

**OCTOBER 24, 2017
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 OCTOBER 24, 2017

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 Gene Towne and Commissioners Laura Sansom, Hugh Conklin and Ron Grunch

Absent: None

Staff: Scott McPherson, Jeff Gaither, John Lamont, Kevin Spate, Andy Kovolski, Mark Fowler, Cindy Grice, Michael Cain, Patrick Kilkenny and Barb Brooks

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

**CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION**

2017-10-094
Moved by Sansom
Second by Towne

Approved the October 10, 2017 City Commission regular meeting minutes as presented
Approved the October 17, 2017 City Commission special meeting minutes as presented

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Motion carried

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

**CITY MANAGERS
REPORT**

City Manager Cain reported:

- The Pavilion project continues to progress. The poor soils found around the building perimeter have been checked out and dealt with. The new foundations for the expansion are now in place.
- Absentee ballots are available for the November 7th election

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

The September, 2017 Financial Statement was received and filed.

**204 S. East Street
Structure Removal**

Consideration to approve a bid in the amount not to exceed \$16,000 to Tri-County Excavating to remove the dangerous structure at 204 S. East Street, on parcel number 15-051-341-143-00, owned by David and Daniel Chapp and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.

Planning Director Scott McPherson discussed the bid received to remove the structure. One bid was received from Tri Country Excavating in the amount not to exceed \$16,000. It is staff's recommendation to accept this bid.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All are in agreement with the recommendation.

MOTION

2017-10-095

Moved by Towne

Second by Conklin

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Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried

C2AE Engineering Proposal

Consideration to approve the proposal for professional services associated with the West Michigan/Woodland water main extension project at a cost of \$18,900 for the design and bidding phase and an additional \$19,200 for the construction phase (\$38,100 for both phases) contingent upon the City moving forward with the required next steps of the special assessment process and authorize staff to execute the agreement and move forward with each phase if and when appropriate.

City Manager Cain discussed the proposal for engineering services for the project. Approving this proposal in this manner does not commit the City to anything unless the project moves forward. It does allow our consulting engineer C2AE to more firmly anticipate this project and avoids us having to consider this matter at either a special meeting or in mid-November when some of the design work elements would be more challenging if winter weather has arrived by then.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All are in agreement with the recommendation.

MOTION

2017-10-096

Moved by Sansom

Second by Towne

To approve the proposal for professional services associated with the West Michigan/Woodland water main extension project at a cost of \$18,900 for the design and bidding phase and an additional \$19,200 for the construction phase (\$38,100 for both phases) contingent upon the City moving forward with the required next steps of the special assessment process and authorize staff to execute the agreement and move forward with each phase if and when appropriate

Ayes: 5
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Motion carried

Deer Population Concerns Update

Update from the Police Chief on deer population concerns. This can be a very emotional issue. There are many people who feel that deer are a part of the Northern Michigan living experience and enjoy seeing them around. There are others that are concerned about deer being a nuisance and eating their flowers and plants. Still others have concerns about car-deer accidents and diseases associated with deer. Hunting is the typical management tool for reducing deer numbers. Boyne City has an ordinance that prohibits the discharge of a firearm in the City. This is an effective ordinance and should not be taken lightly. The close proximity of residences in Boyne City makes the use of firearms extremely dangerous. Bow hunting is an option and is much safer because the arrows do not travel as far. One of the concerns with archery hunting is that deer typically run for a distance after being shot with an arrow. This could lead for disagreements and negative relationships between neighbors.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: Roger Smith said he is in favor of the hunt, but also understands that the City's liability insurance could also increase if rifles are allowed.

Board Discussion: Commissioner Conklin said he doesn't think hunting inside the City limits is a good idea at all. We need to identify if there is a real problem. Commissioner Grunch said he uses fencing to go around his entire house. Are there any regulations about feeding deer? Yes. Commissioner Sansom is also not in favor of deer hunting in City limits. All Commissioners are in favor of taking no action on this item.

Body Worn Camera Purchase

Consideration to approve to purchase 8 Axon Body 2 cameras in the amount of \$3,295.68 and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.

