

FORMAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – March 18, 2019. Meeting held at City Hall.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Brazeau at 5:00 pm

Boettcher/Saha: Motion to excuse Councilmember Ford from tonight's council meeting.

Yeas: All Nays: None. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Present: Boettcher, Coyer, Gibson, LaPorte, Saha; Mayor Brazeau. Absent: Ford. Quorum: Present.

Opening Ceremony: Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Brazeau.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Mayor Brazeau states addendum to consent agenda for Chamber of Commerce, request of Easter Egg hunt in Park; addition of Mr. VanDrese for presentation of vaping issues of at PHS.

PRESENTATIONS: Mr. Duane VanDrese, Assist. Principal of PHS presented to Council issues faced by PHS regarding vaping of students. To date, they have had 38 referrals and 127 days lost of instructions due to student suspension. Mr. VanDrese is working currently with Sgt. Spencer to develop a vaping ordinance for those under 18 years of age.

CORRESPONDENCE: City Attorney, Richard Sheppard provided letter regarding "Inspection of Employee's Personnel Files. Clerk reviewed confidentiality of personnel records with Councilmember Gibson at time of requests. Information was not considered sufficient by Councilmember Gibson, thus legal consult was pursued after additional requests for unrestricted access to personnel files.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: (7A-7d) Move to approve consent agenda, as presented, including minutes of February 19, 2019, Formal City Council meeting. Approval of Meeting Agenda as presented. Approval of bills and accounts for March 2019 in amount of \$30,124.19. Approval of City Manager's report. Approval of use for Doc Letchfield ball fields for PHS Varsity Softball Tournament on May 18, 2019. Approval for use of Doc Letchfield Park including all ball fields, and other City property for Races and CheeseTown Parade on June 14-15, 2019 from Chamber of Commerce. Approval to waive permit fee (City fee/not Building Inspector fee) for Central Elementary School for roofing work, door replacement and new doors. Boettcher/LaPorte: Motion to approve consent agenda as presented. Yeas: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT: Written report in packets. Eight water main breaks in one week. DPW have started on Spring time work. Pot holes are being patched; planning on curb painting, etc. Shaw contracted during water main leaks to assist.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL: Committee Chairperson Saha comments on workshops this month regarding budget; stressing need to cut costs and increase revenue. Potential for additional revenue by increasing sewer rates.

CITY SERVICES: City Manager reports increased activity at WWTP. Water reads are currently underway and bills may be slightly late due to water main breaks. Staff is striving to get billing out on time. DPW working on cold patching. WWTP grants are currently on schedule.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Police Activity report for February, 2019 provided in packets. Sgt. Spencer updates on blight enforcement; residents response is positive. Currently, working on a vaping ordinance. A collection box for glasses for Lions Club is provided in lobby of City Hall. The drug collection box is being utilized on daily basis and receiving positive comments from community. Sgt. Spencer is working on a Youth Leadership class for this summer for kids 12-16 years old.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Chairperson Saha reports Youth League has not submitted a plan yet for batting cages nor contacted City Manager to set up meeting as indicated at previous meeting. Saginaw Basin project is moving forward.

DDA: Chairperson Saha states moving forward with Welcome signs. Ground leases aren't secured yet. Approved additional Christmas decorations. Mayor Brazeau requests DDA assist with marketing of City.

ORDINANCE: Chairperson Gibson reports first workshop held. One committee member attended. Committee is reviewing all ordinances with plans to repeal, update and add new ordinances.

FIRE AND NBA: Mayor Brazeau and Councilmember Gibson both are part of Boards. Budget being addressed. They are encouraging municipalities to work together to reduce costs and save money. Next Fire Board meeting is March 20th and NBA is April 2.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (A) Brush and Chipping: Elimination of chipping. Brush pickup will be limited to one pick up in the Spring and Fall with date(s) to be determined. Republic will continue to pick up yard waste in designated yard waste bags/containers.

(B) Corner Lounge Lot purchase: Larry Trudell offered to purchase two lots from the City at \$1000 per lot plus attorney fees. No adjacent businesses are interest in lots. Council approves sale of lots pending no ordinances stipulating bids are required prior to sale.

(C) Transfer of funds from Huntington Bank to Chemical Bank for high interest CD: Saha/Boettcher: Motion to transfer \$100k from Huntington to Chemical Bank to earn high interest of 2% instead of .075%.

Yeas: Boettcher, Coyer, Gibson, LaPorte, Saha; Mayor Brazeau. Nays: None. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS: (A). Move to April meeting due to absence of Councilmember Ford.

(B) Memorial Day Services: Councilmember Gibson proposes a Memorial Day Service outside of City Hall due to VFW no longer sponsoring event in town. This is a non-City event which will not utilize City staff. Councilmember Gibson verbalizes he will begin planning for event.

(C) Saha/Boettcher: Motion to approve Resolution to Allow Residents to Protest by Letter at Board of Review.

Yeas: Boettcher, Coyer, Gibson, LaPorte, Saha; Mayor Brazeau. Nays: None. Motion carries.

(D) Discuss "No Parking on Street" Ordinance: City Manager Hoder addresses issues on Rhodes St., specifically by St. Michaels Church during Masses, vehicles are parked on both sides of street which impedes City equipment (example: water main breaks) and/or possibility of first responder vehicles to get thru. Mayor Brazeau encourages Council to drive by this area during Masses and review for further discussion during April meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Saha/LaPorte: Motion to adjourn meeting. Yea: All. Nay: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm.

Jason Brazeau, Mayor

Yvonne Broderick, City Clerk