



CITY OF IONIA
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2017
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 call revealed Councilmembers John Milewski, Gordon Kelley, Ted Paton, Kim Patrick, Tom Millard, Paul Lentz, Janice Gustafson and Mayor Balice present. Councilman Jeff Winters was excused.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Goose (Gus) Elliott, and Stacy Tchorzynski addressed the Council in regards to the impact the county's courthouse project may have on the Ionia Community Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Patrick, seconded by Councilmember Millard to approve the January 3, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize – Street Administrator to Certify 2016 Street Mileage Map

The City Manager reported that the Michigan Department of Transportation requires local road agencies to annually certify their street mileage. The miles certified are used to calculate the amount of revenue that each municipality receives for its street funds in the form of Gas and Weight Tax. The City Manager stated that no changes to the map are necessary this year with the number of major street miles remaining at 8.66 and the number of local street miles remaining at 17.85.

It was moved by Councilmember Paton, seconded by Councilmember Gustafson to authorize the Street Administrator to certify the 2016 Act 51 Street Mileage Map.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Milewski, Kelley, Paton, Patrick, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz
and Balice.

regulations are enforced, seldom are Public Works employees called in to remove snow during these early morning hours. Changing the hours enforced to 7:00 am to 10:00 am should improve the City's abilities to remove snow from the curbs on both sides of the street as parking shifts from one side of the street to other during regular Public Works work hours. The City Manager also stated that if approved, the ordinance is proposed to go into effect April 1, 2017.

It was moved by Councilmember Millard, seconded by Councilmember Milewski to permit the record of the February 7, 2017 Council Meeting to reflect the introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 529 regarding odd/evening parking and to schedule a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 7, 2017 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

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

Approve – Introduction and First Reading – Ordinance No. 530- Environmental Clean-Up Millage

The City Manager reported that based on escalating costs associated with the remediation of the former Cleveland Street landfill and its burden on the General Fund, the City began levying an environmental clean-up millage in 2006 with the passage of Ordinance No. 440. Ordinance No. 440 authorized Council to annually levy up to 2.00 mills for a five year period. The City Manager stated that the levying of the millage was reconfirmed with the passage of Ordinance No. 496 in early 2013 which authorized the millage through the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 (the City's next fiscal year). Despite the progress that has been made at the site, there continues to be annual costs associated with the USEPA and MDEQ requirements at the site. The City Manager also stated that with the upcoming expiration of the authorization to levy the millage, he recommends Council "renew" the environmental levy through the enactment of proposed Ordinance No. 530. The authorization of the millage would be for a five fiscal year period (through the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022) however, the maximum millage permitted to be levied is proposed to be capped at 1.00 mill.

It was moved by Councilmember Kelley, seconded by Councilmember Paton to permit the record of the February 7, 2017 Council Meeting to reflect the introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 530 regarding an environmental clean-up millage and schedule a Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 7, 2017 in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

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

Approve – MDOT Right-of-Way Performance Resolution

Annually the City applies for a right-of-way permit from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for permission to perform specific municipal functions within

