

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 5, 2021
CITY OF MARLETTE**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bush called a Zoom meeting of Marlette City Council to order at 7:05 pm.

Roll Call

Quade, Wilson, Bell, Kopacz and Bush. Hunter joined at 7:10 P.M. Excused Moshier.

Mayor Charlie Bush presented Resolution No. 08-2021 to City Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2021

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERMITTING THE CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES OF THE CITY TO MEET BY ELECTRONIC AND TELEPHONIC MEANS

At a meeting of the City Council of the City of Marlette, held on April 5, 2021, at 7 o'clock p.m., local time, by electronic means.

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Hertel, Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, as recently as March 19, 2021 made findings and concluded that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute an epidemic in Michigan and that control of the epidemic requires restrictions on public gatherings, and which order took effect on March 22, 2021 through April 19, 2021 MDHHS Order dated March 19, 2021 incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, the City provides essential services to the residents which requires prudent and cautious administration during this time when there has been a recent increase in COVID-19 infection in Sanilac County; therefore, under the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services directives, the Mayor and City Council desire to conduct public business in a manner so as not to place at risk members of the Public, City Staff, or Members serving on Public Bodies of the City who help provide those essential services; and we find the most efficient manner to comply with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Gathering Order, while allowing our local government to function with the participation of the residents of the City of Marlette, is to have the public meetings by electronics means; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marlette Council and Mayor have authority to preserve the public health pursuant to the Home Rule Act, Section 117.3(j) Mandatory Charter Provision is, and the City of Marlette City Charter Section 2.05(b) and §10 (b) of the Emergency Management Act permitting municipalities to declare a local state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Open Meeting Act, Act 267 of 1976, Section 15. 263a allows electronic public meetings; and telephonic or video conferencing with 2-way communication and advance notice of electronic meetings and availability of agenda; and within the City of Marlette Open Meeting Act policies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, THAT

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We, Charles Bush, Mayor of the City of Marlette, upon confirmation, consent, and resolve of the City Council, based on the findings made by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services regarding the public health threat posed by the COVID-19 novel coronavirus and its variant strains do declare a local state of emergency to permit the Council, Commissions and all other public bodies of the City to continue to meet by electronic and telephonic means after March 30, 2021 through April 19, 2021 (the date of the Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Order or as amended).

The City of Marlette, Sanilac County, State of Michigan, a Municipal Corporation resolves and affirms and states the above resolution was offered by roll call vote at an Open Meeting on April 5, 2021

Motion by Quade and supported by Bell.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS Resolution adopted by the City Council at its meeting on April 5, 2021.

Councilman, Steve Quade	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay _____
Councilman, Jason Bell	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay _____
Councilman, Pat Wilson	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay _____
Councilman, Christopher Kopacz	Aye <u> X </u>	Nay _____

Absent (excused), Councilman: Dale Moshier

ABSTAIN, Council Member:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City of Marlette at a regular meeting held on April 5, 2021. Public notice was given, and the meeting was conducted in compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976) as amended by PA 228 of 2020. Minutes of the meeting will be available as required by the Act.

Sarah Kady, Deputy Clerk

Consent Agenda

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

Additions/Corrections/Deletions

Wilson requested that Side by Side/ORV discussion be added to the agenda. Mayor Bush added this request as item "A" under Unfinished Business.

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Correspondence

None Presented.

Citizen's Comments/Concerns

None Presented.

Fire Authority Report

Hunter forwarded the budget for 2021-2022 to City Manager Rudzis. There are two columns presented for 2021/2022 budget. One is just the regular quarterly standby fee and the other column includes an increased rate that includes building upgrades.

DPW Report

Report submitted by DPW Supervisor Joe Willis. Willis added that the DPW has been working on installing the DDA globes downtown and have started working on park and pool preparation.

Community Development Specialist Report

Lisa Kenny reviewed her monthly report submitted to City Council. Kenny shared information regarding the hiring of a new Farmer's Market Manager, RRC Certification, MSHDA MOD House, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Communication from the Mayor

None Presented.

Council/Committee Report

Kopacz stated that the Park Board has met on two occasions to discuss park equipment and pool preparation but have struggled getting a quorum.

Manager Report

The City Manager's report was included in the packet for review by City Council. Manager Rudzis added that the Infrastructure Committee will meet soon. He stated that Sandusky's DPW will be in town tomorrow sweeping city streets (since our sweeper is broken down). Sandusky's street sweeper is a similar model to what our DPW is looking to purchase. The cost of the used street sweeper we are looking to purchase is \$65,000 to \$75,000.

Personnel/Finance Chair Shane Hunter presented information from the committee meeting held after the last council meeting. The committee entertained a request made by the DPW Supervisor, Joe Willis for \$1,400 to be paid out to each DPW employee for Hazard Pay (due to COVID).

It was moved by Hunter and supported by Quade to approve a one-time \$1,400 Hazard Pay for DPW employees. Motion Carried.

Police Chief Report

Chief McGinnis informed City Council that the Voice Over Internet Phone System has been installed. The new phone system comes with extension options for every department and the installation process went smooth.

Unfinished Business

1. ORV - Side by Side Up Discussion:

Wilson expressed interest in having a "Zoom" Infrastructure meeting to further discuss the option of establishing an ORV Ordinance for the City. Wilson expressed that he does not want to see this item of business drag out any longer. It was decided that the Infrastructure Committee will meet again once all committee members can be present.

New Business

1. Tornado Warning System

Chief McGinnis shared that he met with Fire Chief Dan Korte to work on the Tornado Warning System. He has included information in the Council packet. They were able to secure a quote from West Shore Services, Inc. for a Federal Signal Thunderbolt 1003 Siren Rebuild. The estimated cost to complete this project came in at \$7,300.00. West Shore Services, Inc. is one of very few companies certified to do this type of work. Chief McGinnis pointed out that it is critical to get repairs done as soon as possible because we have limited ways to access the emergency siren at this time. The quote does not include electric work that needs to be done. For an additional \$2,800, we get the new timer, decoder, and receiver. This brings the total cost to \$10,100, not including the electrical work.

Motion was made by Quade and supported by Hunter to approve the quoted cost of \$10,100 from West Shore Services, Inc. for the Federal Signal Thunderbolt 1003 Siren Rebuild. Motion Carried.

2. Racks for UV Disinfectant System at the WWTP

Jared Driscoll from the Waste-Water Treatment Plant expressed the need to replace three racks (modules) for the UV disinfection system. We currently have four racks with 4 UV bulbs per rack and three of them are not functioning properly. As of now, we are meeting the permit limits, but it is only a matter of time before we cannot perform at an acceptable level. The last time this portion of the system was updated was back in 2008 as part of the WWTP upgrade and these parts are due to be replaced. The cost per module is \$4,876.46 bringing the total to \$14,629.38.

Motion made by Hunter and supported by Kopacz to replace three racks (modules) of UV (ultraviolet) disinfection system at a cost of \$14,629.38. Motion Carried.

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Council Comments: Quade inquired where we are with the Charter updated process. Mayor Bush explained that this is a long process specifically spelled out by legislation. It takes at least two election cycles to complete. It is something Council will have to discuss at length and get the attorney involved in.

Public Comment: Andrea Donley joined the meeting a little late and inquired where the City was with the Side by Side (ORV) ordinance.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Sarah Kady, Deputy Clerk

Charles Bush, Mayor