CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Daniel Balice called the regular meeting of the City Council to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Roll call revealed that Councilmembers John Milewski, Jeff Winters, Gordon Kelley, Ted Paton, Kim Patrick, Tom Millard, Paul Lentz, Janet Gustafson and Mayor Balice present. City Clerk Lynn Lafler was excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Thomas Albert and Katherine Henry introduced themselves as Republican candidates for the 86th District House of Representatives.

Ionia Township resident Sherry Sheurer shared with the City Council her suggestions regarding reserved seating on the City’s Dial-A-Ride buses for school aged children.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
It was moved by Councilmember Patrick, seconded by Councilmember Lentz to approve the March 1, 2016 regular meeting minute.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Milewski, Winters, Kelley, Paton, Patrick, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz and Balice.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS
Approve – 2015 Housing Commission Annual Report
Katie Bennett, Executive Director of the City’s Housing Commission, presented the Housing Commission’s 2015 Annual Report. The City Manager stated that the Annual Report is required by Section 278.06 of the City Code.

It was moved by Councilmember Paton, seconded by Councilmember Milewski to receive and place on file the 2015 Annual Report of the Housing Commission.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Winters, Kelley, Paton, Patrick, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz, Milewski and Balice.
Nays: None
Approve – 2015 Granger Annual Report
The City Manager reported that the Domestic Refuse and Recycling Collection Agreement between the City and Granger requires that Granger annually provide to Council a report of its performance under this Agreement at a City Council meeting. The City Manager introduced Sean McHugh, Director of Sales and Marketing for Granger Waste Services who presented information that included statistical and other data that informs Council of Granger’s activity for the past year.

It was moved by Councilmember Paton seconded by Councilmember Millard to receive and place on file the 2015 Granger Annual Report.

Roll Call Vote:   Ayes: Kelley, Paton, Patrick, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz, Milewski, Winters and Balice.
                 Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

Approve - 2015 Downtown Development Authority Annual Report
Mike Kirgis, Chairman of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), presented the DDA’s 2015 Annual Report to Council. The Annual Report is required by the DDA’s Rules of Procedure.

It was moved by Councilmember Gustafson, seconded by Councilmember Millard to receive and place on file the 2015 Annual Report of the Downtown Development Authority

Roll Call Vote:   Ayes: Paton, Patrick, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz, Milewski, Winters, Kelley and Balice.
                 Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

Approve – 2016 Independence Holiday Fireworks Permit
The City Manager reported that the DDA will be sponsoring the annual Independence Holiday fireworks display on Friday, July 1, 2016, and again retained the services of Melrose Pyrotechnics, Kingsbury, Indiana, to provide and launch the display. As in the past the fireworks will be launched from the in-field area at the fairgrounds. The City Manager stated that Melrose has provided the City with the necessary insurance endorsements with the City, DDA and Free Fair Association all named as additional insured. Public Act 358 of 1968, as amended, requires a local governmental unit to grant a permit so that the fireworks may be launched.

It was moved by Councilmember Millard, seconded by Councilmember Paton to approve the permit for fireworks display to Melrose Pyrotechnics, Kingsbury, Indiana for the launching of fireworks on Friday, July 1, 2016 in the in-field of the Ionia Free Fair Grounds.
Approve – Scheduling of Special Meeting to Review Proposed Budget
The City Manager reported that as in the past, he would like Council to schedule a special meeting for the purpose of reviewing the proposed FY16-17 City budget. The last two years Council has met for this purpose prior to the regular May meeting. The City Manager proposed that Council again take this approach and meet at 5:30 PM, Tuesday, May 3, 2016 with the regular meeting to follow at 7:00 PM.

