



MINUTES
THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
DOUGLAS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
86 W. CENTER ST., DOUGLAS, MI 49406
October 7, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order – Mayor Pro Temp. Harvath
2. Roll Call – Present: Harvath, Seabert, North, Lion, Mooradian
Present by conference phone: Miller
Absent: Anderson
Also, present: City Manager LaBombard, City Clerk Aalderink
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Pro Temp. Harvath
4. Consent Calendar
 - A. Agenda for October 7, 2019
 - B. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2019
 - C. Invoices dated October 7, 2019 in the amount of \$85,443.82
 - D. Appointment of November 5, 2019 Election InspectorsMotion by Seabert, with support from North, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
5. Public Communication
 - A. Verbal (Limit of three (3) minutes on agenda items only)
 - B. Written Communications
 1. Allegan County Health Dept. News Release
 2. In Full Swing #2, LLC Class C License Transfer of Ownership
 3. Interurban Minutes
 4. Michiana Dunes Car Club Thank you
 5. Consumers Energy Public Notice
 6. Ronna Alexander Letter Regarding Republic ServicesCouncil pulled Alexander letter for discussion. City Manager LaBombard was contacted by Mr. Rattinger, Republic Services. The recycle bins would be provided to residents at no additional cost for a monthly pickup service. If the city went with a bi-weekly pickup service would cost an additional \$3.50 per resident. Lion reported receiving several complaints regarding the potential move towards recycle bins as opposed to the current yellow bag system. Seabert requested the receipt of monthly reports from Republic.
6. Unfinished Business
 - A. Public Hearing: 2nd Reading Ordinance 05-2019 Prohibiting Recreational Marihuana Establishments Within the City of the Village of Douglas
Motion to declare the Public Hearing Open by Lion, with support from Seabert

Motion to declare the Public Hearing Closed by Seabert, with support from Mooradian Seabert inform those present that the city was not disallowing recreational marihuana establishment, but merely waiting for the State to set guidelines.

North felt it would be irresponsible to pass this without guidelines from the State.

Miller, understands the rules from the state are unclear but believes the risks are low in Douglas.

Motion by Seabert, with support from Mooradian, to approve Ordinance 05-2019 Prohibiting Recreational Marihuana Establishments Within the City of the Village of Douglas. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

B. Gary Moore - RE: 66th Street Property (Request to be added to agenda)

Mr. Moore is a neighboring resident of the city owned 66th street property and is in opposition to the plans for use. Mr. Goslar addressed the council requesting more public outreach on what the intended plans for the property are, he neighbors the acreage and is concern how the proposed use would affect his property values. Ms. Bild also expressed concerns with property values and drainage concerns. Other neighboring property owners questioned what permits were taken out.

City Manager LaBombard will gather and review information on the proposed use and will get back to the residents.

7. New Business

A. Douglas Saugatuck Bahamas Hurricane Relief Benefit Road Closure Request

Motion by Seabert, with support from North, to approve the request to close Main St., between Center St. and Fremont St., for the Douglas Saugatuck Bahamas Hurricane Relief Benefit. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

8. Reports

A. Commission / Committee / Board Reports

1. Planning Commission – Currently reviewing signs and recreational marihuana.
2. Kalamazoo Lake Sewer and Water – Authority members had a first view of the investment strategy policy. Currently the KLSWA has an estimated 3 mil of non-interest-bearing accounts. Electronic metering will be going through a technology update soon.
3. Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority – Looking into invasive treatments for affected areas of the river. The Saugatuck Township will be rejoining the Authority. Meetings of the KLHA will be held less often.
4. Downtown Development Authority – No report
5. Douglas Harbor Authority – No report
6. Douglas Brownfield Authority – No report
7. Fire Board – No report
8. Community Recreation – No report

B. Staff Reports

1. Community Development / Planning / Zoning – The developer on the 67 acres along Center Street will be moving along. Additionally, Planning has been working with the Swing Bridge PUD.
2. Finance / Budget – Will present at the next meeting.
3. Police Report – No report

4. DPW Report – Vogel reported the DNR can hire sharp shooters or allow shooters to deplete the deer population, however residents must ok entrance on private properties and may find the deceased deer in their yards until they can be removed. A study must be completed before any action would be taken.

The Tree Board will work on guidelines for tree removal and replacement, there has been an influx in removal requests this year.

5. Manager's Report / Comments – City Manager LaBombard reported Campbell Rd will more likely not be completed soon due to the recent asphalt company strikes, there are thoughts of a deeper ditch along the road to see if this would reroute the water flow.

9. Public Communications – Verbal (Limit of three (3) minutes on general business of the City) Suzanne Dixon expressed concerns with the MIRO property and the contaminants. She would like to see additional members appointed to the Brownfield Authority.

10. Council Comments

Lion remarked that she has received feedback from lodging customers who are concerned with the weeds in the river.

Mooradian believes the residents along 66th Street deserve to have a timeline and documentation regarding the proposed build on the property.

North thanked the city for allowing her to attend the recent MML conference Seabert was in agreement with Mooradian.

Miller was especially interested in the MML speaker from Malaysia who spoke on "How to encourage community".

11. Mayor's Report / Comments – Mayor Pro Temp. Harvath stressed transparency on the 66th Street property, believing the residents deserve answers.

12. Adjournment – Motion by Seabert, with support from North, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

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