



THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
86 W. CENTER ST. – DOUGLAS, MI
DECEMBER 6, 2021– 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order: Mayor Donovan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Present – Donovan, Miller, Naumann, North, Seabert, Van Loon
Absent - none
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Mayor Donovan
4. Consent Calendar:
 - A. Approve Agenda for December 6, 2021
 - B. Approve Council Minutes for November 15, 2021
 - C. Approve Invoices for \$\$72,605.99
 - D. Resignations / Appointments / Proclamations
 1. Council Resignation: Patricia Lion

Motion by Seabert, with support from Van Loon, to approve the consent calendar of December 6, 2021. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of those members present.

5. Election of Officers:
 - A. Election of Mayor Pro Tem
Mayor Donovan sought nominations from the floor. Van Loon nominated North as Mayor Pro Tem. Hearing no other nominations, a roll call vote was called.

Motion by Van Loon, with support from Miller, to approve the nomination of Cathy North for Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Public Communication:

- A. Verbal (Limit of 3 minutes)

Stephanie Marie, Harbor Lake Drive resident expressed concern with the heavy traffic using the drive. Requested the City rezone the area and take over the road.

Gerald Griffin, Harbor Lake Drive resident also expressed concerns and would like to know who actually owns the drive. The residents need a solution to this private road, he would also like to see the City take the road over.

Robin Bauer, Center Street resident addressed the new LED lights on Center Street, he would like the City to reduce the lighting saying it is blinding at night.

- B. Written – No written comments received

6. Unfinished Business – No unfinished business

7. New Business

A. Real Estate Donation Pride Memorial Garden – 147 Center Street, Douglas

Motion by Van Loon, with support from Seabert, to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Meeting Act, to discuss property with the City Attorney. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Following a unanimous roll call motion by Van Loon, with support from North, the Council entered back into regular session.

Council Comments:

With respect to what Mr. Gammons is doing, the contract needs to be reworked.
The City is prepared to organize an Ad Hoc Committee to resolve the differences.

Motion to accept the real estate sale/donation contract as currently proposed from the Lawrence W. Gammons and Carl I. Jennings Trust. Motion failed by unanimous roll call vote.

8. Reports

A. Commission/Committee/Boards

1. Planning Commission – No report
2. Kalamazoo Lake Sewer & Water – No report
3. Downtown Douglas Authority – Drinking fountain is installed and will be available to use in the spring.
4. Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority – No report
5. Douglas Harbor Authority – No report
6. Douglas Brownfield Authority – 200 Blue Star building is currently being removed.
7. Fire board – No report
8. Community Recreation – No report
9. Tri-Community Recycle Committee – No report
10. Tri-Community Bike Trail Group – No report
11. Playground Committee – No report
12. Tree Board – Meet quarterly, no report

B. Staff Report

1. Manager LaBombard reported the demolition of 200 Blue Star Hwy building is on track, the EPA Grant Application for this building has been submitted, Department of Public Works will be wrapping up the leaf & brush pick up for the year, Campbell Rd. continues to be under construction, Final revision agreement for the old library is complete and will be presented, the proposal for bids on Wade's Bayou business operation are ready, and the public drawing for the Point Pleasant boat slips have been completed.

Seabert requested Council receive an updated project list.

Mayor Donovan requested the City Manager explain the selection process for the replacement of City Councilwoman Lion. City Manager LaBombard explained the process, a notice for the empty seat will be published in the paper, applications will be accepted and reviewed, then the applications will appear before the City Council for interviews.

9. Public Communication

Tracey Shafroth, Water Street resident thanked the City for planting new trees along Center Street, however cautioned the City on the placement of the mulch. It is to close and to high up the trunk of the trees and will cause damage.

Larry Gammons was disappointed with the actions by Council about the Pride Garden.

Demetrhea Terrien reported a deceased deer along Center Street that needs to be taken care of.

10. Council Comments

A Thank you went out to Marlee Alexander for her aid with the Christmas decorations. A Thank you went out to Patricia Lion for her leadership and time served as Councilmember and Mayor. Members were pleased to see the building found at 200 Blue Star Hwy. being demolished.

11. Mayor’s Report / Comments

Mayor Donovan appreciated Lawrence Gammons comments, there are variables that have stood in the way of moving forward with this donation. His heart is with the Oxford School. He appreciates the Chief and what he has to do.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Seabert, with support from Naumann, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at (8:22 P.M.)

Approved on

Signed: _____
Jerome Donovan, Mayor Date

Signed: _____
Pamela Aalderink, City Clerk Date

Certification of Minutes

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of the Village of Douglas held on December 6, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Signed: _____ Date
Pamela Aalderink, City Clerk