CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Daniel Balice called the regular meeting of City Council to order at 7 PM and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Roll call revealed Councilmembers John Milewski, Jeff Winters, Gordon Kelley, Tim Lee, Richard Starr, Janice Gustafson and Mayor Balice present. Councilmember Tom Millard was absent and Councilmember Troy Waterman was excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Troy Thomas presented the Medal of Valor to Officer Keegan Teitsma for the bravery he exhibited while on an emergency housefire call in December 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
It was moved by Councilmember Winters, seconded by Councilmember Gustafson to approve the February 4, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

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

NEW BUSINESS
Approve – 2019 Planning Commission Annual Report
The City Manager reported that in accordance with State statute and the Planning Commission’s Rules of Procedure, the Planning Commission prepared an annual report of its activities covering calendar year 2019. The City Manager and Councilmember Lee provided an overview of the annual report.

It was moved by Councilmember Kelley, seconded by Councilmember Winters to receive and place on file the 2019 Planning Commission Annual Report.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Winters, Kelley, Lee, Starr, Gustafson, Milewski and Mayor Balice
Nays: NONE
MOTION CARRIED
Approve – Collective Bargaining Agreement – Teamsters (DPU/DPW)

The City Manager reported that the current collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Teamsters for represented Public Utilities/Public Works staff (a total of sixteen full-time staff members) expires June 30, 2020. Through negotiations a proposed new agreement has been drafted. The City Manager provided an overview of the changes proposed in the new contract, which covers July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2025.

It was moved by Councilmember Milewski, seconded by Councilmember Winters to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Teamsters for Public Utilities/Public Works union employees covering the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2025 and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

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

Accept – 2020 Strategic Plan for Fire Apparatus Replacement

The City Manager reported that beginning in 2009, City staff began preparing a master plan to address the need to replace the City’s aging fire apparatus inventory. Previous to the adoption of the 2009 plan, projecting for future apparatus replacement was completed as part of the annual budget process. The 2009 plan was updated in 2014, which was subsequently approved by Council at its August 5, 2014 meeting.

Due to the current plan now being over five years old, a priority for City staff this calendar year was the updating of the plan. A strategic plan committee consisting of administration, full-time public safety department staff and paid on-call firefighters conducted a review of the 2014 plan and prepared a 2020 plan update.

The format of the updated plan is consistent with the past two plans, providing an overview of current apparatus as well as a proposed replacement schedule. The plan also includes a section regarding financial considerations that need to be taken into account in implementing the updated plan. This is especially helpful considering the City levies an apparatus replacement millage to offset the cost of on-going purchases. The plan covers a fifteen year planning period.

It was moved by Councilmember Starr, seconded by Councilmember Lee to receive and place on file the 2020 Strategic Plan for Fire Apparatus Replacement.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lee, Starr, Gustafson, Milewski, Winters, Kelley and Mayor Balice
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED
Discuss – FY20-21 Revenue Projections/Millage Rate
The City Manager reported that the FY20-21 Budget Timetable calls for the City Manager and Finance Director to review with Council revenue projections for the new fiscal year for key funds. They shared an overview of the City’s finances with Council including the proposed millage rate for FY20-21, proposed water and sanitary sewer utility rates for FY202-21 and major capital items for the next couple of fiscal years.

Council received update and no action was taken.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS
Gustafson: Commented that the turnout and enthusiasm for the Billy Strings show was unlike anything she’s ever seen before at the Ionia Theatre.

Kelley: Noted that Dennis and Matt Lesky of Ionia recently earned international recognition and a prestigious award for a car they built and commented that they represent Ionia very well.

Milewski: Mentioned that he’d had Officer Teitsma as a middle school student years ago and that it’s wonderful now to see him being honored with the Medal of Valor.

ADJOURNMENT
It was moved by Councilmember Starr, seconded by Councilmember Kelley to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:54 PM.

By Voice Vote: MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted:

Ally H. Cook, Clerk