

**SEPTEMBER 26, 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 SEPTEMBER 26, 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 Commissioner Laura Sansom

Absent: Commissioners Hugh Conklin and Ron Grunch

Staff: Cindy Grice, Michael Cain, Andy Kovolski, Mark Fowler, Kelsie King-Duff, Scott McPherson, Patrick Kilkenny, Jeff Gaither and Barb Brooks

Others: There were 4 citizens in attendance including a representative from the Petoskey News Review.

**EXCUSE
COMMISSIONERS
MOTION**

2017-09-082
Moved by Neidhamer
Second by Towne

To excuse Commissioner Grunch from attending today's meeting and Commissioner Conklin from attending today's meeting

Ayes: 3
Nays: 0
Absent: 2
Motion carried

**CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION**

2017-09-083
Moved by Sansom
Second by Towne

To approve the September 12, 2017 City Commission regular meeting minutes as presented
Approved the recommendation from the Economic Development Corporation board to reappoint Michael Cain for a six year term expiring in March, 2023
Approved to award the bid to supply ice control sand to R & B Excavating in the amount of \$13,500 and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents

Ayes: 3
Nays: 0
Absent: 2
Motion carried

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

**CITY MANAGERS
REPORT**

City Manager Cain reported:

- The Fire Department's new tanker truck has arrived.
- The pavilion project is progressing well.

- Absentee ballots for the November 7th election are now available.
- Networks Northwest will be holding a housing summit on Monday October 19th in Traverse City.
- The Candidates Forum for the upcoming City Commission election will be held at City Hall on October 18th at 6:00 p.m.
- Congratulations to Woody Hardy who will be retiring on Friday, September 29 from the City after over 22 years of service.

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

**West Michigan Water
Extension Special
Assessment**

The August, 2017 Financial Statement was received and filed.

Consideration to review and accept the reports, determine to proceed with the improvement, order that this report be filed with the City Clerk / Treasurer for public inspection, publish notice of its intention to make the improvements as called for in 50-7(a) thru (d) of the City's Code of Ordinance and authorize City Staff to take appropriate steps necessary for its continued review and receipt of public comments at the Commission's October 10, 2017, 7:00 p.m. meeting.

City Manager Cain discussed the next steps necessary in order to proceed in response to the petition filed requesting a special assessment district be created to pay for the development and installation of a water main, hydrants and related items to service properties on West Michigan and Woodlawn and the requirements of 50-6 of the Boyne City. Following is information necessary to proceed; The City Clerk/Treasurer has determined that all affected properties are current in their taxes; (a)(2-4) Provided, see attached reports from our Planning Director (pages 13-21) and City Assessor at the end of these materials; (a)(5) Provided, see attached project estimate from C2AE included on page 5. They recommend increasing the total to \$300,000 to cover any unexpected increases and adjusting as needed upon receipt of actual bids; (a)(6) Residents report failing wells, poor water quality and desire for improved fire-fighting resources as demonstrating the need for the proposed improvements; (b)(1) Based on all information received to date I believe the necessity, feasibility and desirability of the proposed improvements exist and recommend approval of the request; (b)(2) the benefiting properties pay 100% of the costs of the improvements. The City would be responsible for ongoing operation and maintenance; (b)(3) the map provided on page 4 show the approximate extent of the improvement as the blue dashed line and the district boundaries are shown by the area within the red dashed lines and (b)(4) the project would be financed by a loan from an appropriate financial institution to be funded by the proposed special assessment district for a period of 20 years. We are aware of no grants available to help support the project.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: Commissioner Sansom said she would like to see a few more people added to lower the cost of this process. Is the interest rate fixed? Yes. Mayor Neidhamer and Mayor Pro-Tem Towne are in full favor.

MOTION

2017-09-084
Moved by Towne
Second by Sansom

To review and accept the reports, determine to proceed with the improvement, order that this report be filed with the City Clerk / Treasurer for public inspection, publish notice of its intention to make the improvements as called for in 50-7(a) thru (d) of the City's Code of Ordinance and authorize City Staff to take appropriate steps necessary for its continued review and receipt of public comments at the Commission's October 10, 2017, 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Ayes: 3
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 2
 Motion carried

**Charlevoix County
 Community Foundation
 Grants**

Consideration to approve the request for the City to apply for a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for Phase 2 of the Veteran's Park Pavilion Project and to allow City Staff to carry out the implementation of the grant if successful and consideration to approve the request for the City to be the applicant and administer the grant application to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for matching funds for Phase I of the Boyne Valley Trail.

Kelsie King-Duff discussed the request to apply for a grant through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for Phase II of the pavilion project. The total amount of the grant would be \$68,500 and would cover the cost of updating the bathrooms in the pavilion.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All Commissioners are in full favor.

MOTION

2017-09-085
 Moved by Sansom
 Second by Towne

To approve the request for the City to apply for a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for Phase 2 of the Veteran's Park Pavilion Project and to allow City Staff to carry out the implementation of the grant if successful.

Ayes: 3
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 2
 Motion carried

Planning Director Scott McPherson discussed the request to submit a grant application to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to fund the \$30,000 other sources match requirement for the Phase I of the Boyne Valley Trailway project. Michigan DNR Trust Fund and MDOT Transportation Enhancement Alternatives funding has left \$100,000 in necessary funding. The City of Boyne City and Boyne Valley Township are matching \$35,000 each. Initial design work for the project is underway.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All Commissioners are in full favor.

MOTION

2017-09-086
Moved by Towne
Second by Sansom

To approve the request for the City to be the applicant and administer the grant application to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for matching funds for Phase I of the Boyne Valley Trail.

Ayes: 3
Nays: 0
Absent: 2
Motion carried

Seagull Deterrent

Consideration to approve to purchase a Hot Track Bird Deterrent system for the City Hall facility in the amount of \$8,868 and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents

Public Works Superintendent Andy Kovolski discussed the proposals received to deter seagulls from perching along the roof peak of the new City Facility and leaving a mess. The proposal from Critter Control recommended using a product called Hot Track. This is a very low profile product that uses electricity to keep birds from roosting and landing on the ridgeline of the building. This product is barely visible from the ground level and the cost to supply and install this system is \$8,868. It will be adhered to the roof with glue.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: Commissioner Sansom asked if it will be harmful to birds and was informed, no. All Commissioners are in agreement with the proposal.

MOTION

2017-09-087
Moved by Towne
Second by Sansom

To approve to purchase a Hot Track Bird Deterrent system for the City Hall facility in the amount of \$8,868 and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.

Ayes: 3
Nays: 0
Absent: 2
Motion carried

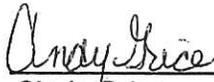
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None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Neidhamer seconded by Commissioner Sansom to adjourn the Regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 12:52 p.m.


Tom Neidhamer
Mayor


Cindy Grice
Clerk / Treasurer