



CITY OF IONIA
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:00 PM, TUESDAY – May 5, 2020
ELECTRONIC MEETING VIA ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Daniel Balice called the regular meeting of City Council to order at 7:05 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, Troy Waterman and Mayor Balice present. Councilmember Tom Millard joined the meeting at 7:20.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Balice opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on proposed ordinance No. 547 which codifies ordinances enacted by Council since March 5, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Starr, seconded by Councilmember Milewski to approve the April 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Approve – Second Reading/Adoption – Ordinance No. 547 Codification

The City Manager reported that, annually, staff has the City's codifier codify the ordinances enacted by Council covering approximately the previous year's period. Ordinances enacted by Council since March 5, 2019 need to be codified. Ordinances are codified via Ordinance No. 547.

Council reviewed proposed Ordinance No. 547 at the April meeting at which time the Public Hearing regarding the ordinance was scheduled for the May 5, 2020 meeting. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the April 18, 2020 edition of the *Sentinel-Standard My Ionia*. No comments have been received.

It was moved by Councilmember Winters, seconded by Councilmember Kelley to remove from the table the matter of Ordinance No. 547 and permit the record of the May 5, 2020 meeting to reflect

the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 547, the Codification Ordinance, with said ordinance effective upon publication in the May 9, 2020 edition of the *Sentinel-Standard Weekender*.

CITY OF IONIA
Ordinance No. 547

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH

WHEREAS, American Legal Publishing Corporation has completed its most recent updating and revision of the Codified Ordinances of the City;

WHEREAS, various ordinances and resolutions of a general and permanent nature that have been passed by Council since the date of the last updating and revision of the Codified Ordinances (March 5, 2019) have been included in the Codified Ordinances of the City;

THE CITY OF IONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the editing, arrangement and numbering or renumbering of the following ordinances and resolutions are hereby approved as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of the City, so as to conform to the classification and numbering system of the Codified Ordinances:

<u>Ord. or Res. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>C.O. Section</u>
N/A	-----	Chapter 882
540	5-7-19	606.01, 1020.01, 1020.17
541	6-4-19	214.05
543	8-6-19	692.01 to 692.04
544	9-3-19	1040.21
546	10-1-19	816.01, 816.02

Section 2. If any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance is declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be published and recorded as provided in the City Charter and shall take effect upon publication.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approve – Introduction and First Reading – Ordinance No. 548 – Utility Rates

The City Manager reported that the FY20-21 budget proposes an increase in the water system facilities maintenance charge and the water commodity charge. The facilities maintenance charge is intended to off-set a portion of the cost of retiring outstanding debt issued to complete improvements to the water system while the commodity charge is intended to cover the cost of pumping and delivering water to customers and a portion of debt.

The City Manager stated that the current quarterly water facilities maintenance charge is \$26.00 per residential equivalent unit (reu) per quarter. The charge was proposed to be increased by \$2.00 per reu per quarter for a new charge of \$28.00. The increase will assist in offsetting the increase in annual debt service payments from the Water Fund due to the recent bond issue. The current water commodity charge is \$3.40 per 1,000 gallons used. This charge was proposed to be increased by \$.40 per 1,000 gallons for a new charge of \$3.80 per 1,000 gallons used.

Considering the proposed water system fee increases and also considering that the cash reserves in the sanitary sewer fund are currently adequate, no changes were proposed to the sanitary sewer facilities maintenance charge or commodity charge to support the FY20-21 budget.

It was moved by Councilmember Winters, seconded by Councilmember Waterman to permit the record of the May 5, 2020 meeting to reflect the introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 548, an amendment to Chapter 214 of the City Code regarding fees, and to schedule a Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at City Hall.

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

Approve – Bid for Purchase of Vehicles for Public Utilities Department

The City Manager reported that the FY20-21 Central Garage Fund budget contains funds to replace two Public Utilities Department vehicles (a 2008 truck and a 2009 truck). According to the City Manager, staff desires to replace the trucks with two utility vans. A similar van was purchased in 2015

and Department staff has appreciated its functionality. Signature Ford, Owosso, has the bulk purchasing contract for utility vans (2020 Ford Transit 250 Van) at \$27,585 each.

It was moved by Councilmember Winters, seconded by Councilmember Millard to authorize the City Manager to purchase two (2) 2020 Ford Transit 250 Vans from Signature Ford, Owosso, for a total purchase price of \$55,170 and to declare the vehicles being replaced as surplus and authorize the City Manager to sell them through a competitive process.

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

Approve – Scheduling FY20-21 Budget Public Hearing

The City Manager stated that the City Charter requires that the City Council adopt the fiscal year budget by June 15th each year. Prior to adopting the budget, Council is required to conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed budget and millage rate to support the budget. Advance notice (publication in the newspaper) of the Public Hearing is required. A notice of the Public Hearing will be published in the Saturday, May 9, 2020 edition of the *Sentinel-Standard My Ionia*.

It was moved by Councilmember Gustafson, seconded by Councilmember Millard to schedule a Public Hearing regarding the proposed FY20-21 Fiscal Year budget, capital improvement plan and millage rate for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, June 2, 2020 in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Balice: Thanked everyone for working together to prevent the continued spread of COVID-19 and stated that although it's been a struggle, the community has been very fortunate to have Sparrow and its resources.

Millard: Commented that both the Wizard of Oz festival and the downtown Car Show are cancelled due to coronavirus and his heart goes out to local business owners as we're all getting through this together.

Starr: Thanked Public Safety Director Troy Thomas for working on traffic control on West Main Street.

Kelley: Reminded everyone to be patient, expect changes and continue their support of local businesses.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Kelley, seconded by Councilmember Lee to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:44 pm.

BY VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted:

Ally H. Cook, Clerk