

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, August 7, 2017.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Trobeck at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Nick Breedveld, Ryan Wieber, Tom Gilmer and Stacey Withee. Absent: None. Also present: City Manager Beard; Fire Chief Weber; Finance Director Storbeck; and Chief Konkle.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Regular Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2017, were approved as submitted.

Commissioner Gilmer moved to amend the agenda to include - Proclamation No. 2017-01 – A Proclamation for the United Methodist Church – 175 Years; and Proclamation No. 2017-02 – A Proclamation for the Seventh-Day Adventist Church – 150 Years, seconded by Commissioner Wieber. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. PRESENTATIONS:

A. PRESENTATION BY FIRE CHIEF WEBER

Chief Weber assembled a detailed presentation and clarified the need for the four minute response time for the Commission. Chief Weber also provided statistical information regarding calls, response times, locations, comparison to other departments, and potential staffing options. He answered questions of the Commission. The Commission thanked Chief Weber and the Fire Department Officers for attending the meeting.

B. PROCLAMATION NO. 2017-01 – A PROCLAMATION FOR THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 175 YEARS

Mayor Trobeck read Proclamation No. 2017-01 – a Proclamation for the United Methodist Church’s 175 Years. Mayor Trobeck will present the Proclamation at their celebration on August 13th.

C. PROCLAMATION NO. 2017-02 – A PROCLAMATION FOR THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH – 150 YEARS

Mayor Trobeck read Proclamation No. 2017-02 – a Proclamation for the Seventh-Day Adventist Church’s 150 Years. Mayor Trobeck will present the proclamation to the pastor.

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TO HOLD A PICNIC/CONCERT AT BROOKSIDE PARK ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

Commissioner Withee moved to grant the request from the United Methodist Church to hold a picnic/Concert at Brookside Park on Sunday, August 13, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Breedveld. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSIDERATION OF MANAGER BEARD’S RESIGNATION

Commissioner Gilmer moved with regret to accept Manager Beard’s resignation, seconded by Commissioner Wieber. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Gilmer commented that he supports Manager Beard’s desire to move to Rockford. He stated that he has served the City of Otsego wonderfully. He commented that Manager Beard’s management style, and his hiring of the Department Heads, will make this position attractive to the next manager. Mayor Trobeck stated that the MML will be making a presentation with a proposal for services regarding the hiring of a new City Manager.

C. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM MAUDE’S TAPHOUSE TO CONFIRM ZONING OF 119 E ALLEGAN STREET FOR FUTURE EXPANSION

Mark McPherson, owner of Maude’s Taphouse was in attendance to answer questions. He stated that the expansion will allow for larger groups, more live music, and potentially a brew pub facility. Commissioner Withee moved to confirm that 119 East Allegan Street, Maude’s Taphouse, is zoned Central Business District, which calls out restaurants and drinking establishments (11.2R), and concert hall (11.2B) as Principal Permitted Uses, seconded by Commissioner Gilmer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. AGREEMENTS:

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATION OF THE MAYOR TO BE THE VOTING DELEGATE AT THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE’S ANNUAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

Commissioner Breedveld moved to designate Mayor Trobeck to be the Voting Delegate at the Michigan Municipal League’s Annual Meeting on September 13, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Wieber. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER’S REPORT

1. Manager Beard gave an update on the following: Right-Of-Way at Rock-Tenn property; WWTP Improvement Project; Meeting on August 21st, at the Library – North Street Light; and Farmer Street update.
2. Manager Beard asked the Commission if they had any questions regarding his Manager’s Report.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mayor Trobeck – she asked the Commissioner if they were interested in hiring the MML to head the search for a new City Manager. She gave a brief overview of their services. The Commission was in agreement to have the MML make a presentation at the next meeting. She thanked Chief Weber and especially the Officers for their support and the presentation. She thanked and congratulated Mark McPherson of Maude's. She thanked the Main Street Steins & Vines Committee, volunteers, and participants for a wonderful event. She thanked the audience for attending.

Commissioner Breedveld – he thanked Chief Weber, the Fire Department Officers and firefighters who put their lives out there for him and the residents of this community. He stated that Chief Weber's report was enlightening. He wished Manager Beard the best.

Commissioner Wieber – he thanked the volunteers at the Main Street Steins and Vines event. He thanked Chief Weber for the presentation, which provided a foundation for the rules. He thanked Manager Beard, as they began their careers in Otsego at about the same time. He congratulated Manager Beard and wished him the best.

Commissioner Withee – she stated that she appreciated Chief Weber's presentation and thanked him. She also thanked the Chief Weber for his dual roles as the Fire Chief and Police Officer, which allows him to respond quickly. She stated that it was hard to accept Manager Beard's resignation.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Breedveld, seconded by Commissioner Gilmer. CARRIED – 8:12 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk