MARCH 12, 2019 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 MARCH 12, 2019

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 Ron Grunch, Commissioners Hugh Conklin, Sally Page and Dean Solomon

Absent: None

Staff: Michael Cain, Cindy Grice, Scott McPherson, Jeff Gaither, Kelsie King-Duff, Tim Faas, Barb Brooks, John Lamont and Mark Fowler

Others: There were 14 citizens in attendance including a representative from the Petoskey News Review

CONSENT AGENDA MOTION

2019-03-025
Moved by Solomon
Second by Page

Approval of the February 26, 2019 City Commission regular meeting minutes as presented
Approval to authorize staff to order a sign recognizing the MDNR Waterways grant for the Marina from The Wood Shop in the amount of $2,700 and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Motion carried

CITIZENS COMMENTS

City Resident Penny Hardy presented the City Commissioners with a list of questions for clarification of two projects coming before the planning board.

Marty Moody said he is concerned that parking will be the driving force and scapegoat on new proposed projects or are we going to allow ourselves to get duped again like we were on the original Water Street plan.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Cain reported:

- The Cedar and Terrace road and infrastructure reconstruction project is out to bids.
- We have submitted our application for the new MDOT Category B Road Improvement grant for the Cedar and Terrace Street projects.
- We presented the Boyne Valley Township Board with a proposed two year one price agreement that would provide their taxpayers and users of the service reduced costs

compared to other proposals they've received. We will keep you posted as the discussion hopefully continues.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Draft minutes of the February 7, 2019 Main Street Board Meeting; the February 14, 2019 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting; the February 18, 2019 Historical Commission Meeting and the February 18, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting were received and filed.

Redevelopment Liquor License Request

Consideration to approve that the application from Brehm Ventures, LLC. for a new Class C license issued under the provisions of MCL 436.1521a(1)(b) located at 125 Water St. be approved by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Main Street Executive Director Kelsie King-Duff stated that at the March 7th meeting of the Boyne City Main Street Board, the board voted 6-0 with 1 abstaining to recommend to City Commission approval that the application from Brehm Ventures, LLC. for a new Class C license issued under the provisions of MCL 436.1521a(1)(b) located at 125 Water St. be approved by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. The application to the MLCC is in regards to an expansion Ed & Kristine Brehm are pursing for their Provisions & Wine Emporium and Market business. A letter from Ed & Kristine is included following this memo outlining the details of their proposed Wine Bar. A new liquor license needs to be obtained specifically for the wine bar space, as their current license is off-premise. This means that currently beer, wine, and liquor can be sold, but can only be consumed off-premise. The license they have now would still cover the Provisions side. The new on-premise license, which would allow customers to buy and consume at their store, would cover the new wine bar and the current Wine Emporium area. All requirements relating to local government approval are met, and surpassed.

Ed Brehm said they have owned the business for 10 years, have 12 full time employees. They would like to reconnect the stores they are currently in. This new business would have craft beer, wine tasting and small plate appetizers. It would be family friendly. The intent is to hire 4 to 6 people.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: Chris Christensen asked if this to replace a liquor license and was told no, it would be a separate license in addition to their current one. Kelsie added that the Redevelopment License is for on-premise consumption only.

Board Discussion: Mayor Pro-Tem Grunch inquired if it would be a Sunday license and was informed it likely would. Commissioner Solomon congratulated the Brehms with the success of their business and he concurs with the Main Street Board recommendation. Commissioner Page said she has questions about so many restaurants and bars in such a close space. Commissioner Conklin said it is a great asset to the downtown and Mayor Neidhamer said he is in full support.

MOTION

2019-03-026
Moved by Solomon
Second by Conklin

To approve that the application from Brehm Ventures, LLC. for a new Class C license issued under the provisions of MCL 436.1521a(1)(b) located at 125 Water St. be approved by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Motion carried

Snow Haul-Out Contract

Consideration to accept the informal hourly quotes provided by R&B Trucking of Boyne City in an amount not to exceed $14,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

City Manager Cain discussed the stockpiles of snow at various locations around the City to maximize effective time plowing. We received bids to haul the snow from these locations with the lowest bid being $14,000. The question is, do we want to spend the $14,000 to open up the view corridors.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: Penny Hardy said that seems like money that doesn't need to be spent. Don Smith said save the $14,000. Marty Moody said paying up to $14,000 to have snow removed this time of year is ludicrous. Next year plan accordingly. Christine Brehm said she likes the screen the snow provides. Darcy Kotalik said the snow was hauled to that space to be efficient. Let Mother Nature take care of it for free.

Board Discussion: All are in agreement to not contract to have the snow removed.

Harbor Central Reservation System

Consideration to implement the State's Harbor Central Reservation System and authorize the City Manager and Harbormaster to sign the documents

Harbormaster Barb Brooks discussed the State of Michigan DNR Waterways Division who oversees all marinas who have received grant funds from the DNR – Waterways program has implemented a reservation system for booking overnight stays at State and "grant-in-aid" facilities throughout the State similar to that of the State Parks. The DNR has been using this central reservation system for approximately 15 years and made it a requirement within the grant agreements that these facilities use this system for transient reservations.

Over the last 15 years, the City has received several grants from the DNR – Waterways Division. Each grant agreement specified using the State's reservation system. To date this requirement has not been implemented by either party. In ongoing discussion with the

State's harbor coordinator, we are both agreeable that this coming season is a good time to finally implement the central reservation system for Boyne City. There is an additional $8 - $10 non-refundable fee that is charged to the boater, a $2.30 - $2.50 charge to the marina and an approximate 2% credit card processing fee. The funds will be processed by the State and net proceeds will be issued to the City every two weeks.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: Penny Hardy asked if the State will allow to set up a block for Boyne Thunder and Barb said yes, there is some flexibility. Marty Moody said Barb did a wonderful job with the marina.

Board Discussion: All are in agreement with the recommendation.

MOTION

2019-03-027
Moved by Grunch
Second by Page

To implement the State's Harbor Central Reservation System and authorize the City Manager and Harbormaster to sign the documents

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Motion carried

FYE 2020 Budget Presentation

City Manager Michael Cain presented the FYE 2020 budget to the Commissioners. A preliminary budget work session will be scheduled. Full budget review is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2019 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Preliminary Budget Review Meeting

Consideration to authorize a preliminary budget review work session on Monday, March 18 between 2 and 4 p.m. in the Parkview Room

2019-03-028
Moved by Solomon
Second by Conklin

To authorize a preliminary budget review work session on Monday, March 18 between 2 and 4 p.m. in the Parkview Room

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Motion carried

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None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Neidhamer, second by Commissioner Conklin to adjourn the Regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 8:10 p.m.

Tom Neidhamer
Mayor

Cindy Grice
Clerk/Treasurer