

**JULY 23, 2013  
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 JULY 23, 2013 AT NOON

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

Staff: Cindy Grice, Michael Cain, Dan Meads, John Lamont, Dennis Amesbury, Scott McPherson, Hugh Conklin, Jeff Gaither and Andy Kovolski

Others: There were 4 citizens in attendance, including a representative from the Charlevoix County News.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
MOTION**

2013-07-103  
Moved by Towne  
Second by Gaylord

To approve the July 9, 2013 City Regular City Commission meeting minutes as presented

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence from the Boyne Area 4H Swim Board; the City of Manistee's Mayor; and Consumers Energy regarding 2013 Community Tree Planting Grant Program were received and filed.

**CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

City Manager Cain reported:

- The Douglas Street project is now underway.
- Interviews took place for the Assistant Planner position this past week
- Dust Control applications were made this week.
- Many exciting things happening downtown - the Dilworth Building has been sold, the Grain Train has announced that it will be moving into Boyne City and the Parkside Grill has been sold and re-opened.

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

The June, 2013 Financial Statement was received and filed.

**Boyne Mountain Grant  
Community Development  
Plan**

Consideration to approve the Boyne City CDBG Community Development Plan as part of the Boyne Mountain Expansion Project

Jan Kellogg discussed the proposed Community Development Plan which is part of the Boyne Mountain Expansion Project CDBG application. It is very abbreviated plan, which is required to be submitted along with the grant application request to fund the sewer line replacement. This plan shows the MEDC that the community has considered the project for

which they are requesting funds, especially the housing and other needs of low to moderate income people. They also want to be sure the project will help to fulfill a need that is found in your community development plan. This plan does not become Boyne City's official community plan, it is only for this grant request.

Citizens Comments: None

Staff Comments: None

Board Deliberation: Mayor Pro-Tem Towne is in support. Commissioner Gaylord asked if the grant is for Boyne Mountain, how does it benefit the citizens of Boyne City? Jan Kellogg responded that Boyne Mountain pledges 45 new jobs of which 51% need to go to low/moderate income. Commissioner Neidhamer said he is also in support and appreciates how government entities can work together. Mayor Grunch and Commissioner Sansom are also in support.

2013-07-104

Moved by Gaylord

Second by Sansom

**MOTION**

To approve the Boyne City CDBG Community Development Plan as part of the Boyne Mountain Expansion Project

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried

Consideration to apply for a Placemaking Micro-Grant from the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments for improvements to Old City Park as outlined and to authorize staff to move forward with an appropriate application.

**Placemaking Micro Grant Opportunity**

City Manager Cain discussed the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments's Placemaking Micro Grant application opportunity. Staff is recommending that we submit a project requesting the \$5,000 maximum for improvements to Old City Park which involve new park identification signage off of North East Street, developing free Wi-Fi access for the site and additional park furnishings (picnic tables, and or benches).

Citizens Comments: Jim Baumann said Old City Park is a great place and we should do anything we can to enhance it. It's a beautiful park, more picnic tables would be great.

Staff Comments: None

Board Deliberation: Commissioner Gaylord inquired if we already approved picnic tables in the budget and was informed that we have, but not all have been ordered and installed yet. Also, who is going to pay for the monthly bill if we install WiFi? City Manager Cain said that would ultimately be our expense. Commissioner Sansom said she thinks the wifi would be used and asked if that could be paid by Main Street and was informed we could look at that. Commissioner Neidhamer said he is in favor and appreciates staff's ability to write grants to get 50 cents on the dollar. Mayor Pro-Tem Towne said he is in support of any improvements

we can make to any parks. Mayor Grunch said he is also in support and asked if any of the funds can be used to improve the Gazebo itself.

**MOTION**

2013-07-105  
 Moved by Towne  
 Second by Neidhamer

To approve to apply for a Placemaking Micro-Grant from the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments for improvements to Old City Park as outlined and to authorize staff to move forward with an appropriate application.

Ayes: 5  
 Nays: 0  
 Absent: 0  
 Motion carried

**Well #4 Replacement**

Consideration to authorize Peerless Midwest to make needed repairs to Well #4 in the amount of \$27,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute the required documents

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Dan Meads discussed the pump that needs to be replaced at the North Boyne Well #4 site. The well was installed in 1992 and after drilling, it was discovered the well shaft was crooked. This causes more wear on the pump than normal. The pump shaft is at the point of near failure and in need of repair. The MDEQ and Peerless Midwest both feel the repairs to the existing pump will not extend its life and the only other option was to look into a submersible pump as a replacement. The current budget includes \$26,000 for this purchase.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Deliberation: Commissioner Neidhamer said what Dan does well is maintenance. This is a maintenance issue and if we don't do it, it will cost more in the future. Mayor Pro-Tem Towne agrees with the recommendation. Commissioner Gaylord inquired of costs to redrill a straight well and was informed around \$200,000. Mayor Grunch and Commissioner Sansom support the recommendation.