It was moved by Councilmember Winters, seconded by Councilmember Paton to schedule a Special City Council Meeting for 5:30 PM, Tuesday, May 3, 2016 for the purpose of reviewing the proposed FY16-17 budget.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Millard, Gustafson, Lentz, Milewski, Winters, Kelley, Paton, Patrick and Balice.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

Approve – Public Safety Vehicle Purchase
The City Manager reported that consistent with the City’s Capital Improvement Plan, the FY16-17 proposed General Fund budget contains funds to replace two patrol vehicles for Public Safety. These two new units will replace three older model Ford Crown Victoria patrol vehicles (1-2008 and 2-2010) which will be sold during 2016. The City Manager stated that again this year Betten Ford, Grand Rapids, has agreed to honor the State of Michigan bulk purchasing program price for Ford Interceptors at $28,233 and requested Council approval to purchase two vehicles with delivery occurring after the start of the new fiscal year.

It was moved by Councilmember Milewski, seconded by Councilmember Patrick to authorize the City Manager to purchase two 2017 Ford Utility Police Interceptors from Betten Ford, Grand Rapids, for $56,466.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gustafson, Lentz, Milewski, Winters, Kelley, Paton, Patrick, Millard and Balice.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

Accept – Bids for WWTP Improvement Projects
The City Manager reported that the FY15-16 IRUA Fund budget contains funds to complete another phase of improvements at the wastewater treatment plant as identified by the City’s capital improvement plan. Funding is included in the budget to complete re-roofing digester #3 and #4 along with replacing the odor control ductwork and mechanisms in two clarifiers. The City Manager stated that with the assistance of FTC&H, bid specifications were prepared for both projects and were distributed to area contractors. Bids for both projects were opened on March 23, 2016 with the following bids received:
Digester Roof Coating Project

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<td>RAM Construction Services, Wyoming</td>
<td>$20,000.00*</td>
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<td>Pullman, Trenton</td>
<td>$49,985.00</td>
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<td>Meridian Restoration, Alpena</td>
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* Did not include cost of removing old roofing layers.

After review of the bids, FTC&H has recommended that the low bid submitted by RAM Construction Services, Wyoming, for $35,750.00 be accepted.

Odor Control/Clarifier Mechanisms

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<td>Franklin Holwerda Co., Wyoming</td>
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<td>Gerace Construction, Midland</td>
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<td>Allied Mechanical Services, Kalamazoo</td>
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<td>L. D. Docsa Associates, Kalamazoo</td>
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The City Manager also stated that after review of the bids, FTC&H has recommended that the low bid submitted by Franklin Holwerda Co., Wyoming, for $378,500.00 be accepted.

It was moved by Councilmember, Winters seconded by Councilmember Kelley to accept the bid submitted by RAM Construction Services, Wyoming for $35,750.00 for re-coating the roofs on Digester No. 3 & No. 4 at the wastewater treatment plant and the bid submitted by Franklin Holwerda Co., Wyoming, for $378,500.00 for completing the odor control and clarifier mechanism replacement project at the wastewater treatment plant and authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary contract documents.

Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes: Lentz, Milewski, Winters, Kelley, Paton, Patrick, Millard, Gustafson and Balice.  
Nays: None  
MOTION CARRIED

Accept – Bid for 2016 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising

The City Manager reported that again this year the Sewer Fund budget contains funds to hire a contractor to clean and televise certain sanitary sewer mains. The information collected from televising is used to identify system problems and develop repair options. The City Manager also stated that with the assistance of Fishbeck Thompson Carr and Huber (FTCH), bid specifications were prepared and distributed to firms that specialize in this type of work. The following bids were received:

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<td>Plummers Environmental</td>
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<td>$14,644.44</td>
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<td>Engineer’s Estimate</td>
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<td>$18,605.75</td>
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<td>Northern A-1 (PCS)</td>
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<td>$29,545.80</td>
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The City Manager stated that FTCH has reviewed the bids and has recommended that the bid submitted by Plummers Environmental be accepted.
It was moved by Councilmember Milewski, seconded by Councilmember Winters to accept the proposal submitted by Plummers Environmental, Byron Center, for $14,644.44 for completing sewer cleaning and televising work per the bid specifications prepared by Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber and authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary documents to facilitate this work.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Milewski, Winters, Kelley, Paton, Patrick, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz and Balice. Nays None
MOTION CARRIED

Approve – Introduction and First Reading – Ord. No. 526 - Codification
The City Manager reported that each year it is necessary for Council to adopt an ordinance which permits the ordinances adopted during the previous year to be codified and included in the City’s book of codified ordinances. The City Manager provided Councilmembers a copy of Ordinance No. 526 which, if approved, provides the authorization for staff to have the codified versions of the ordinances published. The City Manager stated that there were several amendments that were adopted since the date of the last codification (March 3, 2015).

