



CITY OF IONIA
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:00 PM, TUESDAY – March 3, 2020
CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBER

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