**MOTION**

2013-07-106  
 Moved by Sansom  
 Second by Gaylord

To approve to authorize Peerless Midwest to make needed repairs to Well #4 in the amount of \$27,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute the required documents

Ayes: 5  
 Nays: 0  
 Absent: 0  
 Motion carried

Consideration of Fire Department request to solicit bids to purchase a new fire pumper with the addition of a compressed air foam system to bid specifications.

Fire Chief Dennis Amesbury discussed the request to go out for bids on a new pumper fire truck with the addition of a compressed air foam system (CAFS) to bid specifications. The Fire Department has spent many hours investigating the pros and cons of the CAFS and have found the positive aspects of this technology to be such that it is a worthy and advisable investment. The addition of a CAFS system to the new, first-run pumper will equip Boyne City with the best firefighting technology of today. However, we would need to increase the budget request by approximately \$30,000. This cost may be offset by the 1999 GMC fire truck that we are replacing. The Fire Department also investigated the possibility of purchasing a used fire truck. They were unable to locate a truck that meets our firefighting specifications. While keeping in mind this truck will serve Boyne City for 20 plus years, the department is not in favor of purchasing a used piece emergency response equipment, particularly a first run fire engine.

Citizens Comments: None

Staff Comments: None

Board Deliberation: Commissioner Sansom said it sounds like a good way to go. Commissioner Gaylord inquired if this is for class A fires and was informed it is for all fires. Commissioner Gaylord inquired of the areas the department looked at for used equipment. Chief Amesbury said in trade magazines. Most of the equipment is 6 to 7 years old or very large demo equipment. This truck will be the number 1 front truck that you want to set up to meet your community's needs for 20 to 25 years. Commissioner Gaylord said there is a tremendous savings in that topic. Can't you find another used truck that meets our requirements? Fire Chief Amesbury said yes, if it is a back up truck. The cost to retro fit a truck with the CAF system is approximately \$40,000. Commissioner Gaylord added that we want to tell the citizens we've done due diligence when buying that type of equipment. Mayor Pro-Tem Towne said he believes it's our duty and obligation to supply our fire department with the equipment. Commissioner Neidhamer agrees. Mayor Grunch said our Fire Department is a first class organization.

MOTION

2013-07-107

Moved by Towne

Second by Gaylord

To approve of the Fire Department request to solicit bids to purchase a new fire pumper with the addition of a compressed air foam system to bid specifications.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried

Commissioner Gaylord discussed the debris he pulled from the

beach at Peninsula Beach. Our sand and beach quality needs to be improved. It is an area we can put more focus and attention to. He also discussed an article regarding property rights in the recent Summer Tax newsletter and wants to make sure we are not coming across too heavy handed with our residents. Commissioner Sansom discussed the previous Marvin Loding awards and should we resurrect that. Commissioner Neidhamer said he doesn't see any heavy handedness in the newsletter article. There are obligations as a property owner that you do have.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

2013-07-108

Moved by Grunch

Second by Neidhamer

**MOTION**

To appoint Mayor Pro-Tom Towne and Commissioner Neidhamer as the City Manager's compensation committee

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried

2013-07-109

Moved by Grunch

Second by Gaylord

**CLOSED SESSION  
MOTION**

To approve the request of the City Manager to go into closed session to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of a public officer as provided in MCL 15.268 (a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976) at 1:50 p.m.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried

2013-07-110

Moved by Grunch

Second by Gaylord

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION**

To return to open session at 2:57 p.m.

Ayes: 5

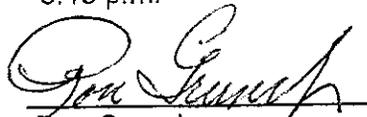
Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried

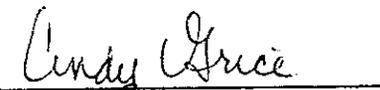
City Manager and City Commissioners discussed a meeting to be set up for Wednesday to meet with representatives of the Devlon Properties as proposed by Mr. Hevey. Also attending with the City Manager, will be City Planning Director Scott McPherson, Planning Commission Chair Jane MacKenzie, Mac Maccielland from Otwell Mawby, Hugh Conklin and Barb Brooks.

Moved by Mayor Grunch, seconded by Commissioner Gaylord to adjourn the regular City Commission meeting of July 23, 2013 at 3:15 p.m.



*Ron Grunch*

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Mayor



*Cindy Glice*

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Clerk / Treasurer