

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, October 17, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gilmer at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Kathy Misner, Cyndi Trobeck and Stacey Withee. Absent: Ryan Wieber. Also present City Manager Beard.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Trobeck moved to excuse Commissioner Wieber, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED.

The Regular Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2016, were approved as submitted.

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

### **I. PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **A. PRESENTATION BY SIEGFRIED & CRANDALL OF THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT**

Mr. Dan Veldhuizen from Siegfried & Crandall was in attendance to review the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Audit. He complimented Finance Director Storbeck and his staff for again successfully preparing the financial statements. He stated that he is appreciative of the relationship with the City and staff. He stated that the City had received an unmodified opinion, with no adjustments. He summarized and reviewed the audit with the Commission. He commented that it is an accomplishment to have an unmodified opinion with no adjustments, and the City of Otsego was the only municipality that they audit that has accomplished this. He also indicated that the City has twenty-seven percent fund balance which is a good percentage, as the typical is fifteen to seventeen percent. In conclusion, he remarked that the City has good control, good employees and an excellent report. Mayor Gilmer thanked Mr. Veldhuizen and Finance Director Storbeck for the great job they both do.

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

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

### **IV. ORDINANCES:**

### **V. REQUESTS:**

#### **A. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE OTSEGO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TO DISPLAY A SANDWICH BOARD SIGN IN THE DOWNTOWN FOUR CORNERS FROM OCTOBER 30, 2016 UNTIL NOVEMBER 2, 2016, ADVERTISING THEIR 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HARVEST MISSION FESTIVAL**

Commissioner Misner moved to grant the request from the Otsego United Methodist Church to display a sandwich board sign in the downtown four corners from October 30, 2016, until November 2, 2016, advertising their 70th Annual Harvest Mission Dinner, seconded by Commissioner Trobeck. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**VI. AGREEMENTS**

**VII. RESOLUTIONS:**

**VIII. APPOINTMENTS:**

- A. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF JAYSON ENNIS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MARYLN LANGEANCE TERM TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 2019

Commissioner Withee moved to affirm the Mayor's appointment of Jayson Ennis to the Planning Commission, to fill the unexpired term of Maryln Langeance, term to expire November 2019, seconded by Commissioner Misner. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- B. CONSIDERATION OF RE-APPOINTMENT OF RIC SAUCEDO TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TERM TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 2019

Commissioner Trobeck moved to affirm the Mayor's re-appointment of Ric Saucedo to the Planning Commission, term to expire November 2019, seconded by Commissioner Misner. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- C. CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MARYLN LANGEANCE TO THE LOCAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION BOARD TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF LANA MASON TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2019

Commissioner Trobeck moved to affirm the Mayor's appointment of Maryln Langeance to the Local officers Compensation Board to fill the unexpired term of Lana Mason, term to expire December 31, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- D. CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF SUE CRAMER TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF CASIE DUSSIA TERM TO EXPIRE JULY 1, 2018

Commissioner Misner moved to affirm the Mayor's appointment of Sue Cramer to the Downtown Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Casie Dussia, term to expire July 1, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. He gave updates on the following: State of Michigan audit request; recycling event on October 22<sup>nd</sup>; water main break on M-89; Waste Water Treatment SRF funding schedule; South Farmer Street construction update; Main Street Design meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> with MDOT; and there will be three City Commission meetings in November.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Wilma Nunemaker, 358 W River – she asked if the site plan had been received for the Bleeker building on W. River Street, as she was curious where the entrance would be placed. Manager Beard indicated that the proposed entrance is on John Street. Manager Beard commented that he is reviewing the plans and they will be presented to the Planning Commission at their next meeting. She gave a brief history of the area. She also complimented that volunteers who placed the fall decorations in the downtown, as the City looks very nice. She stated that she also enjoyed the flowers in the downtown this year. She complimented the Waste Water Treatment Supervisor, Luke Keyzer for his presentation at the last meeting, stating that he was a brilliant young man with a wonderful staff.

## **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Misner – she commented that since she has been on the Commission she has never heard anything other than a positive report from the auditors, which is unique. She stated that she is thankful for Treasurer Storbeck and thanked him for all he does.

Commissioner Withee – she expressed kudos to Treasurer Storbeck and his staff, as she is truly impressed by what they do.

Commissioner Trobeck – she also thanked Treasurer Storbeck. She commented that we should not have the expectations that people have to be perfect. She also complimented Officer LaLone for assisting a missing person and for waiting with him until his family arrived. Manager Beard also commented that the family of the missing person wrote a very nice letter to Chief Konkle.

Mayor Gilmer – he applauded Treasurer Storbeck and expressed how pleased the Commission is that even though the auditors attempt to find “something” in our audit, they are not able to do it. He thanked the audience for attending.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Misner, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED – 7:58 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC  
City Clerk