

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021  
CITY OF MARLETTE**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Bush called a regular meeting of Marlette City Council to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Bush requested that a vote on the ORV ordinance take place after the public hearing is closed.

**Roll Call**

Bell, Bush, Hunter, Kopacz, Quade, Wilson.

**Open Public Hearing**

Mayor Bush opened the public hearing at 7:04 PM.

**Second Reading ORV Ordinance**

Mayor Bush read the first paragraph of the proposed ORV ordinance out loud.

**Public Comment**

Glen Phillips, Marlette Township Zoning and Trustee was in attendance. He was in support of the proposed ORV ordinance. Others that came to show and comment on their support of the ORV Ordinance were Mark Franks (TWP), Roger Corkins (TWP), Arlene Chigas (TWP), Doug McRobbie (TWP), Brad McIntyre (TWP), Bill Harden (City of Marlette), Rich Degelbeck (City of Marlette), and Jen Mason (City of Marlette). Leon Westover was in attendance and was opposed to the ORV ordinance, bringing up concerns of noise and liability.

**Close Public Hearing**

Mayor Bush closed the public hearing at 7:27 PM. Mayor Bush said that having a roof does not protect the drivers' eyes and would like language added to the ordinance about protective eyewear. Quade asked if three and four wheelers can be separated out of the ordinance. Chief McGinnis replied that the City Attorney said three and four wheelers cannot be separated from the ORV ordinance. Mayor Bush asked if council would consider looking at the Reed City ordinance. Bell and Kopacz said no. Mayor Bush also commented that Section 7 pertaining to the Government Immunity is self-serving and does not protect citizens.

**Vote on ORV Ordinance**

**After discussion, Kopacz made the motion to adopt the ORV Ordinance given that approved eye protection is worn, unless the ORV is equipped with a windshield is added to section 4, letter H in the ordinance. Supported by Bell. Roll call vote. Bell – Yes. Hunter – Yes. Kopacz – Yes. Quade – No. Wilson – Yes. Motion carried.** Manager Rudzis clarified that the ordinance does not immediately take effect. The ordinance will be published in the paper and must wait for the public comments to be received, if any.

**Consent Agenda**

**Motion led by Hunter, supported by Quade to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.**

**Additions/Corrections/Deletions**

None

**Correspondence**

None presented

**Citizen's Comments/Concerns**

Roger Corkins approached City Council with concerns of the traffic on Angle St, behind Hannah Wolfe. He stated that truckers speed down that road frequently. Connie Corkins stated there is a lot of traffic on Angle St., especially during the food bank. Chief McGinnis stated that the Police Department will increase patrol on Angle St. and will also request a speed sign from the county. Cole Wood, a representative of Congresswoman McClain's presented council with information from the Congresswoman. Information included clarification on vaccine mandates, fuel tax, and the Gold Medal Bill.

**Fire Authority Report**

Hunter stated the quarterly meeting will be held next month.

**DPW Report**

DPW Supervisor, Joe Willis submitted his report to council.

**Communication from the Mayor**

Mayor Bush suggested appointing a City Council Member to the Historical Society and the Chamber of Commerce. He would like the opinions from City Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting which will be scheduled.

**Council/Committee Report**

Kopacz reported on behalf of the Park Board. He said that Party in the Park event went well. He also said the playground equipment was delivered and makes a nice addition to the park.

**Manager Report**

The City Manager's report was submitted by Manager Rudzis. He explained to have an additional 600 feet of paving on Ashley Dr. would be an additional \$16,000 - \$17,000. **Hunter made the motion not to exceed \$17,000 for the additional paving of Ashley Dr. Supported by Kopacz. Motion carried.**

Manager Rudzis told council that \$1,000 was deposited into the Sanilac County Community Foundation for the Park and Pool Fund. He would also like to see a sponsorship program put in place for the pavilion at the park.

**Police Chief Report**

Chief McGinnis submitted his monthly report. He thanked all who were involved with Fall Family Fun Day. Chief McGinnis would like to meet with the Infrastructure Committee to reevaluate the No Parking on Street Ordinance that is in place from November 1<sup>st</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**New Business**

**1. Park Board Appointment**

Mayor Bush stated there has been two resignations from the Park Board. His recommendation for the Park Board appointment is Carrie Vanderpoel. **Kopacz made the motion to accept the recommendation made by Mayor Bush to appoint Carrie Vanderpoel to the Park Board. Supported by Quade. Motion carried.**

**2. DDA Appointment**

Mayor Bush said there has been one resignation from the Downtown Development Authority. The vacancy has a term expiration of September 2022. His recommendation for the DDA appointment is Taylor Parker. **Hunter made the motion to accept the recommendation made by Mayor Bush made to appoint Taylor Parker on the DDA. Support by Bell. Motion carried.**

**3. Lion's Pavilion Sign**

Manager Rudzis said that other cities have Lion's signs on pavilions and other structures. An Infrastructure Meeting will be scheduled to discuss a possible pavilion program.

**4. DNR Passport Grant Resolution #13/2021**

Manager Rudzis said the preliminary grant score was received well. He said the DNR Passport Grant need to be updated to reflect an additional \$130.00 added to total on said resolution. **Kopacz made the motion to approve the DNR Passport Grant Resolution #13/2021. Supported by Wilson. Roll call vote. Bell – Yes. Hunter – Yes. Kopacz – Yes. Quade – Yes. Wilson – Yes. Motion carried.**

**5. Committee of the Whole Meeting – ARPA Funds**

The City of Marlette will receive \$184,949.00 in ARPA Funds. Mayor Bush would like to schedule a Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss the funds further.

**6. City Council Vacancy Interviews**

Jennifer Mason interviewed for the vacant City Council seat. She explained that she is an active member in the community, has lifelong history, and has family in Marlette. The position will be filled at the next regular council meeting on October 4, 2021, following the interview of the other candidate.

**Council Comments**

Quade commented on the new playground equipment at the Marlette Community Park. He thanked those involved.

**Public Comment**

None

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**Adjournment**

**Motion by Quade, supported by Hunter to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M**

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Rebecca Slater, City Clerk

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Charles Bush, Mayor