

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, October 3, 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 19, 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 A REQUEST FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOLD THE ANNUAL "TRAIL FOR TREATERS" IN THE DOWNTOWN ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016, AS PRESENTED

Commissioner Misner moved to grant the request of the Chamber of Commerce to hold the Annual "Trail for Treaters" in the downtown on Monday, October 31, 2016, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Trobeck. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. AGREEMENTS

A. CONSIDERATION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE OTSEGO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR USE OF THE SIDEWALK IN THE 100 AND 200 BLOCKS OF EAST AND WEST ALLEGAN STREET, 100 BLOCK OF NORTH AND SOUTH FARMER STREET, FOR THE "TRAIL FOR TREATERS" ON OCTOBER 31, 2016

Commissioner Withee moved to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Otsego Chamber of Commerce for the use of the sidewalk in the 100 and 200 Blocks of East and West Allegan Street, 100 and 200 Blocks of North and South Farmer Street, for the "Trail for Treaters", on October 31, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Wieber. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE WWTP CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND FUNDING

Luke Keyzer, Waste Water Treatment Plant Supervisor was in attendance to review possible future Capital Improvements at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He reviewed the current system processes and the prioritized future needs. He explained that many of the buildings/equipment is from either 1954 or 1989, which needs to be upgraded. He explained that City is prequalified for the State Revolving Fund Loan at a rate of two percent. Manager Beard reviewed the possible rate increase for the repayment of the loan. He explained that the City is in the process of seeking qualifications from engineering companies for the waste water facility improvements. The Commission had a lengthy conversation on gradually increasing rates and the individual projects outlined in the plan.

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. He gave updates on the following: South Farmer Street Construction update; Homecoming Parade on October 7th, at 5:45 p.m.; Audit presentation will be at the next meeting (the City received an unqualified audit); October 9th – Riverwalk Main Street Event; and October 15th – Autumn Bliss.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Wieber – he thanked WWTP Supervisor Keyzer for his fascinating, intriguing presentation.

Commissioner Trobeck – she thank WWTP Supervisor Keyzer and his staff. Manager Beard summarized that the City is very fortunate to have the staff and Commission, which works great together and likes their jobs.

Commissioner Withee – she thanked WWTP Supervisor Keyzer for explaining the process. She thanked Manager Beard for the updates regarding Dix Street.

Mayor Gilmer – he thanked WWTP Supervisor Keyzer for the presentation. He encouraged anyone to see the process, as it is good to know the steps/process. He thanked the audience for attending.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Misner, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED – 7:46 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk