



CITY OF IONIA
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 3, 2016
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER

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 called revealed that Councilmembers John Milewski, Jeff Winters, Gordon Kelley, Ted Paton, Kim Patrick, Tom Millard, Paul Lentz, Janice Gustafson and Mayor Balice present. Staff present included Jason Eppler, Troy Thomas, Heidi Wenzel, Gary Cunningham, Chris Kenyon and Chris Hyzer.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Balice opened the public hearing to receive comments on proposed Ordinance No. 526 which, if approved, codifies the ordinances adopted by the City Council since March 3, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rick Feehan addressed the Council with questions regarding a house located at 763 Harrison Street which is owned by the City. Mr. Feehan expressed his desire to bid on the house should it be sold through an auction process. Walter Downs addressed the Council as a candidate for the position of Ionia County Prosecuting Attorney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Patrick, seconded by Councilmember Paton to approve the April 12, 2016 regular meeting minutes.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Approve – Second Reading and Adoption – Ordinance No. 526 – Codification

The City Manager reported that at the April meeting Council reviewed proposed Ordinance No. 526 which, if approved, codifies the ordinances enacted by Council since the last codification (March 3, 2015) and scheduled the Public Hearing regarding the proposed ordinance for earlier in this meeting. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the April 16, 2016 edition of the *Sentinel-Standard Weekender*. The City Manager stated that no comments were received.

It was moved by Councilmember Milewski, seconded by Councilmember Millard to remove from the table the matter of Ordinance No. 526 and permit the record of the May 3, 2016 meeting to reflect the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 526, which permits the codification of

ordinances since the last codification (March 3, 2015) with said ordinance effective upon publication in the May 7, 2016 edition of the *Sentinel Standard Weekender*.

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:

<u>Ord. or Res. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>C.O. Section</u>
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: Milewski, Winters, Kelley, Paton, Patrick, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz and Balice.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Approve – Setting a Public Hearing – FY2016-2017 Budget, Capital Improvement Plan and Millage Rate

The City Manager reported that the City Charter requires that the City Council adopt the fiscal year budget by June 15th each year. Prior to adopting the budget, Council is required to conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed budget and millage rate to support the budget. The City Manager stated that advance notice (publication in the newspaper) of the Public Hearing is required.

It was moved by Councilmember Paton, seconded by Councilmember Milewski to schedule a Public Hearing regarding the proposed FY16-17 Fiscal Year budget, capital improvement plan and millage rate for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, June 7, 2016 in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

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

Approve – Introduction and First Reading – Ordinance No. 527 – Utility Rates

The City Manager reported that the FY16-17 budget proposes an increase in both the water system facilities maintenance charge and the water commodity charge. The water system facilities maintenance charge is intended to off-set a portion of the cost of retiring outstanding debt issued to complete improvements to the water system while the commodity charge is intended to cover the cost of pumping and delivering water to system customers and a portion of debt.

The current quarterly water facilities maintenance charge is \$20.75 per residential equivalent unit (reu) per quarter. The charge is proposed to be increased by \$.75 per reu per quarter for a new charge of \$21.50. The City Manager stated that the increase will assist in offsetting the increase in annual debt service payments from the Water Fund due to the recent bond issue. The current water commodity charge is \$2.55 per 1,000 gallons used. This charge is proposed to be increased by \$.15 per 1,000 gallons for a new charge of \$2.70 per 1,000 gallons used. If approved, both increases are to take effect with the July 1, 2016 utility billing and are expected to assist the Water Fund in ending the proposed new fiscal year with revenues slightly ahead of expenditures (\$30,000, or just under 1 percent of expenditures)

	<u>FY15-16 (current)</u>	<u>FY16-17 (proposed)</u>
Commodity	\$2.55/1,000 gallons	\$2.70/1,000 gallons
FMC	\$20.75/reu/qtr	\$21.50/reu/qtr

Patrick: Congratulated Ionia Public Safety and Blocker for a successful drug raid in the City of Ionia.

Paton: Stated he was impressed with the start of the Cyrus Street reconstruction project.

Kelley: Congratulated the DPW for their quick action on an odor control incident.

Milewski: Commented on his experience of attending a training session at a firing range with Ionia Public Safety.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Paton, seconded by Councilmember Patrick to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Lynn E. Lafler, Clerk