

**SEPTEMBER 9, 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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ron Grunch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Staff: Michael Cain, Scott McPherson, Jeff Gaither, Annie Doyle, Barb Brooks and Karen Seeley

Others: There were 8 citizens in attendance including representatives from the Petoskey News Review and Charlevoix County News

**CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION**

2014-09-115
Moved by Towne
Second by Sansom

2014-09-115A
To approve the August 26, 2014 City Regular City Commission meeting minutes as presented

2014-09-115B
Approval of Roger Reynolds from the Airport Board

2014-09-115C
Approval of recommendation to approve Richard Bouters to the Airport Board for a three year term ending August 24, 2017

2014-09-115D
Approval of recommendation to approve Brian Harrington to the Airport Board for a three year term ending August 24, 2017

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Motion carried

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Brian Morrison reminded the commission of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the National Anthem event at 7:00 am, September 14, 2014 at Veteran's Park

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Petoskey News Review regarding a workshop on (FOIA) Freedom of Information Act, being held at North Central Michigan College Community room September 10th 5:30-7:30.
A letter from Sierra Swig regarding food trucks.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Cain reported:

- Staff continues to gather information on the Division Street water issue. We made changes to the drainage structure that we installed earlier this year. We found that the filter fabric were using around the device was holding water back and it was getting deeper than it should of have been and not draining as it should. That issue has been addressed and resulted in lower water levels and we anticipate meeting with the effected property owners in about a week or so.

- Work continues on the East and Ray Street project is scheduled for completion in late October
- Four phone interviews were held for the Main Street Manager position and will be scheduling in person interviews soon
- We are narrowing down the candidates for the Water Waste/Water Superintendent.
- The new Police Car was on display before the meeting and the old one will be sold.
- We are seeking bids for two new ambulances.
- We are seeking new liability insurance quotes
- Tomorrow is the second of the three week rubbish collection for September
- MEDQ public notice period for the proposed Lower Lake Street storm water outfall runs until tomorrow, September 10th.
- State of the Community Luncheon is September 11 at noon, Sommerset Pointe
- We have received several calls from people voicing their concern about a new wastewater treatment plant on Marshall Road and Advance; they wanted to know if Sommerset Pointe could still connect to our system? That option is still available to them if they so choose.
- The Marvin Loding award nominations are due September 22nd

Commissioner Gaylord inquired if the water level on Division Street is lower with the fabric issue resolved? Down about two feet. Are we still on track for the City Manager to get someone to research the property? We want to gather the data and try well points in the next couple of days. The staff has spoke with MSU Extension and Tip of the Mitt to get contacts.

Draft Minutes of the August 7, 2014 Main Street Board Meeting
 Draft Minutes of the August 18, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting
 Draft Minutes of the August 25, 2014 Airport Advisory Board Meeting
 were received and filed.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS,
 BOARDS AND STANDING
 COMMITTEES**

Consideration to authorize the City Manager and / or City Clerk / Treasurer to accept on the City's behalf, an easement from the MDNR thru Young State Park for the Boyne City Charlevoix non motorized trail. City Manager Cain explained an issue has arisen regarding the proposed easement for the first phase of the Boyne City Charlevoix Non Motorized Trail where it goes thru Young State Park. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) is prepared to grant an easement and provide it to Charlevoix County; however, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has stated the easement needs to be insured to the City of Boyne City since we are the recipient of their grant to help fund the majority of the project.
 Staff Comment: None
 Citizen Comment: None

**Boyne City Charlevoix Trail
 Easement**

Board discussion: Commissioner Neidhamer stated this is just a matter of housekeeping, I'm in full support. Are we just the grantee? Yes one of the two major grantees. Is there any right of way concerns? This is all state property; they have addressed the problem, its common practice.

Mayor Grunch, Mayor Pro Tem Towne and Commissioner Sansom are in agreement.

2014-09-116

Moved by Neidhamer

Second by Towne

MOTION

To authorize the City Manager and / or City Clerk / Treasurer to accept on the City's behalf, an easement from the MDNR thru Young State Park for the Boyne City Charlevoix non motorized trail

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried

**Michigan Mountain
Mayhem Gravel Grinder
Rotary Park Temporary
Liquor License
Request**

Consideration to approve a request from Paul Nichols for a temporary liquor license for the Michigan Mountain Mayhem Gravel Grinder event to be held Saturday, October 4, 2014

Bike event promoter Paul Nichols is hosting an endurance type of bicycle ride on Saturday October 4th and has applied for a Temporary Liquor License for the event. The event will start and finish at Rotary Park. Top of Michigan Trails Council will be the holder of the Temporary Liquor License, and will be receiving the profits for the sale of the alcohol beverages. There will be a defined area for the sale of alcohol.

Citizen's comments: Ron Crozier, nothing against bike events, however the bikers ride three and four abreast and when a car is coming they don't move. They have no courtesy for vehicles on the road.

Jim Bauman, Chamber Director: This is a "gravel grinder" so they will be on the back roads and gravel roads. Paul does a good job of bringing people to these events; it's a burst to the economy.

Staff Comments: Chief Gaither, Mr. Nichols has hosted several bicycle events with Temporary Liquor Licenses in the past and we have not encountered any problems from those events.

Board discussion: Commissioner Gaylord stated that the event organizers and law enforcement should remind people of the laws when biking. He inquired if the City Manager has heard any comments or concerns about having alcohol at Rotary Park? We allow alcohol in all of our parks except for Old City Park. We have never had any complaints on any of Paul's events. Mayor Grunch, Mayor Pro Tem Towne, Commissioners Neidhamer and Sansom are all in support.

