



CITY OF IONIA
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:00 PM, TUESDAY – October 2, 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, Ted Paton, Kim Patrick, Tom Millard, Troy Waterman and Janice Gustafson present. Mayor Daniel Balice was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Paton, seconded by Councilmember Millard to approve the September 4, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Milewski, Winters, Kelley, Paton, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman and Deputy Mayor Patrick.

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Approve – FY18-19 Budget Amendments #1

The City Manager reported that staff recently completed a thorough review of the City's revenue and expenditure reports through September and is recommended the first round of adjustments to the FY18-19 budget. Overall, few changes are proposed at this time as revenues and expenditures, to date, are tracking fairly closely with the adopted budget. The City Manager reported that Council is traditionally asked to approve budget amendments at the October, January and June meetings each fiscal year.

A few highlights:

GENERAL FUND: Revenues are being increased by \$5,500 to \$5,272,300 due to miscellaneous revenues while expenditures are being increased by \$162,100 to \$5,643,300. The increase in expenditures is primarily due to an increase of \$100,000 in the transfer to the Local Street Fund to assist with the fall paving project. With

the amendments, fund balance totals \$930,611, about 16.5% of expenditures, above the Council minimum of 10%.

CEMETERY TRUST FUND: This is a new fund based on the County, due to changes in State law, no longer managing the perpetual care funds for municipal cemeteries in the County. The County held \$5,200 for Oak Hill Cemetery which has been deposited in this new fund. By law the City can only spend the interest on the reserves.

MAJOR STREET FUND: Expenditures are being increased by \$20,000 due to an increase in the transfer of funds to the Local Street Fund for the fall paving project.

LOCAL STREET FUND: Revenues are being increased by \$300,000 to \$1,006,050 based on increases in the transfer from both the General and Major Street Funds and revenue anticipated due to the passage of the County road millage. Expenditures are being increased by \$250,000 to \$991,000 for the fall paving project.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: Revenues are being increased by \$100,000 to \$2,960,000 based on proceeds from the 2017 bond issue. Expenditures are being increased by an equal amount to reflect the actual costs associated with this summer's infrastructure projects.

It was moved by Councilmember Millard, seconded by Councilmember Kelley to approve Budget Amendments #1 to the FY18-19 budget and authorize the City Treasurer to make the necessary adjustments to the City's financial reports.

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

Approve – Casting Vote for MML Liability and Property Pool Board of Directors

The City Manager reported that an “owner” of the MML Liability & Property Pool, the City is entitled to cast a ballot for those individuals who are seeking positions on the Pool's Board of Directors. This year there are two open three-year terms with two incumbents, Robert Clark (Mayor – Monroe) and Paula Zelenko (Mayor – Burton) seeking re-election.

Since the annual premiums have remained stable along with the fact that we continue to receive dividends due to the superior performance of the Pool, the City Manager reported that he sees no reason not to cast the City's ballot for the incumbents.

It was moved by Councilmember Paton, seconded by Councilmember Milewski to authorize the City Manager to cast the City's votes for the two incumbent Directors seeking re-election to three year terms on the MML Liability & Property Pool Board

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

Approve –2019 City Council Meeting Schedule

That City Manager reported that listed below is the proposed City Council meeting schedule for 2019. The schedule calls for Council to continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at City Hall, but for January and April due to conflicts.

January 8, 2019*	July 2, 2019
February 5, 2019	August 6, 2019
March 5, 2019	September 3, 2019
April 9, 2019**	October 1, 2019
May 7, 2019	November 5, 2019
June 4, 2019	December 3, 2019

*January meeting second Tuesday of the month due to New Year's Day conflict.

**April meeting second Tuesday of the month due to Spring Break week being the first week of the month.

It was moved by Councilmember Millard, seconded by Councilmember Waterman to approve the City Council Meeting Schedule for 2019.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Patrick: Expressed his desire for a bigger and more accessible library facility in Ionia. He will be voting YES for the millage in the upcoming election.

Waterman: Mentioned that the National Honor Society at IHS is looking for community service hours and if anyone needs some work done to let him know.

Gustafson- Stated that Independent Bank's 3rd Annual Making a Difference Day is helping 8 different local organizations and 86 organizations across the state of Michigan.

Millard: Commented that Community Awareness was hugely successful and that he participated in a number of the events, including the golf outing and the Cruise-In.

Paton: Mentioned that he is in support of the Ionia Community Library's upcoming millage request.

Kelley: Commented that he also is in support of the library's millage request.

Milewski: Commented on the need for a new library facility in Ionia.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Gustafson, seconded by Councilmember Millard to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm.

By Voice Vote: MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted:

Ally H. Cook, City Clerk