



CITY COUNCIL

July 6, 2015

A regular meeting of the City of Petoskey City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, July 6, 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
Jeremy Wills, City Councilmember

Absent: None

Also in attendance were City Manager Robert Straebel, Clerk-Treasurer Alan Terry, Downtown Director Becky Goodman and District Library Director Valerie Meyerson.

Hear Petoskey District
Library Presentation

Library is staying open during community events. The 2014 Annual Report was also available to review.

District Library Director, Valerie Meyerson, gave a brief presentation concerning library activities. She reviewed new services, grants received, that there is an IT Supervisor on staff now, a Tween Manager and that the

Resolution No. 18884
Approve Consent Agenda Items

Following introduction of the consent agenda for this meeting of July 6, 2015, City Councilmember Marshall moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Murphy adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby confirms that the draft minutes of the June 15, 2015 regular-session and June 26 and 27, 2015 special 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 June 15 for contract and vendor claims at \$495,900.86, intergovernmental claims at \$0, and the June 18 and July 2 payrolls at \$415,545.44, for a total of \$911,446.30 be and is hereby acknowledged.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Murphy, Dittmar, Wills, Fraser (5)
NAYS: None (0)

Hear Public Comment

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

Hear City Manager Updates

holiday; that the Capital Improvements Plan is in progress; that further discussion on the goal setting sessions would occur at the next Council meeting; and reminded everyone that Dan Leonard with MEDC would be presenting at a special Council meeting tomorrow night.

Continue Discussion on DMB
Parking Recommendations

June 15, 2015 City Council meeting.

The City Manager reviewed the roles of City Council and City Manager for proposed parking recommendations. The City Council was being asked to discuss and approve Recommendation #3 and Recommendation #5 involving increasing fines. The City Manager commented that the booting policy may be unacceptable and that an alternative enforcement measure would involve issuing a civil infraction through the District Court for violators with at least 6 outstanding parking tickets.

City Councilmembers inquired on the alternative enforcement through the Courts and how much revenue the City would receive, if the violator's license would get suspended and when; heard from those in favor of trying civil infractions issued by the Courts first and if that doesn't work then implement the booting policy; and that booting is a quick and visible enforcement and a message on the boot may be favorable.

City Councilmembers further discussed fines and the enforcement of penalties for non-timely payment of fines; that penalties should be enforced properly or not have them at all; inquired if penalties are too high; agreed to lengthen time period from 30 days to 180 days; and inquired why maximum parking hours were being limited to 3 hours.

The City Manager and City Councilmembers next reviewed the remaining 15 proposed parking recommendations.

Mayor Fraser asked for public comments and heard that lengthening the time from one month to six months is too long; heard from those opposed to rate increases and booting; inquired if meters can be placed outside of DDA District; enforcement is not consistent; that meter stickers should be simple; that there is not enough public input, no public process and many people that do not support these recommendations; that three hour limit is not long enough; that first time ticket is free; that transit from the Winter Sports Park is not a good idea; and a long term issue should be to deck a parking lot.

City Councilmembers will revisit this matter at the next regular scheduled City Council meeting on July 20.

Resolution No. 18885 - Approve MDNR
Waterways Grant for Marina Repairs

The City Manager reviewed that in March 2015, City staff submitted a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Waterway Commission requesting funding assistance to remove and replace deteriorating wood decking on a portion of Marina Pier B and to replace the small, original dock office with a new, more functional office on Pier B near the gas dock. The projected cost of these needed improvements has been estimated at \$278,326. A grant match of 50% was requested in the application. City staff was notified by letter on June 11, 2015 that the Waterways Commission approved the City's grant request and forwarded the Waterway Grant Agreement agreeing to pay 50% of the estimated project cost not to exceed \$139,163.

The proposed project is outlined in the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2013-2017 as amended, the City's 2015-2019 Capital Improvements Plan and the City's approved 2015 Budget. Matching funds for this project will come from the Marina Reserve Fund.

If authorization for this project is received the project could potentially start in the fall of 2015 and be completed in the spring of 2016. This timetable is dependent on how fast the Michigan Department of Natural Resources staff can complete grant documentation and required plan reviews. If delays are encountered the project would start in the spring of 2016, stop for summer boating season and resume in the fall of 2016.

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

WHEREAS, the City of Petoskey City Council has reviewed the Michigan Department of Natural Resources 2015 Waterways Grant Agreement for specified improvements at the Petoskey Marina and the terms of that agreement which are as follows:

1. To appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand One Hundred Sixty-three dollars (\$139,163.00) to match the One Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand One Hundred Sixty-three dollars (\$139,163.00) State grant authorized by the Department.
2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records, and to make them available to the Department for auditing at reasonable times.
3. To construct the facilities and provide the funds, services, and materials as may be necessary to satisfy the terms of the Agreement.
4. To ensure that all premises, buildings, and equipment related procedures comply with all applicable State and Federal regulations.
5. To establish and appoint the City Manager or his designated representative to regulate the use of the facilities constructed under this Agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.
6. To enforce all State statutes and local ordinances pertaining to marine safety and to enforce statutes of the State of Michigan within the confines of the City pertaining to the licensing of watercraft. Watercraft not fully complying with the laws of the State of Michigan relative to licensing shall not be permitted to use the facility until full compliance with those laws has been made.
7. To comply with all terms of the Agreement, including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Petoskey City Council adopts this resolution agreeing to comply with all of the terms of the Waterways Grant Agreement, including all terms not set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Murphy, Dittmar, Wills, Fraser (5)
NAYS: None (0)

Tabled CDBG Grant Application Part I
for 316 & 318 E. Lake Street Renovations

Property owner Bob Berg and Project Manager, Tom Johnson, Howard Property Partners, were not present therefore City Council tabled this matter for discussion at a future City Council meeting.

Hear Council Comments

Mayor Fraser asked for Council comments and Councilmember Wills inquired if the fireworks display needed Council approval and that the Old Town Emmet Farmer's Market on Emmet Street should be included in the City's newsletter. City Councilmember Murphy had concerns about fireworks and that the activities and changes at the District Library are great.

Mayor Fraser reminded everyone that Ward and City Conventions were next Monday, July 13 and Wednesday, July 15.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, this July 6, 2015, meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:47 P.M.

W.J. Fraser, Mayor

Alan Terry, City Clerk-Treasurer