

The City Assessor has recommended that Council approve an update to the current policy for use by the Board of Review.

It was moved by Councilmember Kelley, seconded by Councilmember Winters to amend General Policy 1-013, Property Taxes – Poverty Guidelines establishing updated poverty guidelines and poverty asset guidelines for 2020 assessments as required by PA 206 of 1893, as amended.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kelley, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, Winters and Mayor Balice
 Nays: None
 MOTION CARRIED

Approve – Amended Fairgrounds Lease Agreement Extension – Free Fair Association

City Manager Jason Eppler reported that at the November meeting, Council approved a 5 year extension to the current lease agreement between the City and the Free Fair Association for the property owned by the City located north of the river which comprises the majority of the fairgrounds. The lease agreement previous to the current lease agreement which is being extended included the City owned property located on the south side of the river (on Riverside Drive and commonly known as the south parking lot). When the current lease agreement was entered into, the Free Fair Association Board was no longer interested in leasing the south parking lot property. The Fair Association Board has changed its mind and now would like to resume leasing the south parking lot property (Parcel ID#34-204-800-000-005-20).

Based on this request, the amendment to the 2015 lease has been revised to include the south parking lot property.

It was moved by Councilmember Millard, seconded by Councilmember Gustafson to grant the request received from the Free Fair Board and approve the revised “Amendment to Agreement between City of Ionia and Ionia Free Fair Association, Inc.” extending the current lease agreement until January 1, 2025 for City owned property which comprises the fairgrounds and authorize the City Manager to sign the Amendment on behalf of the City.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, Winters, Kelley and Mayor Balice
 Nays: None
 Abstained: Milewski
 MOTION CARRIED

Approve – Polling Location Changes

That City Clerk reported that due in large part to a lack of space and privacy available at Watt Auditorium, she is requesting that Council approve a change in permanent polling location to the Armory. She stated that the City is not currently meeting minimum requirements for spacing and number of voting booths. One booth per 80 registered voters is recommended (58 booths for all 4

Milewski: Stated that his reason for abstaining from voting for the Free Fair agreement is because he missed the discussion as he came in late due to attending his son's Christmas concert.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Starr, seconded by Councilmember Millard to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 PM.

By Voice Vote: MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted:

Ally H. Cook, Clerk