

county's emergency management plan. If approved, the ordinance will be effective upon publication in the Saturday, April 15, 2017 edition of the *Sentinel-Standard Weekender*.

It was moved by Councilmember Milewski, seconded by Councilmember Millard to remove from the table the matter of Ordinance No. 531 and permit the record of the April 11, 2017 meeting to reflect the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 531, an ordinance to repeal Chapter 256 of the City Code creating the Department of Emergency Management, with said ordinance effective upon publication in the Saturday, April 15, 2017 edition of the *Sentinel-Standard Weekender*.

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

Accept – Planning Commission Recommendation – Library Street Parking Configuration

The City Manager reported that Council first reviewed the matter of the street direction/parking configuration for Library Street at its January meeting. Since Council's January meeting, both the Library Board and Planning Commission have continued to discuss the parking arrangement for Library Street. The Library Board, at its February meeting, took action to recommend to Council that Library Street be made one-way and that angled parking be constructed along the east side of the street. The Board also requested that based on the recommendation of the arborist the City hired to assess the condition of the two trees located in close proximity to Library Street (a Gingko and an Apple), that the trees be removed. The City Manager also stated that at its March meeting, the Planning Commission took similar action to recommend to Council that Library Street be made one-way with angled parking along the east side of the street. The City Manager provided Council with two drawings illustrating the traffic direction/parking configuration options for Library Street, as discussed by both the Library Board and Planning Commission.

It was moved by Councilmember, seconded by Councilmember to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and confirm Option 1A – Library Street Parking Concept as prepared by Prein & Newhof and dated November 17, 2016 as the approved configuration for both the street direction and parking arrangement for Library Street with said configuration to be constructed as part of the 2017/2018 Library Street project.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Winters, Kelley, Paton, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz and Balice
 Nays: Milewski
 MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Approve – 2016 Granger Annual Report

The City Manager reported that the Domestic Refuse and Recycling Collection Agreement between the City and Granger require that a representative of Granger “annually provide the City with 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

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

Approve – Redevelopment Ready Communities Resolution

The City Manager reported that Linda Curtis has been coordinating the City’s efforts in working towards achieving “Redevelopment Ready” status for the City through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). The Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program is designed to assist municipalities in establishing a solid foundation for redevelopment. The program is intended to promote effective redevelopment strategies by integrating transparency, predictability and efficiency into development practices. Initially, the program was intended to be voluntary but the MEDC has been moving towards requiring communities to be RRC certified in order to obtain MEDC grant funding (for example, funding through the Rental Rehabilitation program). MEDC requires the governing body of a municipality to adopt a resolution expressing the municipality’s intent to pursue certification and implement best practices.

It was moved by Councilmember Milewski, seconded by Councilmember Winters to adopt the following prepared Resolution regarding the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities program:

WHEREAS, the MEDC has developed a program for certifying redevelopment ready communities; and,

WHEREAS, during 2016, the City of Ionia applied for Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) status from the MEDC; and,

WHEREAS, City staff has continued to take Redevelopment Ready Community training and worked towards incorporating RRC’s six best practices into planning; and,

WHEREAS, participation in this certification program will permit the City to develop partnerships and collaborations that will maximize use of resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Ready Communities program is now a component for grant applications through the MDEC and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ionia City Council approves the pursuit of Redevelopment Ready Certification through the MEDC.

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

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 FY17-18 City budget. For the past several 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 2, 2017 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 2, 2017 for the purpose of reviewing the proposed FY17-18 budget.

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

Accept – Bid for Crack Seal/Chip Seal – Cleveland Street

The City Manager reported that it has been several years since the City hired a contractor to crack fill and chip seal Cleveland Street. Cleveland Street is one of the more highly traveled major streets in the City's street system and is frequently traveled by loaded semis traveling to and from the Ventra plant on Beardsley Street. Although the City's street system improvement plan calls for reconstructing Cleveland Street during FY20-21, it is necessary to perform maintenance on the street now in order to extend its useful life. Cleveland Street's current condition and configuration (no curb) makes it a good candidate for another round of crack fill and chip seal. The Road Commission has a contractor that will be performing this type of work in the County later this year and we would like to hire this firm, through the Commission, to perform maintenance work on Cleveland Street. The Road Commission estimates the cost of this work to be \$28,100.

It was moved by Councilmember Kelley, seconded by Councilmember Winters to accept the proposal submitted by the Ionia County Road Commission to perform crack fill and chip seal work on Cleveland Street for \$28,100.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Lentz: Thanked Public Safety Director Troy Thomas for annual report. Also thanked Ionia Free Fair staff for the removal of vehicles from the fairgrounds because of recent flooding.

Millard: Echoed Councilmember Lentz's comments in regards to Ionia Public Safety's annual report.

Kelley: Also commended Public Safety for annual report. Also, suggested that flowers be planted on the berms next to the bridge area over M-66.

Milewski: Also commended Public Safety for the annual report. Reminded Council of the upcoming Sparrow Ionia Charity Ball to be held on April 22, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Milewski, seconded by Councilmember Millard to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm.

By Voice Vote: MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted:

Lynn E. Lafler, Clerk