CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Daniel Balice called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 pm and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Monica Tissue-Dawes, candidate for Circuit Court Judge, introduced herself and shared with Council her qualifications to be elected Circuit Court Judge.

Diane Grummet, Community Awareness Week committee chair, introduced members of her committee and updated Council on the events planned for the community. She stated that Community Awareness Week will be September 15th to September 23rd. It will culminate with the home varsity football game on September 23rd with fireworks following the game. She shared how funds raised in past years have been used to help those in need.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
It was moved by Councilmember Millard, seconded by Councilmember Patrick to approve the August 2 2016 regular meeting minutes.

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

NEW BUSINESS
Accept – Bid for Dial-A-Ride Bus Purchase
The City Manager reported that the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Dial-A-Ride budget includes funds to replace up to five Dial-A-Ride buses, pending the availability of state and federal grants. The City was recently notified that grant funding is available at this point for the purchase of one new bus. The proposed initial purchase will replace a 2007 model bus which will be sold upon receipt of the new bus. The contract for buses through the State’s bulk purchasing program has been awarded to Mobility Transportation, Canton. Based on
the size of the bus used by the City, the purchase price is $71,827.16 for a 2016 Ford F-450. This entire amount will be covered by state and federal grants with no local match.

It was moved by Councilmember Paton, seconded by Councilmember Gustafson to authorize the City Manager to purchase one 2016 Ford F-450 transit bus through Mobility Transportation utilizing the State bulk purchasing program for $71,827.16 and declare a 2007 model bus currently utilized by Dial-A-Ride as surplus and authorize its sale through a competitive bid process.

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

Accept – Bid for Improvements to Shattuck Park

The City Manager reported that the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Parks Facilities Improvement Fund budget contains funds for completing improvements to Shattuck Park. Improvements proposed include: Resurfacing the basketball court and installing new backboards and rims; providing and installing a new playground climber, play area edging and safety surface; and installing new park amenities including picnic tables, benches, litter receptacles, a grill and a bike rack; with General site work including sidewalk replacement and landscaping. A portion of the project cost is to be paid by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources through a $43,000 Recreation Passport Grant.

With the assistance of RJM Design (firm that designed Perry Park), bid specifications for these improvements were recently prepared and distributed to interested contractors. Bids were opened on Friday, August 26th, with the following bids received:

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<td>Twin Lakes Nursery, Grand Rapids</td>
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After review of the bids, RJM Design has recommended that the bid submitted by Twin Lakes Nursery be accepted.

It was moved by Councilmember Winters, seconded by Councilmember Kelley to accept the bid submitted by Twin Lakes Nursery, Grand Rapids, for $77,230.00 for completing improvements to Shattuck Park and authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary contract documents.

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

Accept – Bid for Equipping Truck Chassis – Public Works

The City Manager reported that the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Central Garage Fund budget contains funds for replacing a 1994 model dump/plow truck utilized by the Department of Public Works. At the August meeting, Council accepted the bid submitted by Freightliner of
Grand Rapids for a 2017 Freightliner truck chassis. The chassis is expected to be delivered around mid-November. Now that the chassis has been ordered, the next step in the purchase process is to accept a bid for “equipping” the truck chassis. In this context, equipping involves a firm supplying and installing the dump box and hoist; the tailgate salt spreader; the underbody snow scraper; the front bumper and hitch for the front plow; the box tarping system; all electrical and safety lighting and the hydraulic system to operate all of this equipment.

The State of Michigan has awarded a contract to Truck & Trailer Specialties, Dutton, for completing this type of work. Through the MiDeal program, staff has met with representatives of Truck & Trailer to review their ability to comply with our bid specifications and to secure a bid through the purchasing program. Truck & Trailer has provided a bid of $54,836.00 for equipping the chassis.

It was moved by Councilmember Millard, seconded by Councilmember Paton to accept the bid submitted by Truck & Trailer Specialties, Dutton, dated August 15, 2016 for $54,836.00 for equipping a 2017 truck chassis for use by the Department of Public Works pursuant to the City’s bid specifications.

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

Approve – MDOT Master Agreement – Transportation Services

The City Manager reported that a considerable portion of the operating revenue for Dial-A-Ride comes in the form of state and federal grants which are provided to the City through the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). These funds are currently distributed via a Master Agreement between the City and MDOT approved by Council during 2011 and effective beginning in 2012, for a five year period. With the current Master Agreement soon to expire, MDOT has proposed an updated agreement covering the five year period beginning January 1, 2017 and expiring December 31, 2021. The proposed new agreement mirrors the agreement currently in place.

It was moved by Councilmember Winters, seconded by Councilmember Paton to approve the following prepared Resolution approving the Master Agreement and Project Authorization with the Michigan Department of Transportation for passenger transportation related services.

WHEREAS, the City of Ionia has the authority to contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for State and/or Federal funds for passenger transportation related services; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Ionia does hereby approve Master Agreement No. 2017-0071, which covers 2017-2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Jason Eppler, City Manager, is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement for and on behalf of the City of Ionia.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall also approve execution of Project Authorizations for any programs designated by the City of Ionia and/or Project Authorizations for any amount determined by the City of Ionia with the Michigan Department of Transportation which are issued under Master Agreement No. 2017-0071 with Jason Eppler, City Manager, being authorized to enter into and execute on behalf of the City of Ionia all such Project Authorizations with the Michigan Department of Transportation for passenger related services for the Agreement period.

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

Approve – Fireworks Display Permit – Community Awareness Week
The City Manager reported that the City has received a request from the Community Awareness Week committee for a fireworks display permit for Friday, September 23, 2016. As with the 2015 display, fireworks are proposed to be launched following the varsity football game on property owned by the Ionia Public School System, located east of the football stadium.

It was moved by Councilmember Patrick, seconded by Councilmember Lentz to approve the request from the Community Awareness Week committee for a fireworks display permit for Friday, September 23, 2016 at the Ionia Public School System property located on Tuttle Road and to authorize the City Manager to sign the permit application on behalf of the City.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS
Lentz: Stated that he is pleased with the work completed by contractors for Sparrow Ionia Hospital in restoring the site formerly occupied by the old hospital on Lafayette Street.

Millard: Stated that he recently received a request for park benches along Main Street, downtown (referred to the DDA Board); congratulated WION on recently celebrating its twelfth anniversary; updated Council on the “Blocker Bite Suit” fundraiser coordinate by he and DDA Director Linda Curtis.

Balice: Stated that the 2016 street reconstruction projects are wrapping up and shared with Council market share growth and increased business activities at the new Sparrow Ionia Hospital.

Patrick: Commented on the traffic back-up on southbound M-66 on Labor Day (especially near Tuttle Road).
Paton: Stated that he is pleased with the almost completed West Lytle Street reconstruction project.

Kelley: Thanked city departments for their prompt response to two recent storm events.

Milewski: Noted that Blocker recently interacted with special needs students at Ionia County Intermediate School District.

**ADJOURNMENT**
It was moved by Councilmember Millard, seconded by Councilmember Gustafson to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jason Eppler, Deputy Clerk