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
Roll call revealed Councilmembers John Milewski, Jeff Winters, Ted Paton, Kim Patrick, Tom Millard, Paul Lentz, Janice Gustafson and Mayor Daniel Balice present. Councilmember Gordon Kelley was excused.

PUBLIC HEARING
Mayor Daniel Balice opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on proposed Ordinance No. 534 which, if approved, codifies the ordinances adopted by the City Council since January 1, 2016. No comments were received.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Paul Kindel, President of the Mid-Michigan Land Conservancy, gave an overview of the Gerhart Property, which was recently acquired by the Conservancy and a majority of which is located in the City, east of the former landfill. He stated that the property will remain in its natural state for perpetuity.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
It was moved by Councilmember Patrick, seconded by Councilmember Paton to approve the June 6, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

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

OLD BUSINESS
Approve – Second Reading/Adoption – Ordinance No. 534 Codification
The City Manager reported that at its June meeting Council first reviewed proposed Ordinance No. 534 which, if approved, codifies the ordinances enacted by Council since January 1, 2016.

It was moved by Councilmember, Milewski seconded by Councilmember Winters to remove from the table the matter of Ordinance No. 534 and permit the record of the July 11, 2017 meeting to reflect the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 534 regarding codification with said ordinance effective upon publication in the Saturday, July 15, 2017 edition of the Sentinel-Standard Weekender.
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 (January 1, 2016) 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:

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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, Paton, Patrick, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz and Balice.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Approve – Introduction/First Reading – Ordinance No. 535 - Zoning

The City Manager reported that the City has received a request from Mark Purkey on behalf of Mark Purkey, LLC, to rezone the following properties from R-1 Single Family Residential District to B-3 General Business District:

471 North State Street – Has a residence – recently purchased by Purkey
475 North State Street – Also has residence – recently purchased by Purkey
703 West Lincoln Avenue – Location of Purk’s Gas Station

Mr. Purkey desires to have 703 West Lincoln Avenue rezoned so that the non-conforming use status of his gas station is “removed”. The station would be placed in a zoning district that allows this type of use on a by-right basis. Mr. Purkey desires to have both 471 and 475 North State Street rezoned so that he can construct a parking lot to support his business activities at 703 West Lincoln Avenue. Primarily, the parking lot would be used for employee parking and periodically for patron and delivering parking. The Planning Commission conducted a Public Hearing on the request as part of its June 14th regular meeting. The City Manager stated that no comments were received at the meeting and one letter was received. After discussing the request and reviewing the staff report prepared by the City’s planner (Jan Johnson), the Commission voted unanimously to recommend to Council that Mr. Purkey’s request regarding the rezoning be approved. The City Manager reported that in order to rezone a property the City’s official zoning map needs to be amended. The City Manager provided Councilmembers proposed Ordinance No. 535 for consideration.

It was moved by Councilmember, Millard, seconded by Councilmember Winters to permit the record of the July 11, 2017 regular meeting to reflect the introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 535 which, if approved, amends the City’s official zoning map and rezones 703 West Lincoln Avenue and 471 and 475 North State from R-1 Single Family Residential District to B-3 General Business District and to schedule a Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at City Hall.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Winters, Paton, Patrick, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz, Milewski and Balice.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED
Approve – Woodland Management Plan – Update to September 23, 2010 Plan
The City Manager reported that during 2010, Metropolitan Forestry Consultants (MFC) was hired to prepare a Woodland Management Plan (plan) for the City’s wellfield property located north of East Fargo Street. Prior to hiring MFC, City staff noted the lack of underbrush within the wooded areas of the wellfield. The plan that was prepared ultimately identified the cause of the lack of underbrush as the lack of sunlight caused by the denseness of the tree canopy. The MFC recommended in their 2010 plan, which was ultimately approved by Council, the selective harvesting of certain mature trees (56 in total) in order to reduce the denseness of the canopy. Since it has been several years since MFC prepared their initial plan, City staff recently invited MFC back to the City to prepare an updated plan. The updated plan not only evaluated the area previously assessed, but evaluated the area around Well No. 5 (south East Fargo Street/end of Townsend Street) and McConnell Park (East Washington Street to East Main Street). The City Manager stated that in reviewing MFC’s recommendations, he would recommend taking an approach similar to 2010, a low intensity harvesting of sixty trees (mostly in the 24” to 25” diameter range) from Stand 1 and facilitated by MFC. Upon completion of the harvesting, to again solicit bids from area wood cutters who have an interest in harvesting the “tops” of the trees that remain after the logs have been removed.

