



CITY OF IONIA
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:00 PM, TUESDAY – July 3, 2018
CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBER

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Kim Patrick called the regular meeting of 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, Gordon Kelley, Kim Patrick and Janice Gustafson present. Councilmember Tom Millard joined the meeting at 7:08 PM. Councilmembers Waterman and Paton, as well as Mayor Daniel Balice, were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Milewski, seconded by Councilmember Winters to approve the June 5, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Milewski, Winters, Kelley, Gustafson, and Deputy Mayor Patrick.
 Nays: None
 MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Approve – Ionia Community Library New Facility Location Request

The City Manager reported that at the June meeting, representatives of the Ionia Community Library Board of Trustees reviewed with Council the results of its facilities study. The determination by the Board is, assuming voters support the levying of a special millage for this purpose, to vacate the current Hall Fowler Library and construct a new facility. The preferred choice for the new facility is the City owned parcel at the south east corner of the West Adams Street/Steele Street intersection. The second choice is Balice Park. As a result of feedback received from Council at the June meeting, Library staff has been discussing with the Eyde Company options for either a long-term lease or outright purchase of the parking spaces (on Eyde Company land) located between the City parcel at West Adams and Steele and West Adams Street.

Library Board President Gale Yeomans was present and provided an update regarding discussions with the Eyde Company regarding parking. She stated that the Eyde's are not interested in pursuing an arrangement with the library at this time. Therefore a majority of the parking for the new library will need to be off-site, possibly on City owned property on Steele Street (former K-Mart Plaza).

It was moved by Councilmember Kelley, seconded by Councilmember Gustafson to acknowledge action taken by the Ionia Community Library (ICL) Board of Trustees regarding use of the City owned property at the south east corner of West Adams and Steele Streets (Property Tax ID #34-201-040-000-076-00) and authorize the timely transfer of ownership of the property to the ICL in the event that ICL's facilities millage request scheduled for the November 2018 General Election is approved by the voters.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Winters, Kelley, Millard, Gustafson, Milewski and Deputy Mayor Millard
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

Discussion – Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act – Opt-In

The City Manager reported that at its May meeting, the Planning Commission continued its discussion regarding whether the City should “opt-in” pursuant to the Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act and ultimately approved the following motion:

“to ask the City Council for permission to proceed with drafting amendments to the City’s Zoning Ordinance for “opting in” pursuant to the Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act”

The action by the Planning Commission resulted in Councilmember Kelley (Council representative to the Planning Commission), at the June Council meeting to seek direction from Council regarding “opting in”. It was the consensus of Council at the June meeting to place this matter on the July agenda for further discussion by Council.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding whether to “opt in” or take no action. Discussion on this topic will resume at the August 7th Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Accept – Bid for WWTP Exterior Stairway Replacement

The City Manager reported that the IRUA Fund budget includes funds for replacing the exterior stairway to the digester at the wastewater treatment plant. The stairway is made of cement and is beginning to crumble/fall apart. The replacement of the stairwell, with a steel stairway rather than cement, was identified as a priority project in the treatment plant facilities assessment report.

With the assistance of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, project specifications were recently prepared and distributed to bidders. Two bids were received as follows:

Central Michigan Builders, Ionia	\$52,340.00
Dan Vos Construction, Grand Rapids	\$55,805.00
<i>Engineer’s Estimate</i>	<i>\$25,000.00</i>

After review of the bids, FTC&H recommended that the bid submitted by Central Michigan Builders be accepted. As noted, the engineer’s estimate was substantially less than the two bids. Based on discussions with FTC&H this is primarily due to the ever-increasing price of steel and the fact that this type of a replacement/retrofit project is seldom bid.

It was moved by Councilmember Milewski, seconded by Councilmember Millard to accept the bid submitted by Central Michigan Builders, Ionia, for \$52,340.00 for replacing the digester stairway at the wastewater treatment plant and authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary contract documents.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Kelley, Millard, Gustafson, Milewski, Winters and Deputy Mayor Patrick
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

Accept – Bid for WWTP Retaining Wall Replacement

The City Manager reported that the IRUA Fund budget includes funds for replacing the digester retaining wall at the wastewater treatment plant which is beginning to fail. The current retaining wall is made of wooden timbers. A replacement option is to install a concrete “bunker block” retaining wall.

With the assistance of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber project specifications were recently prepared and distributed to bidders. One bid, with two options, was received, as follows:

CL Trucking & Excavating, Ionia	\$30,650.00
Place new bunker block retaining wall in front of existing wood retaining wall.	
CL Trucking & Excavating, Ionia	\$43,670.00
Remove existing wood retaining wall and install new bunker block retaining wall	
<i>Engineer’s Estimate</i>	<i>\$51,500.00</i>

After reviewing the bids for both options, FTC&H recommended that the bid that proposes to keep the existing wooden retaining wall and placing the new bunker block wall next/in front of the wooden wall be accepted.

It was moved by Councilmember Winters, seconded by Councilmember Millard to accept the bid submitted by CL Trucking & Excavating, Ionia, for \$30,650.00 for installing a new bunker block retaining wall at the wastewater treatment plant be accepted and authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary contract documents.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Millard, Gustafson, Milewski, Winters, Kelley and Deputy Mayor Patrick
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

Approve – Police Protection Agreement with Ionia Township

The City Manager reported that the current Police Protection Agreement between the City and Ionia Township expires August 31, 2018. Specifically, an officer is assigned to the Township for 20 hours per week providing patrol services, traffic enforcement and other customary police services (including code enforcement). Currently, the Township is paying the City \$48,000 annually for the period of September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Milewski, Winters, Kelley, Millard, Gustafson, and Deputy Mayor Patrick
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

Confirm – Mayor’s Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions

Mayor Balice has recommended the following appointments/re-appointments:

Library Board: Re-appoint Patricia Eppler, 255 Oakwood Court, for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

It was moved by Councilmember Gustafson, seconded by Councilmember Kelley to confirm the Mayor’s appointments/re-appointments to various boards and commissions.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Millard: Commented that the Wizard of Oz Festival was bigger and better than years past and wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Gustafson, seconded by Councilmember Millard to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

By Voice Vote: MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted:

Ally H. Cook, City Clerk