Assistant Police Chief Kevin Spate discussed the request to purchase 8 new body worn cameras. We have been using body worn cameras for over 10 years. Our current cameras were obtained via grant funds. They are now over 3 years old and are failing on a frequent basis. These cameras are used all day, every shift, by every officer. Several cameras have been evaluated over the last few years, but after diligent research, we have found a very useful camera within a reasonable price range. It is being recommended to purchase 8 Axon Body 2 cameras in the amount of \$3,295.68 and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All Commissioners are in agreement with the recommendation. Commissioner Conklin inquired about the difference from the Provision Camera compared to the Axon. Kevin said the buttons are smaller and the lights do not turn off on the Provision cameras.

MOTION

2017-10-097
 Moved by Grunch
 Second by Sansom

To approve to purchase 8 Axon Body 2 cameras in the amount of \$3,295.68 and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.

Ayes: 5
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Motion carried

Tree Planting Bids

Further information to be provided prior to the meeting to consider the purchase and installation of trees as part of the City of Boyne City's annual tree planting project.

DPW Superintendent Andy Kovolski discussed the bid to purchase 25 new trees to be planted in City right of ways based on the list of requests from residents. One bid was received from Robinson's Landscape and Nursery in the amount of \$7,410.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: Commissioner Sansom said she is disappointed that only 25 trees are being planted and 54 are being removed. She encourages in the future to increase the number of plantings. Commissioner Conklin asked if we have a plan to replace these trees. 54 trees are a lot to remove. All other Commissioners agree.

MOTION

2017-10-098
 Moved by Neidhamer
 Second by Grunch

To approve the contract with Robinson's Landscape and Nursery in the amount not to exceed \$7,410 for the purchase and installation of 25 trees and authorized the City Manager to execute the documents

Ayes: 5
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Motion carried

**Compensation
 Commission
 Recommendation**

Consideration of the recommendation of the Compensation Commission to increase the Mayor's compensation from \$3,000 to \$3,250 annually and the Commissioner's compensation from \$2,500 to \$2,700 annually and authorize Staff to make the appropriate adjustments

Clerk/Treasurer Grice discussed the recommendation from the Compensation Commission. This decision was based on the many positive achievements of the Commission during the past several years, along with the tremendous amount of time and hard work. The recommendation from the Compensation Commission was approved via a 2 – 1 vote.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: Commissioner Sansom said she is in support. Commissioner Conklin said he has a hard time supporting this, Mayor Pro-Tem Towne said he agrees with Commissioner Conklin. Commissioner Grunch said he supports. Mayor Neidhamer said he feels uneasy giving himself a raise, but there were 51 meetings and 13 events this year alone.

MOTION

2017-10-099

Moved by Grunch

Second by Sansom

To approve the recommendation of the Compensation Commission to increase the Mayor's compensation from \$3,000 to \$3,250 annually and the Commissioner's compensation from \$2,500 to \$2,700 annually and authorize Staff to make the appropriate adjustments

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried

**City Manager
Compensation**

Consideration of the recommendation from City Manager Compensation committee to increase the City Manager's annual compensation by 2.5% resulting in a new annual salary of \$107,625 effective retroactively to May 1, 2017 and authorize staff to make the appropriate adjustments.

Mayor Neidhamer and Commissioner Sansom discussed the recommendation to increase the City Manager's Compensation by 2.5%, resulting in a new annual salary of \$107,625. They feel that is very well deserved. The City Manager received between an Above Average and Outstanding score on his recent evaluation.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All Commissioners are in full support of the recommendation

MOTION

2017-10-100

Moved by Grunch

Second by Sansom

To approve the recommendation to increase the City Manager's annual compensation by 2.5% resulting in a new annual salary of \$107,625 effective retroactively to May 1, 2017 and authorize staff to make the appropriate adjustments

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

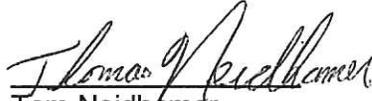
Motion carried

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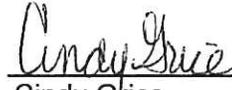
Commissioner Conklin asked if now is an appropriate time to move forward with property maintenance standards?

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Neidhamer seconded by Commissioner Grunch to adjourn the Regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 1:38 p.m.



Tom Neidhamer
Mayor



Cindy Grice
Clerk / Treasurer