

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 1, 2021
CITY OF MARLETTE

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bush called a Zoom meeting of the Marlette City Council to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call

Quade, Wilson, Moshier, Hunter, Bell, and Kopacz.

Consent Agenda

Motion led by Quade, supported by Kopacz to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Additions/Corrections/Deletions

Manager Rudzis stated that the Hi-Tech Contact under new business be pulled from the agenda. Wilson asked for the side by sides to be addressed in this meeting. Mayor Bush said that he would like the committee to meet first, but discussion can take place in the public comments.

Correspondence

None

Citizen's Comments/Concerns

Commissioner Ballard submitted his report for council to review.

Fire Authority Report

Hunter said that the Fire Authority had its quarterly meeting last week. There will be a budget meeting in March, and he will provide council with that information at the next meeting. The Fire Authority is also working on getting quotes for the outside of the fire hall.

DPW Report

See report.

Community Development Specialist Report

Lisa Kenny reviewed the report that she submitted to council. Lisa stated that she found out about a USDA Grant. She will talk with he DDA and then present to council if the DDA suggests proceeding.

Communication from the Mayor

None

Council/Committee Report

Mayor Bush expressed that the City Charter is a priority. Updating the City Charter will be costly and will take roughly two years to complete but it is important. Bell gave an overview from the Infrastructure meeting which discussed upcoming projects.

Manager Report

See report.

Police Chief Report

Chief McGinnis has been working with Dan Korte on the siren in town. Chief McGinnis also addressed the side-by-side ordinance. Chief McGinnis said that Greg Stemers, the City's attorney, is reviewing the ordinance to see if it is possible to make changes on the ordinance. Once Greg is finished reviewing the ordinance, the Infrastructure Committee will need to meet.

Unfinished Business

1. Treasurer and Administrative Assistant Wage Increase

Manager Rudzis stated that there has been a lot of discussion regarding the wage increase for the two employees. The Finance Committee has made the recommendation to increase the wages of the Treasurer and the Administrative Assistant.

Quade made the motion to accept the wage increases and to adopt Resolution #06/2021. Supported by Moshier. Bell – Yes. Hunter – Yes. Kopacz – Yes. Moshier – Yes. Quade – Yes. Wilson – Yes. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Resolution for Trunkline Maintenance Contract #05/2021

Hunter made the motion to pass Resolution #05/2021 regarding the Trunkline Contract. Supported by Bell. Roll call vote. Bell – Yes. Hunter – Yes. Kopacz – Yes. Quade – Yes. Moshier – Yes. Wilson – Yes. Motion carried.

2. Voice Over IP

Chief McGinnis explained the two quotes that were received for the voice over IP. **Wilson made the motion to approve the one-time purchase for Abadata. Bell supported. Motion carried.**

3. Recreation Passport Grant Resolution #07/2021

Manager Rudzis explained that the Recreation Passport Grant is due April 1, 2021. Manager Rudzis would like to pursue the recommendation of the \$235,000 project costs for the pool house. **Quade made the motion to support Resolution #07/2021 regarding the Recreation Passport Grant. Supported by Wilson. Roll call vote. Bell – Yes. Hunter – Yes. Kopacz – Yes. Quade – Yes. Moshier – Yes. Wilson – Yes. Motion carried.**

4. Vacant Property Offers

All three offers and the one counteroffer for the vacant property at 6864 Marlette St. Marlette, MI, Parcel Number: 300-031-400-020-00 were reviewed. The recommendation from the finance committee is to sign the counteroffer for \$21,000. Manager Ryan Rudzis is authorized on the behalf of the City of Marlette to sign all documents regarding the vacant property. **Hunter made the motion to accept the counteroffer for \$21,000. Quade supported. Motion Carried.**

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Council Comments

Kopacz asked when council will review the Treasurer's wage scale. Mayor Bush stated that the treasurer's wage scale will be addressed with the finance committee.

Public Comments

Andrea Donley stated that she would love to see side by sides become legal to drive in Marlette. She said that local businesses could be supported by the change. Rich Diegelbeck was also in attendance. Rich said that his family rides to Sandusky on their side by sides and he would love to be able to do the same in Marlette. Mayor Bush said that he is concerned with the liability aspect. Chief McGinnis said that Greg Stemers is reviewing an ORV ordinance to see if modifications can be made. Mayor Bush asked Jason Bell to schedule an infrastructure meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Hunter, supported by Moshier to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm

Rebecca Slater, City Clerk

Charles Bush, Mayor