

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MARLETTE CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 16, 2017**

Mayor Cargill called a regular meeting of the Marlette City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Wilson was given the Oath of Office by Deputy Clerk Meranda Lentz.

Roll Call: Wilson, Bush, Babich and Hunter. Excused: Quade and Moshier. Also Present: City Manager Corey Schmidt.

Motion by Hunter and second by Bush to approve minutes of December 5, 2016 as presented.

Carried.

Motion by Babich and second by Bush to approve payment of Accounts Payable dated December 15, 2016 as presented in the amount of \$189,940.26.

Carried.

Motion by Babich and second by Hunter to approve payment of Accounts Payable dated January 3, 2017 as presented in the amount of \$73,469.92.

Carried.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS/DELETIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

CITIZENS CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Newly elected District 4 County Commissioner Bob Conley reported on his first meeting of the year. He noted that he had been appointed to nine committees. He reported that an Airport Zoning Board is being developed to adopt ordinances that the State currently has control of. Bob also stated that he planned to contact area schools to invite students to the County meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR: None

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORT: Wilson reported that the DPW have been doing a lot of work at the cemetery and it is looking good.

MANGERS REPORT: Manager Schmidt reported - Carpenter Street is now open and the only thing left to do is seeding around the new ditch which will completed in the Spring. Safe Routes to Schools has received sufficient number of parent and student responses and are waiting on one more piece of required data to schedule a required action plan. He thanked the Marlette and Lutheran Schools for help in coordination of the grant. The City of Marlette was one of four chosen for the MSU Extension "First Impressions" program. A visit will more than likely happen in the summer. The City will receive a \$2,000 grant toward implementing the recommendations.

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Motion by Babich and second by Wilson to approve the City Manger's conference travel request to the MME Winter Institute.

Manager Schmidt noted that he was planning to car pool with the Vassar City Manager to cut the mileage and parking cost.

Bush stated that the Manager was going beyond saving money and felt the networking with other City Managers is very important.

Carried.

POLICE REPORT: The Chief's report was in the packet.

Bush encouraged the students in the audience and everyone to attend the Heroin Addiction and Overdose Epidemic Information Meeting on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. It was noted that opioid has quickly grown to be a major public health concern. It also noted that Chief McGinnis had put in a lot of effort into hosting this community awareness night.

Wilson also reported that working at the funeral home he has seen too much of the epidemic.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A. Committee Appointments

Mayor Cargill presented the 2017 Committee List and noted that the only change from 2016 was a change on the park board, with Lions Rep - Don Spinks replacing Dick Schull.

Motion by Wilson and second by Bush to approve the 2017 Committee List as presented.

Carried.

B. Carpenter St. Street Light Agreement

Manager Schmidt noted that it's apparent that an additional street light would be beneficial on Carpenter Street, on the eastern side of the ditch and would illuminate the area near the bus garage. He mentioned that the agreement is contingent on the school agreeing to grant an aerial easement to DTE.

Motion by Hunter and second by Bush to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Master Agreement for Municipal Street Lighting with the Detroit Edison Company to add a street light on Carpenter Street.

Carried.

C. WWTP Drying Oven Purchase

Jared Driscoll reported that the WWTP is in need of a new drying oven for the laboratory work as it is over 30 years old and cannot meet requirements.

Motion by Bush and second by Wilson to authorize the purchase of a drying oven from Thermo Pacific for \$1,849.95

Carried.

D. Michigan Rural Development Fund Grant

Manager Schmidt reported that there is a new grant program called the Rural Development Fund Grant for projects that address expansion and sustainability of land-based industries and water and wastewater infrastructure to benefit rural communities. Applicants must provide a minimum of a 30% match.

Motion by Wilson and second by Hunter to support a Michigan Rural Development Fund Grant application and the accompanying match of \$25,058.

Carried.

E. PASER Study and 2017-2018 Road Priorities

Manager Schmidt presented a power point on the PASER Study. Consensus of council was to send the study to the Infrastructure Committee for review and discussion of projects to possibly budget in 2017-2018.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Bush complimented the Manager on the 2016 Annual Report that was in the packet and he felt it should be posted maybe on the web site for all to view. Council agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ron Coltson reported that the township has asked him to remain on the Fire Authority Board. He also noted that the last payment on the pumper truck has been made and that money can now be used for replacement items. Tires and wheels will be mandated to be replaced and the paint on the fire hall will need to be addressed soon.

Motion by Hunter and second by Bush to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Carried.

Dennis Cargill, Mayor

Sandra Cargill, Clerk