

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, September 19, 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 September 6, 2016, were approved as submitted.

## **REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS**

### **I. PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **A. FIRE DEPARTMENT PINNING CEREMONY FOR CAPTAIN SCOTT PARSONS; LIEUTENANT TIMOTHY SHEIBELS; AND LIEUTENANT TAYLOR KNIGHT**

Otsego Fire Chief Weber introduced Firefighters Parsons, Knight and Sheibels. He shared their credentials, training and experience on the Otsego Fire Department. The City Clerk swore in Lieutenant Parsons as a Captain of the Otsego Fire Department; Firefighter Sheibels as a Lieutenant of the Otsego Fire Department; and Firefighter Taylor Knight as a Lieutenant of the Otsego Fire Department. At this time, Chief Weber pinned on their collar brass and family members pinned on their badges. The Commission congratulated the new Officers.

### **II. PUBLIC HEARING:**

### **III. PLANNING AND ZONING:**

### **IV. ORDINANCES:**

### **V. REQUESTS:**

#### **A. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE OTSEGO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL TO HOLD A HOMECOMING PARADE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016, AT 5:45 P.M.**

Manager Beard explained the new route due to the construction on Farmer Street. The Parade will go down Kalamazoo Street to Morrell Street, then follow the normal route. Commissioner Trobeck moved to grant the request from the Otsego High School Student Council to hold a Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 7, 2016, at 5:45 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Misner. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **B. CONSIDERATION OF THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SERGEANT'S POSITION**

Manager Beard explained that the sergeant position was requested to be reinstated with the passing of the Public Safety Millage. Commissioner Wieber moved to reinstate the Police Department's Sergeant Position, effective September 1, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **VI. AGREEMENTS**

### **A. CONSIDERATION OF A SURCHARGE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH ALLEGAN COUNTY FOR RECYCLING**

Manager Beard explained that the agreement was to continue the relationship with the county to administer the twenty-five dollar surcharge for recycling activities. He stated that the amount of the surcharge will remain at twenty-five dollars per household. Commissioner Misner moved to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Surcharge Interlocal Agreement with Allegan County for Recycling, seconded by Commissioner Trobeck. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **VII. RESOLUTIONS:**

### **A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-29, A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVES**

Commissioner Withee offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Wieber.

**CITY OF OTSEGO  
MICHIGAN  
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-29**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVES**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Local Government Association (MLGMA) is the state affiliate of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors and Membership of the MLGMA have conducted a vast overhaul to create a new branding image under the new name Michigan Municipal Executives, and

WHEREAS, the mission statement of the Michigan Municipal Executives is, "Michigan's Municipal Executives are dedicated to keeping communities running smoothly. By doing all of the things large and small, we are stewards of our communities, working in the background to make sure your home is highly livable, highly desirable, and built on solid ground for the future. We make Michigan's communities go.", and

WHEREAS, Michigan Municipal Executives seek to support optimistic, humble, adaptable, and driven municipal executives through professional development and other resources, and

WHEREAS, your local government manager or administrator, acting in his/her role as Chief Administrator Officer of the community, does so in the best interest of the overall community to create the highest quality of life for all of its citizens, and

WHEREAS, the City of Otsego Commission do hereby support the Michigan Municipal Executives in their efforts to develop the municipal executive career and support municipal executives throughout the state.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Otsego Commission does hereby recognize Michigan Municipal Executives and support the organization for the professional development and extraordinary services provided to professional managers throughout the State of Michigan.

YEAS: Commissioners: Tom Gilmer, Kathy Misner, Ryan Wieber, Cyndi Trobeck and Stacey Withee.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

**VIII. APPOINTMENTS:**

**IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. He gave updates on the following: Creative Arts Festival and Parade; South Farmer Street Construction update; no Planning Commission Meeting this month; replacement of "Welcome to Otsego" signs; and the status of the road repair on Dix Street.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Trobeck – she announced that Main Street's Hometown Christmas will take place on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Riverwalk Fall Festival on October 9<sup>th</sup>, and Autumn Bliss on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Withee – she commended the Fire Department for having excellent people to be promoted. She commented that she loves having the ceremony at the Commission Meeting. She also commented that she liked Chief Weber's personal comments for each of the new officers.

Mayor Gilmer – he concurred with Commissioner Withee's comments. He commented that it is nice to have such young, knowledgeable new members on the Fire Department. He announced that two Eley Acre lots were recently sold. He thanked the audience for attending.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Misner, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED – 7:43 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC  
City Clerk