It was moved by Councilmember Paton, seconded by Councilmember Millard to permit the record of the April 12, 2016 Council Meeting to reflect the introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 526, the City codification ordinance, and to schedule a Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, May 3, 2016 in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

CITY OF IONIA
Ordinance No. 526

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH

WHEREAS, American Legal Publishing Corporation has completed its most recent updating and revision of the Codified Ordinances of the City;

WHEREAS, various ordinances and resolutions of a general and permanent nature that have been passed by Council since the date of the last updating and revision of the Codified Ordinances (March 3, 2015) have been included in the Codified Ordinances of the City;

THE CITY OF IONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the editing, arrangement and numbering or renumbering of the following ordinances and resolutions are hereby approved as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of the City, so as to conform to the classification and numbering system of the Codified Ordinances:
Ord. or Res. No. | Date | C.O. Section
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519 | 5-5-15 | Pt. 12, Title 6, Appendix II-B
520 | 6-2-15 | 214.05
521 | 6-2-15 | 440.99
522 | 7-7-15 | 1610.01 to 1610.06, 1610.99
523 | 7-7-15 | 1460.01 to 1460.05, 1460.99
525 | 7-7-15 | 1271.02

Section 2. If any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance is declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be published and recorded as provided in the City Charter and shall take effect upon publication, but not less than ten (10) days after adoption by the City Council.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Winters, Kelley, Paton, Patrick, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz, Milewski and Balice.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

**Small Urban Task Force Resolution**
The City Manager reported that the Small Urban Task Force for Ionia, consisting of the City of Ionia, City of Ionia through its Dial-A-Ride and the Ionia County Road Commission, recently met to identify priority projects for the 2018-2020 planning period. The City Manager stated that through this prioritization process projects were identified by the Task Force and provided Council members with a Resolution pledging local match for the future projects.

It was moved by Councilmember Winters, seconded by Councilmember Gustafson to adopt the following prepared Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation recently announced that it is accepting applications for Small Urban Program project funding for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Small Urban Task Force for Ionia, consisting of the City of Ionia, City of Ionia through its Dial-A-Ride and the Ionia County Road Commission, recently met to identify priority projects for the 2018-2020 planning period; and,

WHEREAS, through this prioritization process, the Task Force identified the following City projects for possible Small Urban Program funding for the planning period:
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<td>Steele Street – M-66 to Adams Street</td>
<td>$375,000</td>
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<td>#4</td>
<td>Jackson Street – M-21 to Main Street</td>
<td>$375,000</td>
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<td>#5</td>
<td>Transit Bus Replacement</td>
<td>$69,600</td>
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Ionia hereby pledges the local match in the amounts identified above should any or all of the referenced projects be funded by the Michigan Department of Transportation through the Small Urban Program.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Winters, Kelley, Paton, Patrick, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz, Milewski and Balice.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT

Balice: Welcomed Chris Hyser as the new Finance Director/Treasurer for the City of Ionia. Also stated that the demolition of the old Ionia Sparrow Hospital was proceeding very well.

Lentz: Stated he was grateful for the annual reports from the DDA, Ionia Housing Commission and Granger.

Millard: Echoed Councilman Lentz’s comments in regards to the annual reports. Also stated he would look into the suggestions regarding the seating arrangements on DAR buses.

Patrick: Stated that a resident from the Second Ward, Frank Lattimore, complained about speeding and loud “Jake Brake” noise on M-21 west of M-66.

AJOURNMENT
It was moved by Councilmember, seconded by Councilmember to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm.

By Voice Vote: MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted:

Jason Eppler, Deputy City Clerk