

**AUGUST 28, 2018
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 28, 2018

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, Jane Halstead, Scott McPherson, Jeff Gaither, John Lamont, Barb Brooks, Patrick Kilkenny

Others: There were 10 citizens in attendance including a representative from the Petoskey News Review.

**CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION**

2018-08-098
Moved by Grunch
Second by Page

Approval of the August 14, 2018 City Commission regular meeting minutes as presented

Approval to purchase materials and equipment as requested by the Heritage Center and recommended by the Historical Commission at a cost not to exceed \$1,700.00

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Motion carried

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Chamber Director Ashley Cousens announced that the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce will host a housing forum Wednesday August 29th at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Neidhamer received an invitation to a reception at the upcoming MML Conference.

**CITY MANAGERS
REPORT**

City Manager Cain reported:

- A storm rolled through town last night. Straight line winds brought down trees and power lines in the City. 140 + are without power. No reports of significant injuries or damage to buildings
- Communications issues between a pump and a water reservoir caused low water pressure this morning North of Division. The problem has been resolved and pressure is being restored
- New kayak racks which were donated by Bulmann Dock & Lift have been installed at Riverside Park and Veteran's Park
- A public meeting on parking will be held tonight at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall

- There will be a West Michigan/Woodland pre-construction meeting at 6:30 on Wednesday at City Hall
- The airport will be closed at noon on Saturday thru 8:00 p.m. on Sunday for the Drag Race
- Rubbish collection will wrap up on Thursday, September 6th
- The County Household Hazardous Waste Event is September 14th and 15th. Reservations can be made beginning September 4th.
- Our new police officer Jake Michaels will be sworn in Tuesday, September 4th at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall

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

July, 2018 Financial Statement received and filed.

City Wide Goals

City Manager Cain revealed the six community-wide goals which were identified at the August 7th City Commission work session. These goals were developed through a process which started with a public survey and a public work session after which the results were tabulated and reported back to the City Commission and the public. Today's reveal is to determine if the efforts by staff to compile the data captured the Commissioner's intent and expectations. Cain asked that the Commissioners review the results and provide input on modifications if necessary prior to the goals being released for public input and suggestions. Consideration for formal adoption of the goals is scheduled for the City Commission meeting on September 11th.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: Diane Rosinski addressed the Commissioners and stated that is important to retain youth and that it should be a goal. We have an excellent K-12 system and we spend a lot of tax money to educate our students and we need to keep them here. We should train our youth in education, hospitality and health care related jobs.

City Manager Cain responded stating that retaining youth was one of the goals identified during the goal setting process. It was decided that that goal filtered into all the other goals established. If we work to accomplish the other goals such as housing and good jobs, young people will be attracted to Boyne.

Board Discussion: Commissioner Grunch would like to see the format of the CIP changed to include return on investment and have it be a 1 sheet document. He would like to it to include existing parks and recreation projects so we can track what has been accomplished and what our goals are.

Commissioner Page is interested in the downtown areas and housing – would like to see a boarding situation for workers.

Commissioner Solomon would like to make the goals more action orientated and meaningful. He would like to sharpen the language

and include what the City can specifically do to reach the goals. Two years from now how will know if we are successful? We need to give ourselves some benchmarks.

Commissioner Conklin agrees we are making progress. What is the next step – we need to determine action items

Mayor Neidhamer agrees we need to create action items and determine a method to measure success.

All are in agreement. Goals will be fine-tuned between now and September 11th.

Parking Study Presentation

Because Boyne City is a Redevelopment Ready Community, the MEDC working through the MML provided for a parking study to be conducted. Annaka Norris of Rich & Associates reviewed the results of the study which was conducted in Boyne City in June. They researched parking inventory, did a turnover analysis and conducted over 20 interviews with business owners when they were here. Preliminary recommendations include getting more bicycle racks, improving signage and enforcing parking rules. Municipalities should control at least 50% of parking. Shared use parking is good. Some type of agreement between privately owned lots and the city can benefit everyone. The Commissioners are asked to provide feedback prior to the end of next week so that Rich & Associates may conclude their report.

Veteran's Memorial Three Brothers Monument

Consideration to approve the request from the Veteran's Memorial Committee to install a monument on the current memorial site in Veteran's Memorial Park to honor the three Labrecque brothers and work with City staff regarding the exact location of placement.

City Manager Cain reviewed the request from the Veteran's Memorial Committee to install a monument on the site of the current Memorial in Veteran's Park to honor the three Labrecque brothers who lost their lives in World War II. The monument will include a hat, gun and boots on a platform and will contain a plaque for each brother. The exact location has yet to be determined. The memorial is being paid for with funds from the sale of Gorge Lasater's book. This has been reviewed and supported by the Parks and Recreation Committee and Cain recommends approval as well.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All are in support

MOTION

2018-08-099
Moved by Solomon
Second by Conklin

To approve to install a monument recognizing the three Labrecque brothers as presented and work the City staff regarding the exact location and installation.

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Motion carried

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Topics to address at future meetings include the property off of Robinson Street and diving off the City docks.

**Closed Session
MOTION**

2018-08-100
Moved by Neidhamer
Second by Grunch

To approve the request of the City Manager to go into closed session to consider the purchase of real property as provided in MCL 15.268 (d) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976) at 1:26 p.m.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Motion carried

**Return to Open Session
MOTION**

2018-08-101
Moved by Neidhamer
Second by Grunch

To return to open session at 2:01 p.m.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Neidhamer to adjourn the Regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 2:06 p.m.



Tom Neidhamer
Mayor



Jane Halstead
Recording Secretary