



MINUTES
THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
February 1, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.
Held by Zoom

1. Call to Order – Mayor Lion called the meeting to order
2. Roll Call – Present: Donovan, Miller, Mooradian, North, Seabert, Van Loon, Lion
Absent: None
Also Present: City Manager LaBombard, City Clerk Aalderink, City Planner Wikar, City Treasurer Smith
3. Consent Calendar
 - A. Approval of the February 1, 2021 Agenda
 - B. Approval of the City Council Minutes of January 18, 2021
 - C. Approval of Invoices in the amount of \$55,407.58
 - D. Appointments / Resignations / Proclamations

Motion by Mooradian, with support from North, to approve the Consent Calendar of February 1, 2021. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4. Public Communication
 - A. Verbal (Limit of 3 minutes)
 - B. Written Communications
 1. Kara Burd RE: Wiley St. Property
 2. Richard Wroblewski RE: Old Library Building
 - a. Councilmember Donovan questioned if Kara Burd was a Douglas resident.
 - b. Miller agreed with the written statement that mixed messages have been given but Council has not made any decisions on what they going to do with the property at this time.
5. Unfinished Business
 - A. Wiley Road Non-Motorized Bike Trail – Nate Williams

Williams presented City Council with an update on the non-motorized bike trail along Wiley Rd. Some funding has been set aside until 2021. Several options to connect Wiley bike trail to Blue Star trail have been looked at, however at this time it would be very expensive to go over Tannery Creek which runs under a portion of Wiley. The plan is to take the bike trail from the subsidized housing on Wiley to Blue Star.

6. New Business

A. Ottawa Area Intermediate School District Agreement

Motion by Van Loon, with support from Seabert, to enter into a four-year agreement with the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District and authorize the City Clerk to sign the agreement. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

B. Bike MS: Great Lakes West Michigan Breakaway

Motion to approve the Bike MS Great Lakes Breakaway event contingent upon it not being held during the Pride Event. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

C. Library Property – Discussion Item

City Manager LaBombard reported the old library property has quite a few interested parties. The city will put out an RFP for the use of the building. Manager LaBombard is seeking council direction on how they would like to proceed with the building. Council in agreement the building will be sold, or the city can enter a lease to purchase agreement as an option. The City will seek legal opinion on how to proceed.

D. Resolution 02-2021 Approving an Agreement for Planning Support Services

Remapping and updates need to be attended to, with council approval the Planning Dept. would like to enter into agreement with Williams & Works to assist.

Council questioned the number of estimated hours this project will take and if the funds are in the budget. Mayor Lion requested Wikar develop a list of projects they will be undertaking.

Motion by Seabert, with support from Donovan, to approve the agreement for Planning support services between the City of the Village of Douglas and Williams & Works of Grand Rapids. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

E. Wildlife Advisory Commission – Discussion Item

LaBombard questioned if Council would like to form an ad hoc committee to investigate the deer population. A request will be put out for volunteers.

F. Rules for Submitting Communication to Boards & Commissions

Motion by Seabert, with support from Mooradian, to table agenda item 6F Rules for Submitting Communication to Boards & Commissions. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

7. Reports

A. Commission / Committee / Board Reports

1. Planning Commission – Next meeting February 10th
2. Kalamazoo Lake Sewer and Water – There will be a small rate hike. Annual testing found low levels of PFAS in one well, 2.8 parts to a trillion was found.
3. Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority – No report
4. Downtown Development Authority – At the January meeting DDA discussed expanding the district.
5. Douglas Harbor Authority – No report
6. Douglas Brownfield Authority – No report
7. Fire Board – Board of Appeals met with homeowners requesting water supply for 16 homes in the Township.
8. Community Recreation – No report
9. Recycle Committee-
10. Tri Community Bike Trail Group- Narrowed down to 4-5 Engineer Firms, RFPs will be sent out to the Engineer Firms and we should receive work plans that will be shown to the safety professionals. Two of the most safe work plans will be chosen and then design plans will be received.

B. Staff Reports

1. Manager – Currently working on handbook. Met with Edgewater regarding beach stairs. City has been working with the Park Committee on the playground. Working on the recycling agreement with Jack Brown.

8. Public Communications – Verbal (Limit of three (3) minutes on general business of the City)

Steve Subelsky asked if the library building is sold to business that failed would the city lose control of who went into the building.

Tracy Shafroth regarding the Wildlife committee, there are multiple diseases that are making havoc on human health. She would be happy to present to council.

9. Council Comments

Seabert asked when the Kalico Kitchen would be taken down.

Mooradian is pleased the City of Saugatuck and Douglas will be working together. (regarding DPW working together.

Miller thanked DPW for keeping up with the roads.

Donovan expressed he is please with the Manager's Friday reports.

10. Mayor's Report / Comments

11. Adjournment

Motion by Seabert, with support from Mooradian, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned by voice mail. (8:41 P.M.)