AUGUST 26, 2014
REGULAR MEETING

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING DULY CALLED AND HELD AT BOYNE CITY HALL, 319 NORTH LAKE STREET, ON TUESDAY AUGUST 26, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ron Grunch called the meeting to order at Noon followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Ron Grunch, Mayor Pro-Tem Gene Towne, Commissioners Derek Gaylord, Laura Sansom and Tom Neidhamer

Staff: Cindy Grice, Michael Cain, Scott McPherson, John Lamont, Dan Meads, Jeff Gaither and Annie Doyle

Others: There were 7 citizens in attendance including representatives from the Petoskey News Review and Charlevoix County News.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION

2014-08-114
Moved by Sansom
Second by Gaylord

To approve the August 12, 2014 City Regular City Commission meeting minutes as presented

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Motion carried

CITIZENS COMMENTS

John Clements, a resident of Nordic Drive said he has never been in a place with such improvement. He believes there are 24 children that live in his neighborhood and it is frightening to him to see children walking and riding their bikes on M75. He wondered why sidewalks from the Industrial Park to the school are not on the recent sidewalk improvement maps and they want to be a part of that program. He added that getting easements will be a problem. It is to protect the children.

City Manager Cain responded that there was a meeting recently regarding the Safe Routes to School program and making that connection was brought up. It would be required that sidewalks be placed on both sides of the street and we are looking at alternate routes. The map you have is a work in progress.

CORRESPONDENCE

Notice from Charter Communications regarding Franchise renewal; a Letter from Charter Communications regarding cable rate increase; a thank you letter from The Brady family to the Water Department; the MML Annual meeting notice; a letter from Mike and Diane Hausler regarding fluoridation and a memo from the Police Chief regarding Marshall Road Speed Limit were received and filed.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Cain reported:

- Several events are taking place this weekend.
- Fluoride referendum materials have been submitted to the County Clerk to be placed on the November general election ballot.
- Only one Marvin Loding award nomination was received by last week's Planning Commission meeting.

- The new Police Car arrived last week and is being prepared for use.
- Work began Monday on the East and Ray Street reconstruction project. The project is scheduled for completion in late October.
- Work also resumed on the short portion of Pleasant Street between Division and Morgan where road work was done.
- Notice has been received from the MDEQ that the public notice period for the proposed improvements to the Lower Lake Street storm sewer water outfall opened on August 21 and will run until Wednesday, September 10.
- We have learned of a new grant from MEDC that will help pay for the conversion of City owned streetlights to LED's and will keep you posted.
- The new Ridge Run Dog Park will hold it's grand Opening this Thursday.
- Fall Rubbish Collection program is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, September 3rd.
- The Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be Friday evening, September 5 and Saturday, September 6th by appointment.
- Plans are moving ahead for a community singing of the Star Spangled Banner on the morning of its 200th anniversary, Sunday, September 14. The main event is scheduled at Veteran's Park Memorial shortly after 7:00 am

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The July, 2014 Financial Statement was received and filed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Vacation request for portion of South East Street

Consideration to proceed with the requested street vacation and direct staff to schedule and notice the required public hearing.

Planning Director Scott McPherson discussed the request to vacate a portion of East Street that is adjacent to Barden Lumber Parking lot. The portion that is being requested to be vacated is the east 13 feet of the 82.5 foot right of way of South East Street from the North right-of-way line of Main Street and south of the East West ¼ line of Section 35, measuring approximately 139 feet. The property has been improved by Barden Lumber Company with asphalt and has been used for parking and access to the business for years. The request was received by City Staff No future need for the property in regards to city infrastructure or utilities is anticipated.

The Planning Commission reviewed the request at their last meeting. Due to findings that this portion of South East Street is currently being used and maintained by Barden Lumber and does not contain any city infrastructure or utilities and is not anticipated to be needed for future use, the Planning Commission recommended the requested portion of South East Street be vacated. The City Commission needs to determine if the application should proceed based on the report from the Planning Commission and if necessary, will direct staff to schedule a public hearing and distribute public notification as required.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

MOTION

Board Deliberation: All are in agreement.

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Good of the Order

Lorraine Manary, director of the Charlevoix – Emmet County United Way presented a report to the Commissioners regarding the ALICE)Asset-Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) households in this area and what United Way funds are doing to assist.

Commissioner Neidhamer discussed the condition of some of our public restrooms and the need to refurbish them. They are not always clean and should be more presentable to the public. Commissioner Gaylord thanked all involved with the Drag Race and all of the volunteers who have stepped up. One of the great things of Boyne City is the volunteers. Move forward in a safe manner.

ADJOURNMENT
MOTION

Moved by Mayor Grunch, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Towne to adjourn the regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 12:40 p.m.

Ron Grunch
Mayor

Cindy Grice
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Clerk / Treasurer