

**October 1, 2021
SPECIAL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tom Neidhamer called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Tom Neidhamer, Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Grunch
Commissioners Sally Page and Dean Solomon

Absent: Hugh Conklin

Staff: Michael Cain, Kevin Spate, Tim Faas, and Jessica Puroll

Others: There were 3 citizens in attendance.

**EXCUSED ABSENCE
MOTION**

2021-10-128
Moved by Neidhamer
Second by Solomon

Approve the absence of Commissioner Hugh Conklin

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Absent: 1
Motion carried

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

**OPEN SPACE GRANTS
APPLICATION UPDATE
MOTION**

2021-10-129
Moved by Solomon
Second by Grunch

Approve the recommendation from Assistant Planner Patrick Kilkenny and the Director of Public Works Tim Faas to approve an amended application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant Program in the amount of \$106,800, commit to the project match of \$178,200, adopt the accompanying resolution, and authorize the City Manager to execute any necessary documents to secure the funds.

Director of Public Works Tim Faas discussed the Open Space grant applications update. The City went through an extensive public process for recommended improvements for the Open Space. The cost for all improvements is approximately \$1.3 million. The City applied for a grant for Phases 1 and 4 which we were not successful at receiving. The City was then told to apply for a different grant that we would have a better chance of success at. Last year, Patrick Kilkenny applied for a Coastal Zone Management Grant for the parking lot in Phase 2 of the project. Then a few months later applied for another grant for Phases 1 and 4 which the State had recommended we apply for. At this time we do not know the status of this application. This information should be received by the end of the year for Phases 1 and 4. On September 29, 2021 the City received notice that the Coastal Zone Management grant was not recommended for funding. The State is going through a process

where they review the applications, asks us questions, then we need to submit supplemental information. This information is due by the end of the day on October 1, 2021. This is the reason for the urgency of this meeting. Phase 1 and 4 is a separate grant request. This would be the fifth grant application for this site. In July the City received final payment for the Open Space of \$243,880.

Staff Comment:

City Manager Cain spoke. The only grant you can be guaranteed to get is the one you do not apply for. The City is in very good financial shape. In support of moving forward.

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: All agree with the recommendation.

Ayes: 4


Nays: 0

Absent: 1


Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Neidhamer, second by Commissioner Page to adjourn at 12:25 p.m.



Tom Neidhamer
Mayor



Jessica Puroll
Deputy City Clerk