2014-09-117

Moved by Towne

Second by Sansom

To approve a request from Paul Nichols for a temporary liquor license for the Michigan Mountain Mayhem Gravel Grinder event to be held Saturday, October 4, 2014

MOTION

Ayes: 5
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Motion carried

Community Growth Grant

Consideration to authorize the City Manager to sign the Community Growth Grant Agreement provided by the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments for a maximum of \$7,500 for amenities toward the creation of a recreational trail head in Old City Park, way-finding signage and Wi-Fi

Annie Doyle, Assistant Planner reported the City has received notification from the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments that our Community Growth Grant application has been selected to receive funding assistance. As previously approved by the Commission, staff submitted a proposal for a project requesting the maximum \$7500 for amenities toward the creation of a recreational trail head in Old City Park and associated way-finding signage.

The specifics included were a renovated kiosk, way-finding signage and Wi-Fi. The project budget as proposed was \$15,000 Which will require a \$7,500 local match.

Citizens Comments: None

Staff Comments: None

Board discussion: Commissioner Gaylord inquired on the radius of the WiFi. Just the park. Commissioner Sansom inquired where the kiosk would be located. The Northeast corner of the park, close to East Street. Mayor Grunch, Mayor Pro Tem Towne and Commission Neidhamer are in full support.

2014-09-118
 Moved by Neidhamer
 Second by Towne

MOTION

To authorize the City Manager to sign the Community Growth Grant Agreement provided by the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments for a maximum of \$7,500 for amenities toward the creation of a recreational trail head in Old City Park, way-finding signage and Wi-Fi

Ayes: 5
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Motion carried

LED Street Lighting Project Grant

Consideration to authorize the City Manager to prepare and submit a grant application to the Michigan Energy Office for street light conversion to LED for the maximum grant award amount of \$20,000

Annie Doyle, Assistant Planner informed the commissioners that the Michigan Energy Office (MEO) is offering matching grants for Michigan communities to upgrade their existing public street lights with light emitting diode (LED) lights. A total of \$40,000 is expected to be available. The grant will pay up to 50% of the LED street light equipment cost.

Applicants will be responsible for the remaining equipment, labor and other costs. All applications must provide a minimum cash match equal to 100% of the total requested grant funds. Currently the City has 89 metal halide and 8 high pressure sodium decorative street lights.

We have been considering ways to convert these street lights into the more energy efficient and cost effective LED lights and this grant provides an opportunity to do so.

Citizens comments: None

Staff comments: Andy Kovolski, Street Superintendent agrees this would be an excellent way to save money on utility costs with little maintenance. City Manager Cain agrees this is a great opportunity.

Board discussion: Commissioner Sansom: What would the actual price be to replace what we have? No figures, just in the preliminary phase right now. What is the life span? At least five years. Commissioner Neidhamer: How much do we pay for street lighting now? Mid \$50,000. Mayor Pro-Tem: Replace, upgrade and save money. I am in support. Commissioner Gaylord: I have been a proponent of this for a long time. Make sure the light cast is appropriate. This is a viable venture. All are in support.

2014-09-119
Moved by Sansom
Second by Gaylord

MOTION

To authorize the City Manager to prepare and submit a grant application to the Michigan Energy Office for street light conversion to LED for the maximum grant award amount of \$20,000

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Motion carried

Consideration to approve the proposed Walkabout Sculpture Show project locations for spring, 2015

Walkabout Sculpture Show project

Annie Doyle, Assistant Planner explained that the Walkabout Sculpture Show is an activity sponsored by the Main Street Program and will be a year-long outdoor sculpture exhibit. The project will open in spring 2015 starting with four to six sculptures in the downtown district and public parks. The attached map shows the proposed sculpture locations for 2015. Each location will be on a case-by-case basis with approval from City Staff. The Parks and Recreations Commission voted to recommend these locations to the City Commission.

Citizen Comments: Jim Baumann, Chamber Director thanked Martha Sulfridge for bringing the Walkabout Sculpture Show concept

to us. This is really cool and adds to the public art we already have.
Staff Comments: Andy Kovolski, Street Superintendent stated that he has worked closely with the committee to find the locations.

Board discussion: Commissioner Neidhamer: This is an asset for our community, the more art the better. Mayor Pro-Tem Towne I am support of trying the proposed locations and see what type of feed back we get. Commissioner Gaylord: Are the sculptures from local artists? Two are from local artists; we are trying to keep the artists from Michigan. Commissioner Sansom: This is a good addition to down town; this community has always supported the arts. Mayor Grunch is in support.

2014-09-120

Moved by Towne

Second by Sansom

To approve the proposed Walkabout Sculpture Show project locations for spring, 2015

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried

MOTION

Commissioner Gaylord inquired about the permits for North Boyne. They are down from last year. He thanked everyone that volunteered and helped out at the Drag Race. Mayor Pro-Tem Towne stated that he had been contacted about the washouts and broken asphalt on East Lincoln. He attended the Community picnic at the pavilion and the restrooms were in bad condition. Commissioner Neidhamer agreed the restrooms need to be addressed. Mayor Grunch will be on vacation for the next meeting.

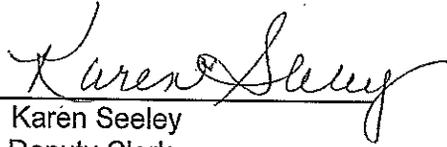
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Moved by Mayor Grunch, seconded by Commissioner Gaylord to adjourn the regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 8:05 p.m.

MOTION



Ron Grunch
Mayor



Karen Seeley
Deputy Clerk