFA minutes.

Will Thompson-Further explanation of Marihuana Facilities Ordinance/Recreational Sales moved to the end of the agenda.

**Unfinished Business:** 1.) Motion moved by Elliott with support from Szeliga to approve the Labor Relations Boards recommendation to give the two administrative assistants a 5 % increase in their wages and a back-date increase to Dec. 2, 2019. Letter was given to Council on Dec. 2, 2019 packets and was overlooked. Motion passed. 2.) LDFA request to rezone portion of the industrial park-Tabled.

**New Business:** 1.) Motion to approve Resolution 2019-36 Michigan Historic Preservation Network – MI Impact Local Resolution City of Ewart moved by Elliott with support from Joyce. Motion passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Joyce, Elliott, Szeliga, Carlson

Nays: None.

Absent: Hildebrand

2.) Motion moved by Elliott with support from Carlson to approve the Ewart Historic District Study Committee Report. Motion passed. 3.) Motion moved by Joyce with support from Szeliga to approve Travis Douglas to the Pay Commission with a term of one year. Motion passed. 4.) Motion moved by Elliott with support from Carlson to appoint Donald Maddern to the Board of Review with a two-year term. Motion passed. 5.) Fire Boards response letter from the City's notification letter regarding ready to serve fees-Tabled. 6.) Mutual Aid Law Enforcement Agreement removed from the agenda.

**Treasurers Report:** 1.) Motion moved by Joyce with support from Szeliga to approve the vendors list in the amount of \$ 148,003.93. Motion passed. 2.) FYI's – Accounts payable report, payroll report and the summary of funds that will be given to council at the next meeting.

**Assessors Report:** Board of Review will meet December 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the airport.

**City Managers Report:** 1.) Thank you to Council for attending the Strategic Planning meeting. 2.) Council approved to change the start of Council meetings for 2020 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Department of Public Works/Water/Zoning Report.** 1.) Looking into the lower Nestle Water purchase of water.

**Police Report:** None.

**Downtown Development Authority Report:** None.


**Local Development Finance Authority Report:** None.

**City Attorney Report:** None.

**Citizens Comments:** Jon Nailor questioned parking ordinance for North Oak Street. Dan Kleeves had questions regarding water rates. Lynn Salinas questioned what meeting the ordinance changed from opting out of recreational Marijuana to opting in. Jason O'Dell voiced concerns about Marijuana in the DDA District and if there are any plans for programs regarding Marijuana and school aged children. Jim Swab also voiced concerns regarding Marijuana and the DDA District. Shannon Schmidt questioned posting only about the Medical Marijuana not the recreational. Dan Kleeves asked for clarification on any programs regarding Marijuana. Dan Bushroe asked for clarification on special assessments. Howard Bowen had questions on future street projects and concerns about Marijuana in the City of Evert. Shannon Schmidt questioned if the City had any plans to assist the Police Department with any educational programs regarding Marijuana. Jason O'Dell asked for clarification if Council could change the Marijuana Ordinance. Chris Emerick (125 N. Main) asked for clarification regarding posting on Marijuana.

Questions and answers for Attorney Will Thompson – Further explanation of Marihuana Facilities Ordinance/Recreational sales.

Motion moved by Joyce with support from Elliott to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Motion passed.

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

Heather Pattee, City Clerk