It was moved by Councilmember, Lentz seconded by Councilmember Winters to approve the May 15, 2017 update to the September 23, 2010 Forest Management Plan for certain City properties as prepared by Metropolitan Forestry Consultants and authorize the City Manager to complete a selective tree harvest (60 or so trees) in Stand 1 at the Wellfield consistent with the recommendations contained in the updated Plan.

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

Approve – Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan Revision #3 (Policy 5-009)
The City Manager reported that during 2009 Council adopted a Title VI Non-Discrimination Policy to address the requirements contained in State and Federal grants the City receives, particularly the requirements contained in Dial-A-Ride funding sources. The policy, after review by State and Federal agencies, was updated in 2012 and again in 2014 to address changes in State and Federal law. The 2014 policy was recently reviewed by the State and Federal agencies with revisions again recommended. The City Manager provided Council with an updated policy for Council review and consideration.

It was moved by Councilmember Milewski, seconded by Councilmember Winters to adopt General City Policy No. 5-009, as revised, regarding Title VI.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Patrick, Millard, Gustafson, Lentz, Milewski, Winters, Paton and Balice.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED
Approve – Robinson Park Improvement Project - Grant Resolution
The City Manager reported that the City was recently informed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources that the National Park Service has approved the grant agreement for the City’s Robinson Park improvement project. The City Manager stated that Council previously approved the submission of a grant application which provides for $148,600 in improvements to the park (50% paid for by a grant through the Land and Water Conservation Fund). The City Manager reported that the next step in the grant funding process is for Council to approve the project development agreement via a prepared resolution that was offered for Council review.

It was moved by Councilmember Patrick, seconded by Councilmember Winters to adopt the following prepared Resolution which approves the Land and Water Conservation Fund Development Project Agreement for the Robinson Park project and authorizes the City Manager to sign the development agreement on behalf of the City.

RESOLVED, that the City of Ionia, Michigan, does hereby accept the terms of the Agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (Department), and that the City of Ionia does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows:
1. To appropriate all funds necessary to complete the project during the project period and to provide at least seventy-four thousand three hundred ($74,300.00) dollars to match the grant authorized by the Department.
2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records to make them available to the Department for auditing at reasonable times.
3. To construct the project and provide such funds, services, and materials as may be necessary to satisfy the terms of said Agreement.
4. To regular the use of the facility constructed and reserved under this Agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.
5. To comply with any and all terms of said Agreement including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.

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

MML Workers’ Compensation Fund Board of Trustees - Ballot
The City Manager reported that City workers’ compensation insurance is written by the Michigan Municipal League’s Workers’ Compensation Fund which is comprised of Michigan communities who have pooled their resources to provide low cost insurance coverage. As an owner of the Fund the City is permitted to cast a ballot for candidates running for the Fund’s governing body which is its Board of Trustees. This year five (5) incumbents on the Board are seeking re-election, and the City Manager recommended that the City’s ballot should be cast for all five (5) incumbents.
It was moved by Councilmember Patrick, seconded by Councilmember Millard to direct the City Manager to cast the City’s ballot for the five (5) incumbents seeking re-election to Michigan Municipal League Workers’ Compensation Fund’s Board of Directors.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS
Balice: Stated that multiple projects in Ionia are going very well.

Lentz: Stated that windows were replaced in the upper part of the Edward Jones building located in downtown Ionia.

Millard: Stated that the July Fireworks went very well and commended Ionia Public Safety for traffic control. Also commended Linda Curtis for the successful Wizard of Oz Festival. Also stated the Ionia Free Fair Parade line up was looking very positive.

Patrick: Stated that the Robison Park Grant Improvements will be very good for the City.

ADJOURNMENT
It was moved by Councilmember Patrick, seconded by Councilmember Millard to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lynn E. Lafler