

**AUGUST 29, 2017
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 29, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Neidhamer called the meeting to order at noon followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Tom Neidhamer, Commissioners Hugh Conklin, Ron Grunch and Laura Sansom

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Towne

Staff: Derek Brennan, Dennis Boyd, Cindy Grice, Michael Cain, Jeff Gaither, Scott McPherson, Patrick Kilkenny, John Lamont, Mark Fowler, Kelsie King-Duff, Andy Kovolski and Barb Brooks

Others: There were seven citizens in attendance including a representative from the Petoskey News Review.

**Excuse Mayor Pro-Tem
Towne
MOTION**

2017-08-071
Moved by Neidhamer
Second by Conklin

To excuse Mayor Pro-Tem Towne from attending today's meeting

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Absent: 1, Mayor Pro-Tem Towne
Motion carried

**CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION**

2017-08-072
Moved by Grunch
Second by Sansom

To approve the August 8, 2017 City Commission regular meeting as presented

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Absent: 1, Mayor Pro-Tem Towne
Motion carried

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority regarding the City's participation in the Certified Local Government program and communication from the Michigan Municipal League regarding the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act was received and filed.

**CITY MANAGERS
REPORT**

City Manager Cain reported:

- Great progress has been made at the new facilities, the new furniture has been delivered and now in place.
- Reconstruction of Anderson Road has begun

- The City Facilities Dedication will be held Friday, September 1 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Fowler introduced Derek Brennan and Dennis Boyd, our two new Water / Wastewater staff members.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The July 2017 Financial Statement was received and filed.

Dump Truck Equipment Replacement

Consideration to award the contract for the purchase and installation of the Stainless Dump Box system and the Scraper Blade system to Truck and Trailer Specialties in the amount of \$27,060 and authorize the City Manager to execute the required documents.

DPW Superintendent Andy Kovolski discussed the request to upgrade DPW Truck 1 with a new stainless steel dump box and new heavier duty scraper blades. The current box is in very bad condition and past the point of repair. Truck & Trailer Specialties provided us with a quote in the amount of \$27,060 to replace this equipment. Tarp replacement is also included in this price.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All are in favor of the recommendation. Commissioner Conklin asked if there were further capital purchases planned from the Motor Pool Fund and was informed, there are not.

MOTION

2017-08-073
 Moved by Conklin
 Second by Sansom

To award the contract for the purchase and installation of the Stainless Dump Box system and the Scraper Blade system to Truck and Trailer Specialties in the amount of \$27,060 and authorize the City Manager to execute the required documents.

Ayes: 4
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 1, Mayor Pro-Tem Towne
 Motion carried

Pavilion Improvements

City Manager Cain discussed the proposals received for the first phase of improvements to the Veterans Park Pavilion. Two proposals were received and one letter, all from local respondents. There has been a working committee that has worked with Ray Kendra of Environment Architects on design concepts and pricing estimates on this project.

This process began several years ago with a grant to evaluate the existing Pavilion and its ability to be expanded and modified for year-round use. A significant public input process was used to come up with leading designs. Three designs were ultimately developed, two building off of the existing pavilion and a third which relocated a completely new construction to the west of the Community Playground in the park. The original estimated cost of that project was about \$700,000 and was to be funded by a \$500,000 MEDC grant and the rest in local contributions. While the local contribution portion

was obtained and exceeded, the MEDC grant did not come thru for a number of reasons and is not likely to be available in the future.

Working with Ray Kendra, the committee explored various options off the original designs to reduce costs and break it into phases while ultimately meeting the project's original objectives. The committee's efforts were challenged by increasing construction costs.

The committee has raised about \$250,000, portions of which are being held by the City, our Main Street Program and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

After meeting with the low bidder, Bob Kroondyk and discussing the project and possible options the committee was very impressed with, it is being recommended the City Commission award a contract to accept the base bid and alternates 3 and 4 which revolve around work associated with the removal of the grills in the middle of the structure for an estimated total of \$244,405.71. The committee will be seeking additional fund raising efforts to possible undertake alternates 1 and 2 which involve modifications to the restrooms and also efforts to reduce or eliminate some or all of the currently existing posts that would be in the open space of the expanded structure. The committee hopes that progress on the project will encourage additional contribution to help complete the 1st phase and undertake additional phases. The project as being recommended can stand alone and will provide the community with an expanded pavilion with a greatly updated look which will tie into the new City Facility project. Mr. Kroondyk could begin the project right after Labor Day and would complete it by May 1, 2018. The pavilion would not be open to the public while undergoing reconstruction.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: Bob Kroondyk said he is thrilled that his company has been recommended for this project. It's a labor of love and something he has wanted to do. He would like to start after Labor Day. The design is right in his wheelhouse and he was mindful of keeping a sharp pencil and timing considerations.

Board Discussion: Commissioner Conklin said he wishes we were trying to do the bathrooms right now. They are really important as a first impression. Is there a way to get the bathrooms done? Commissioner Grunch said he agrees we should be able to find the funds to upgrade the bathrooms. City Manager Cain said the plan right now is for the committee to pursue grants for additional funds to help start bathroom upgrades. However it can also be looked at in the budget as a whole. Commissioner Sansom said it is important to upgrade and make this look decent. This plan looks nice and compliments the new City Facility building. Are vending machines in the current design? Yes, they are. Commissioner Grunch asked if Todd Wright's suggestions are incorporated and was informed that we are working towards them as budget allows. Mayor Neidhamer agrees that our bathrooms need work and all agree that is a high on the priority for next year's budget.

MOTION

2017-08-074
 Moved by Sansom
 Second by Grunch

To award the contract for the first phase of the Pavilion Improvement project to Kroondyk Construction of Boyne City including the base bid and alternates 3 and 4 for an estimated total of \$244,405.71 and authorize the City Manager to approve change orders consistent with possibly adding other alternates if additional funds become available and with notification to the City Commissioners

Commissioner Conklin said we have an opportunity to correct a problem and if we wait, it could cost us more. He supports with moving ahead with the Pavilion but not this motion. If something is important, we've done it before. City Manager Cain said that if we go down that path, it could negatively impact our ability to go forward with this project. Some of the committee members would like to take a run at getting more grant funds.

Ayes: 3
Nays: 1, Commissioner Conklin
Absent: 1, Mayor Pro-Tem Towne
Motion carried

**Closed Session
MOTION**

2017-08-075
Moved by Neidhamer
Second by Sansom

To approve the request of the City Manager to go into closed session to 1) consider the purchase of real property as provided in MCL 15.268 (d) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976) and 2) meet with our attorney regarding Attorney/Client Privilege document as provided in MCL 15.268 (h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976) at 1:16 p.m.

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Absent: 1, Mayor Pro-Tem Towne
Motion carried

**Return to Open Session
MOTION**

2017-08-075
Moved by Neidhamer
Second by Grunch

To return to Open Session at 2:18 p.m.

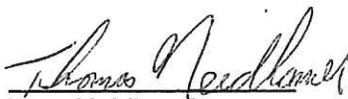
Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Absent: 1, Mayor Pro-Tem Towne
Motion carried

None

Motion by Mayor Neidhamer seconded by Commissioner Grunch to adjourn the Regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 2:18 p.m.

Good of the Order

ADJOURNMENT


Tom Neidhamer
Mayor


Cindy Grice
Clerk / Treasurer