



CITY OF IONIA
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 5, 2019
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBER

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Patrick 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 that Councilmembers John Milewski, Jeff Winters, Gordon Kelley, Ted Paton, Kim Patrick, Tom Millard, Janice Gustafson, Troy Waterman and Mayor Balice present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Henry Sanchez, Mark Pine, Rachel Murray, Maximo Anguiano, Jonas Higbee, Duncan Tarr and Nicki addressed Council in opposition of the proposed ICA Detention Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Patrick, seconded by Councilmember Millard to approve the January 8, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

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

It was moved by Councilmember Patrick, seconded by Councilmember Millard to approve the January 8, 2019 special meeting minutes.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approve – 2018 Granger Annual Report

The City Manager reported that the Domestic Refuse and Recycling Collection Agreement between the City and Granger requires that a representative of Granger “annually provide the City with a report of its performance under this Agreement at a City Council meeting...”.

John Van Tholen, Sales Manager for Granger Waste Services, was present at the meeting to present information to Council regarding Granger’s collection activities in the City during 2018.

Council received update and there was no action taken.

Accept – Bid for Division/Lovell/Terrace Reconstruction Project

The City Manager reported that the City’s budget includes funds to reconstruct Division Street (M-21 to Lafayette Street); Lovell Place and Terrace Court during the 2019 construction season. Work includes replacing the existing water, sanitary and storm sewer mains, curb, sidewalk and driveway approaches and street surface. Plans for this year’s project were recently finalized and utility permits secured. Project specifications were made available to interested bidders during late December with bids opened on January 25th. The following bids were received for this project:

CL Trucking & Excavating	\$1,051,500.00
<i>Engineers Estimate</i>	<i>\$1,162,560.00</i>
Montgomery Excavating	\$1,163,551.00
Kammainga Roedvoets	\$1,277,968.00
Diversco	\$1,383,926.90
Wyoming Excavators	\$1,410,623.00

After reviewing the bids, it was recommended that the bid submitted by CL Trucking & Excavating, Ionia, for \$1,051,500.00 be accepted. Work is expected to begin in late April, weather permitting, and be completed by mid-August. Once the contract documents are signed a pre-construction meeting will be held and the contractor will prepare to begin the project. An informational letter will be sent to affected residents prior to the start of the project.

It was moved by Councilmember Patrick, seconded by Councilmember Paton to accept the bid submitted by CL Trucking & Excavating, Ionia, for \$1,051,500.00 for completing the City’s 2019 Division/Lovell/Terrace Reconstruction Project and authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary contract documents.

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

Approve – Introduction and First Reading – Ordinance No. 539 – Zoning – Medical Marihuana Facilities

The City Manager reported that at the August 7, 2018 meeting, Council approved the following action:

“Discussion – Medical Marihuana Facilites Licensing Act – Opt-In

It was moved by Councilmember Milenski, seconded by Councilmember Millard to grant the Planning Commission permission to proceed with drafting amendments of the City’s zoning ordinance for “Opting In” pursuant to the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act.

*Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Milenski, Winters, Kelley, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman
Nays: Paton, Patrick and Mayor Balice
MOTION CARRIED”*

Since that time, the City’s Planning Commission has been working with City Planning Consultant Jan Johnson in drafting an “opt in” ordinance for Council’s consideration. The result of the Commission’s work is in the form of proposed Ordinance No. 539 (attached). The proposed ordinance permits all of the different medical marihuana facilities permitted in the Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act subject to the zoning district, securing a special land use permit and specific land use regulations. At its January meeting, and after conducting a Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend adoption by Council. Several members of the Commission were present at the meeting to answer Council questions.

It was moved by Councilmember Millard, seconded by Councilmember Milewski to permit the record to reflect the introduction and first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 539, an amendment to the Zoning Chapter of the City Code pertaining to medical marihuana facilities and to schedule a Public Hearing regarding proposed Ordinance No. 539 for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 5, 2019 in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

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

Small Urban Task Force Resolution

The City Manager reported that the Small Urban Task Force for Ionia, consisting of the City, City Dial-A-Ride and Ionia County Road Commission recently met to identify priority projects for the 2021-2023 planning period. As part of the project programming, MDOT requires a Resolution of support from the local legislative body concerning the local match for projects should the projects be funded.

It was moved by Councilmember Patrick, seconded by Councilmember Paton to approve a prepared Resolution concerning the local match for possible future small urban program transportation projects.

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

Change Dial-A-Ride Drug and Alcohol Policy

The City Manager reported that Ionia Occupational Health administers drug and alcohol testing and the Medical Review Officer has recently changed. This prompted a necessary change in the Drug and Alcohol Policy as the Medical Review Officer's name, title, address and phone number are all required to be listed in the policy.

It was moved by Councilmember Waterman, seconded by Councilmember Winters to approve a revision to the Dial-A-Ride Drug & Alcohol Policy effective February 5, 2019 changing the designated Medical Review Officer to Nationwide Medical Review

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

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Balice: Mentioned that former Sparrow CEO Dennis Swan, who recently retired, will be missed but the new CEO of Sparrow, E.W. Dibbs, will be a good fit and is showing a lot of interest in Ionia and surrounding communities. Mayor Balice thanked DPW for their excellent work clearing roadways and water main breaks in frigid temperatures and also thanked Public Safety for fighting 3 fires within 17 hours in subzero temperatures.

Gustafson: Thanked the Planning Commission for their hard and diligent work in drafting the marihuana ordinance. Mentioned that the Ionia Chamber Awards were especially good this year and the venue change was nice. She also thanked all the public commenters on the proposed detention center.

Millard: Echoed thanks to the public commenters on the proposed detention center and mentioned that a visit by several Councilmembers to the Farmville Center is in the works.

Patrick: Expressed his thanks to the Planning Commission for their hard work and mentioned that he appreciates the feedback about the detention center.

Paton: Echoed Mayor Balice's comments about Public Safety, as two of his students were affected personally by the fires. Thanked the Planning Commission for their time and efforts in drafting the marihuana ordinance.

Kelley: Thanked Council for allowing him to phone in during January's Special meeting.

Milewski: Echoed thanks to DPW, Public Safety and Planning Commission and acknowledged that their hard work and community spirit is another perk of small town living.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Patrick, seconded by Councilmember Winters to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm.

By Voice Vote: MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted:

Ally H. Cook, Clerk