

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2016
REGULAR MEETING**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING DULY CALLED AND HELD AT BOYNE CITY HALL, 364 NORTH LAKE STREET, ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Mayor Tom Neidhamer, Mayor Pro-Tem Gene Towne, Commissioners Laura Sansom and Hugh Conklin

Absent: Commissioner Ron Grunch

Staff: Mark Fowler, Cindy Grice, Michael Cain, Barb Brooks, Scott McPherson, Andy Kovolski and Patrick Kilkenny

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

**Excuse Commissioner
Grunch
MOTION**

2016-09-114
Moved by Neidhamer
Second by Towne

To excuse Commissioner Grunch from today's meeting

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Absent: 1, Commissioner Grunch
Motion carried

**CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION**

2016-09-115
Moved by Sansom
Second by Towne

To approval of the September 13, 2016 City Commission regular meeting minutes with minor correction as presented

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Absent: 1, Commissioner Grunch
Motion carried

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Boyne City Public Schools Superintendent Patrick Little was introduced and welcomed by the Commissioners and Staff. Patrick stated that he is impressed by the teamwork within the Boyne Community and it has been a great transition.

Ron Crozier said there will be a workbee this coming Saturday at the Veteran's Memorial.

Katelyn Vincent, a member of the Leadership Charlevoix County class introduced herself.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Neidhamer presented a thank you note from Boyne City High School teacher Michele Deming for the City providing use of tables for the recent football game tailgate party.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Cain reported:

- The ACD agreement has been executed.
 - The Safe Routes to School project is nearly complete
 - Parkview Apartment's access road progress continues
 - Networks North will be holding a housing summit soon.
 - Good progress is also being made on the City Facilities
 - We are looking at reuse possibilities for the former City Hall generator
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REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The August, 2016 Financial Statement was received and filed.

First Reading Fireworks Ordinance Amendment

Consideration to approve the First Reading to amend section 31.113 of the Boyne City Fireworks Ordinance and authorize staff to schedule the Second Reading for November 15, 2016.

City Manager Cain discussed the proposed amendment to the City's Fireworks Ordinance Section 34-113. Proposed is adding the language "On these days the ignition, discharge, and use of Consumer Fireworks is prohibited between 1:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. This proposal is based on the Commission's direction to staff to start the process to amend the ordinance to specify the hours that fireworks use would be prohibited on the holidays, the day before and the day after, as allowed by the state law.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All are in agreement with the recommendation.

MOTION

2016-09-116
 Moved by Sansom
 Second by Conklin

To approve the First Reading to amend section 31.113 of the Boyne City Fireworks Ordinance and authorize staff to schedule the Second Reading for November 15, 2016

Ayes: 4
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 1, Commissioner Grunch
 Motion carried

MParks Grant Avalanche Trail Proposal

Barb Brooks discussed the bids received for the MParks Avalanche trail project. Low bid is from Dirt Artisans in the amount of \$8,280. Dirt Artisans are currently constructing the new mountain bike trails in Avalanche. This trail is to be constructed to provide a new, non-motorized connection from the 1910 building on Division Street to the improved Avalanche trail system, using the existing access drive for our south well field and this proposed trail extension. This project is being funded entirely by an up-to an estimated \$35,000 MParks grant that we received earlier this year. There is no local match required.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: Commissioner Sansom asked if it would be hard-packed gravel and was informed, yes. Commissioner Conklin asked if the trail was geared towards anyone's use and was informed yes, but no changes to the grade would be made. All Commissioners are in agreement with the recommendation.

MOTION

2016-09-117

Moved by Conklin

Second by Towne

To approve to award the bid to Dirt Artisans in the amount of \$8,280 and allow staff the discretion to increase the unit amount as necessary, not to exceed a total project cost of \$9,200.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 1, Commissioner Grunch

Motion carried

MParks Grant Remaining Expenditures

Consideration to allow staff to spend the balance of the grant funds, after program reimbursement and trail bid award, on further enhancement items, and authorize the City Manager and / or staff to sign the purchase orders

Executive Assistant Barb Brooks discussed the MParks grant that was approved by the City Commission in January. The project included a grant to implement two recreation study programs, one geared toward senior citizens and one geared toward youths. The City partnered with MSU Extension and Boyne Area Rehab to run these activities, incorporating them into some of their existing programs. There is up to a \$10,000 reimbursement for program costs and staff time.

The second component of the proposal is a \$25,000 grant to make improvements to a specified park where various physical activity takes place. The park chosen was Avalanche. Using the Avalanche Master Plan, city staff submitted a list of items from the plan to MParks as potential projects for consideration. The Parks & Recreation board reviewed the list and recommended to improve signs throughout the park, install a picnic area and /or install a designated trail from the 1910 Waterworks Building to Avalanche. Staff requests the ability to spend the remaining funds to implement other portions of the project as has been discussed at prior meetings. Because the money has to be spent no later than the end of September, there will not be time to come back to the Commissioner for each expense. To ensure that we are able to make the most of these grant funds, staff proposes the remaining money be spent to purchase directional signage, materials for a shade structure, picnic tables and benches, and landscaping around the signs, as funds allow.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All Commissioners are in support of the recommendation

MOTION

2016-09-118
Moved by Towne
Second by Sansom

To approve to allow staff to spend the balance of the grant funds, after program reimbursement and trail bid award, on further enhancement items, and authorize the City Manager and / or staff to sign the purchase orders

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Absent: 1, Commissioner Grunch
Motion carried

Good of the Order

Commissioner Sansom said she attended the United Way poverty simulation. The exercise left her frustrated and gave her more empathy.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Neidhamer seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Towne to adjourn the Regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 12:42 p.m.



Tom Neidhamer
Mayor



Cindy Grice
Clerk / Treasurer