



CITY COUNCIL

May 4, 2015

A regular meeting of the City of Petoskey City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, May 4, 2015. This meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.; then, after a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, a roll call then determined that the following were

Present: William Fraser, Mayor
Kate Marshall, City Councilmember
John Murphy, City Councilmember
Grant Dittmar, City Councilmember

Absent: Jeremy Wills, City Councilmember

Also in attendance were City Manager Robert Straebel and Clerk-Treasurer Alan Terry.

Hear 2014 Audit Presentation

Trina Edwards and Bob Thompson of Dennis, Gartland & Niegarth, Traverse City, were in attendance and presented information concerning the City's Financial Statements and Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants as the annual audit for the City's fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. The audit-related communications letter that was sent to Council was also reviewed. The auditors answered several question from City Council regarding the audit.

Resolution No. 18871 Approve Consent Agenda Items

Following introduction of the consent agenda for this meeting of May 4, 2015, City Councilmember Marshall moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Dittmar adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby confirms that the draft minutes of the April 20, 2015 regular-session City Council meeting be and are hereby approved; and

BE IT RESOLVED that receipt by the City Council of a report concerning all checks that had been issued since April 20 for contract and vendor claims at \$457,418.41, intergovernmental claims at \$277.44, and the April 23 payroll at \$174,505.48, for a total of \$632,201.33 be and is hereby acknowledged.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Murphy, Dittmar, Fraser (4)
NAYS: None (0)

Hear Public Comment

Mayor Fraser asked for public comments and heard from Mike Teska, 313 East Lake Street, concerning the DMB parking recommendations that were approved by the DMB and that the Parking Committee should address turnover in parking and not rate increases, provide comparisons to similar communities and that the increases are a negative impact locally.

Ed Karman, 221 East Lake Street, was disappointed that the recommendation to change Board term limits did not occur and that the parking increases are excessive. Marjorie Mehney, 314 East Lake Street, commented that there had been several negative comments on Facebook concerning the DMB parking recommendations.

Hear City Manager Updates

Alan Terry reviewed that MDOT would be milling streets in Bay View and Belle Avenue on May 10; that a planning and goal session with Dr. Ohren is scheduled for June 26-27; that the Emmet Streetscape Design workshops will be May 11-14; that the special May 5 election is tomorrow and the road to voting hall will be open; and that the DEQ is doing remediation along the bike trail past the WWTP concerning the contamination project from Farmer's Petroleum.

The City Manager reviewed that there was a small fire in Bay Harbor on Sunday morning and that he is proud to begin working for the City of Petoskey.

Resolution No. 18872 - Approve
Application for MDOT Local Bridge
Program Funding for Bridge St. Bridge

The Acting City Manager reviewed that the Bridge Street Bridge, located between Franklin and Porter Streets, was constructed over the Bear River in 1976. MDOT requires bridges within the City's jurisdiction to be inspected at least every two years. The Bridge Street Bridge is on an annual inspection cycle due to its condition and was last inspected in November of 2014.

Inspections have revealed that preventative maintenance work is necessary. The City annually undertakes minor joint repairs. The complete project would include joint replacements, beam end repairs, concrete surface coatings and other miscellaneous items. The preliminary cost estimate for this work is approximately \$380,000, but the exact scope of work and engineered cost estimate will be determined as engineering analysis and evaluations are completed.

The City applied, unsuccessfully, in 2013 and 2014 to the MDOT Local Bridge Program for fiscal year 2016 and 2017. MDOT is again soliciting grant applications for candidate projects for the Local Bridge Program for fiscal year 2018. The Bridge Street Bridge is the only bridge in the City's jurisdiction that is eligible for this funding. The Local Bridge Program will provide funding for 95% of the eligible construction cost for rehabilitation work with 5% to be provided by the City along with the necessary design and construction engineering costs. Preliminary estimates for this repair work are approximately \$380,000 meaning that the City's share of this construction would be approximately \$19,000.

City staff along with consultant, Northwest Design Group, Petoskey, will be completing the application for improvements to the Bridge Street Bridge. City staff recommended that Council approve the resolution supporting the grant application for Bridge Street Bridge rehabilitation.

City Councilmember Murphy moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Marshall adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation is soliciting Applications for the Local Bridge Program to be funded in 2018; and

WHEREAS, "Bridge Street over Bear River" is located in Section 6 of the City of Petoskey, is a bridge under the jurisdiction of the City of Petoskey and is in need of rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Petoskey supports the application to the Michigan Department of Transportation for Local Bridge Program Funding to complete this project:

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Petoskey supports the application to the Michigan Department of Transportation for Local Bridge Program Funding for "Bridge Street over Bear River" located in the City of Petoskey and that we are committed to funding the local share.

Said motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Murphy, Dittmar, Fraser (4)

NAYS: None (0)

Resolution No. 18873 Approve
Local Revenue Sharing Board
Application for Firefighting Equipment

The Acting City Manager reviewed that Emmet County Local Revenue Sharing Board is accepting applications from local governmental units for funds to be used for lawful governmental purposes. The Department of Public Safety is proposing to submit a request in the amount of \$50,000 to assist in the purchase of 39 self-contained breathing apparatuses.

Current equipment was purchased in 2002 and no longer meets National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. Self-contained breathing apparatuses are an essential tool in protecting fire fighters from the exposure to fire and smoke. Manufacturers discontinued producing the City's style unit in 2007 and replacement parts were discontinued in 2009. Distributors are finding it difficult to locate parts when making repairs.

Replacement costs for new equipment have nearly doubled since 2002. The new self-contained breathing apparatuses will meet current standards and provide City firefighters safe and reliable equipment. The City has applied with the Federal Energy Management Association (FEMA) for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$139,700. The City's portion would be \$57,950 if both grants are approved.

City Councilmember Marshall moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Dittmar adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Petoskey, operates a Department of Public Safety that contains Public Safety Officers that perform firefighting duties; and

WHEREAS, the current firefighting equipment includes self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA) that do not meet current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards and are no longer being produced by the manufacturer, making repairs difficult; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to provide Public Safety Officers with new NFPA approved SCBA equipment to Officers that is safe and reliable:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Petoskey City Council does hereby support and authorizes the submission of this grant application to the Emmet County Local Revenue Sharing Board in the amount of \$50,000 for firefighting equipment.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Murphy, Dittmar, Fraser (4)

NAYS: None (0)

Hear Council Comments

Mayor Fraser asked for Council comments and there were no comments.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, this May 4, 2015, meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

W.J. Fraser, Mayor

Alan Terry, City Clerk-Treasurer