

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, August 15, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gilmer at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Kathy Misner, Ryan Wieber, Cyndi Trobeck and Stacey Withee. Absent: None. Also present City Manager Beard.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Regular Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2016, were approved as submitted.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

I. PRESENTATIONS:

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF VARIOUS REQUESTS FROM THE OTSEGO-PLAINWELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

Tina Wellington of the Chamber was in attendance to answer questions regarding the event. Commissioner Trobeck moved to grant the various requests from the Otsego-Plainwell Chamber of Commerce for the Creative Arts Festival including permission for the Boy Scouts to have an open fire on September 24, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Misner. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF OTSEGO FLEXIBLE SPENDING PLAN

Manager Beard gave a brief explanation of the proposed amendment which will now call out the additional \$2.00/hour compensation, if an employee does not use the City's health insurance. He stated that this is called out in the Union Agreements and Personnel Policy, but had not been included in this plan. Commissioner Withee moved to approve the amendment to the City of Otsego Flexible Spending Plan, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Wieber. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. AGREEMENTS

A. CONSIDERATION OF LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE OTSEGO-PLAINWELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE USE OF VARIOUS CITY STREETS, SIDEWALKS & CERTAIN OTHER PROPERTIES FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

Commissioner Wieber moved to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Otsego-Plainwell Chamber of Commerce for the use of various City streets, sidewalks, and certain other properties for the Creative Arts Festival on September 24, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Trobeck. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. He gave updates on the following: Vicinia Gardens Open House; the South Farmer Street Progress Meeting; survey work on Helen Ave.; and the City's new website which is now on-line.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Wieber – he commented that the flowers are beautiful in the downtown this year. He complimented the dedicated flower staff.

Commissioner Trobeck –she echoed the appreciation of the downtown flowers. She stated that Steins and Vines will be held on Saturday from 4pm until 8pm, rain or shine.

Commissioner Withee – she wanted to formally thank the citizens of Otsego for passing the Public Safety Millage.

Mayor Gilmer – he echoed Commissioner Withee's comment, as now the City can plan for the future and it is appreciated. He commented that it would be wonderful if the Commission attended the Vicinia Gardens Open House. He welcomed his grandson, Gabe who was visiting from Japan. He thanked the audience for attending.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Misner, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED – 8:20 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk