

**FEBRUARY 14, 2017
REGULAR MEETING**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING DULY CALLED AND HELD AT BOYNE CITY HALL, 364 NORTH LAKE STREET, ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Neidhamer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Tom Neidhamer, Mayor Pro-Tem Gene Towne, Commissioners Ron Grunch, Laura Sansom and Hugh Conklin

Absent: None

Staff: Scott McPherson, Cindy Grice, Barb Brooks, Andy Kovolski, John Lamont, Jeff Gaither, Mike Cain and Kelsie King-Duff

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

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION

2017-02-014
Moved by Conklin
Second by Towne

2017-02-014A
Approved the January 17, 2016 Joint Board and Commission meeting minutes as presented

2017-02-014B
Approved the January 24, 2016 City Commission regular meeting as presented

2017-02-014C
Approved the resignation of Jane MacKenzie from the Planning Commission

2017-02-014D
Approved the purchase of a Spaulding Hot Patch Trailer from Bell Equipment in the amount of \$21,467.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

**CITY MANAGERS
REPORT**

City Manager Cain reported:

- Significant progress is being made on the new City Facility building.
- New Main Street Program Director Kelsie King-Duff was introduced

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

Draft Minutes of the January 5, 2017 Main Street Board meeting minutes; the January 5, 2017 Parks & Recreation Board meeting minutes; the January 9, 2017 EDC Board meeting minutes; the January 9, 2017 LDFA Board meeting minutes; the January 16, 2017 Planning Commission meeting minutes and the January 25, 2017 Airport Board meeting minutes were received and filed.

Alley Vacation Public Hearing

Consideration of a Public Hearing and approval of the Public Way Vacation request from Darrel and Marcella Hill to vacate the alley between two parcels at 419 E Lincoln Street

Mayor Neidhamer opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Planning Director Scott McPherson discussed the application for the vacation of a public way submitted by Darrel and Marcella Hill who are requesting the alley between their two parcels be vacated. The alley is 16.5 feet wide and 330 feet in length and runs between Lincoln Street and the undeveloped portion of Cedar Street, east of Grant Street. The alley is undeveloped, not maintained and contains no infrastructure. There is a steep slope on a significant portion of the alley so it is unlikely that the alley would be developed for access in the future and all of the adjacent property owners have signed a petition in support of the vacation. The proposal has been reviewed by City staff and no issues or concerns were identified with the request. The Planning Commission reviewed the request and recommended the alley be vacated as requested.

Citizens Comments: Marcie Hill said they would like to build a garage and this is necessary to do so. Barbara Young agrees with the recommendation.

Mayor Neidhamer closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Board Discussion: All Commissioners are in agreement with the recommendation.

MOTION

2017-02-015
Moved by Towne
Second by Sansom

Approved of the Public Way Vacation request from Darrel and Marcella Hill to vacate the alley between two parcels at 419 E Lincoln Street

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Motion carried

Public Hearing – Parks Master Plan

Consideration of a Public Hearing and approval of a resolution adopting the 5-year Recreation Plan Amendment incorporating the Harbor / Marina Facilities addendum as presented

Mayor Neidhamer opened the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Harbormaster Barb Brooks discussed the amendment being proposed to the 5 year Recreation Plan. The DNR and Waterways Commission require certain elements addressing marinas/harbors to be included in a communities 5 year recreation plan in order to be considered for grant funding. The City does have a Marina Master Plan and the marina and boat launch are mentioned in the current rec plan, however, the specific elements they want communities to discuss and evaluate are not included at this time. Input was sought from the Parks and Recreation Board, Planning Commission and the public. Public notices were placed for each meeting and the draft plan

amendment was made available at City Hall and on the City's website. A resolution was presented to the Commission for consideration to adopt.

Citizens Comments: Barbara Young asked where she could review the site plan.

Mayor Neidhamer closed the Public Hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Board Discussion: Mayor Pro-Tem Towne said the marina is a great asset to Boyne City and he fully supports this. Commissioner Sansom said we need to do this to cover all bases. All other Commissioners are in full support of the recommendation

MOTION

2017-02-016
 Moved by Conklin
 Second by Towne

Approved of the a resolution adopting the 5-year Recreation Plan Amendment incorporating the Harbor / Marina Facilities addendum as presented

Ayes: 5
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Motion carried

EMS Cooperative Agreements

Consideration to adopt 1) a Mutual Aid agreement with the City of Charlevoix for supportive Emergency Medical Services and 2) consideration to adopt a Memo of Understanding to allow the two agencies to collaborate in assuring system development and sharing appropriate Emergency Medical Services and authorize the City Manager to execute both agreements. EMS Director John Lamont discussed the two agreements that are being presented. First, Mutual Aid with the City of Charlevoix for supportive Emergency Medical Services. In the event of a catastrophic event in either community our agencies will provide coverage and support to the each other at no cost to the recipient community. Example Boyne City EMS has this same agreement with Emmet County EMS, when the fire occurred at Boyne Highlands our service sent trucks and crew to support the delivery of emergency medical service. Recently with the fires in Charlevoix we as an agency have been requested to back up their service, and we have, this agreement provides written understanding that as a provider of emergency medical services we will back each other as requested. The proposed agreement is similar to agreements we have with other nearby EMS providers. We would propose changing our entity on the signature page to the 'City of Boyne City' and possibly add addresses for both parties. Second: A Memo of Understanding (MOU) (p 5-6) is presented to the City Council that allows the two agencies to collaborate in assuring system development and sharing where appropriate Emergency Medical Services. Rural communities are ever challenged in meeting and delivering services in their communities, whether, it is staffing, training, regulatory compliance and or funding. In order to continue to provide a sustainable service into the future, agencies are going to find that working together to meet our challenges collaboration will provide a platform to build upon. We are hopeful that thru this agreement we will be able to develop even stronger services in both communities while at the same time saving money thru greater efficiencies. Both agreements were

presented to and approved by the Charlevoix City Council at their regular February 6th meeting. We anticipate no significant cost increases as a result of the adoption of these agreements. Long term we believe they may help deliver improved services and cost savings. John added that this clarifies the liabilities.

Staff Comments: City Manager Cain said this is a natural extension of cooperation and working together with neighboring communities to share resources.

Citizens Comments: Barbara Young said she wishes the Commission would all vote for it. Our emergency care people need our support. You need a good emergency service system.

Board Discussion: Commissioner Conklin asked if there was an agreement like with this with fire departments and was informed yes. He added that it is a great idea and a great first step. Commissioner Grunch said it really tightens up the protocol and builds on the past and future. All other Commissioner are in agreement with the recommendation.

2017-02-017
Moved by Sansom
Second by Towne

Approved to adopt 1) a Mutual Aid agreement with the City of Charlevoix for supportive Emergency Medical Services and 2) consideration to adopt a Memo of Understanding to allow the two agencies to collaborate in assuring system development and sharing appropriate Emergency Medical Services and authorize the City Manager to execute both agreements and to include a report on the status of this agreement in six months

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Motion carried

Good of the Order

City Manager Cain provided updated photos of the Old City Clock currently being refurbished for installation in the new City Facility building.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Neidhamer seconded by Commissioner Grunch to adjourn the Regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 7:55 p.m.



Tom Neidhamer
Mayor



Cindy Grice
Clerk / Treasurer