

City Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 15, 2016
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers



1. **Call to Order by Mayor Burr at 7:00 p.m.**
2. **Invocation – Linda Olsen – Director, WE CARE**
3. **Roll Call**

Present: Jeff Arnold, Clark Gruber, Andy Klavins, Steve Schlack, Scott Smith, Robert Burr
Absent: Vickiy Kozlik-Wall

Moved by Arnold, seconded by Smith, to excuse Councilmember Kozlik-Wall due to personal reasons.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Smith, seconded by Klavins, to approve the agenda.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

5. **Consent Agenda: Items A through E (Roll Call Vote Required)**

Moved by Gruber, seconded by Arnold, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Council will be asked to approve the regular City Council minutes for August 1, 2016.
- B. Council will be asked to approve invoices totaling \$1,915,868.83 for the period ending August 14, 2016 be approved and forwarded to the Clerk and Treasurer for payment.
- C. Council will be asked to approve a proposal for Construction Engineering Services with Abonmarche of Benton Harbor, Michigan in an amount not to exceed 10% of the construction value (estimated to be \$1,118,034.74 for Contracts 1, 2A, and 3).
- D. Council will be asked to approve the professional services proposal from Abonmarche for the Michigan DNR Funded Projects.
- E. Council will be asked to approve the following meeting minutes:
 - 1) March 2, 2016 Downtown Development Authority minutes;
 - 2) March 17, 2016 Downtown Development Authority Special Meeting minutes;
 - 3) May 16, 2016 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority minutes;
 - 4) May 16, 2016 Local Development Finance Authority minutes;
 - 5) May 25, 2016 Housing Commission minutes
 - 6) June 27, 2016 Local Development Finance Authority Special Meeting minutes;

A Roll Call Vote was taken:

Yeas: Arnold, Gruber, Klavins, Schlack, Smith, Burr

Nays: None

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Council will be asked to consider the following appointments to the corresponding boards and commissions:

A. Lisa Bettis-Cooper to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill a vacant term expiring in 2019 as an alternate.

Moved by Gruber, seconded by Smith, to appoint Lisa Bettis-Cooper to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill a vacant term expiring in 2019 as an alternate.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

B. Suzanne Loafman to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Klavins, to appoint Suzanne Loafman to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

C. Mistelle Smith to Senior Services of Van Buren County for a 3-year term.

Moved by Klavins, seconded by Smith, to appoint Mistelle Smith to Senior Services of Van Buren County for a 3-year term.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

7. Council will be asked to approve Resolution 2016-76, a resolution approving the Transportation Alternatives Program grant for Blue Star Highway.

Moved by Gruber, seconded by Schlack, to approve Resolution 2016-76, a resolution approving the Transportation Alternatives Program grant for Blue Star Highway.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

8. Council will be asked to approve Resolution 2016-77, a resolution authorizing issuance of sanitary sewer system revenue bonds.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Arnold, to approve Resolution 2016-77, a resolution authorizing issuance of sanitary sewer system revenue bonds.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

9. Council will be requested to consider a License Agreement between the City of South Haven and Phillip D. Hogg and Peggy Murnigan.

Moved by Gruber, seconded by Smith, to approve a License Agreement between the City of South Haven and Phillip D. Hogg and Peggy Murnigan.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

10. Interested Citizens in the Audience Will Be Heard on Items Not on the Agenda

Rosalie Plechaty of the National Blueberry Festival thanked the Council, City staff and residents, and volunteers for their support of the event. Ms. Plechaty informed the Council that surveys will be going out soon, and feedback will be included in the board report. Ms. Plechaty also stated that although the adult pie eating contest was not big fundraiser, it did raise awareness regarding the City's proposed splash pad.

11. City Manager's Comments

City Manager Brian Dissette summarized the Blueberry Festival and the cleanup effort, as well as the events planned for the coming weekend, including a bicycle road rally and a back-to-school event in Elkenberg Park.

12. Mayor and Councilperson's Comments

Councilmember Steve Schlack thanked all of the volunteers from the Blueberry Festival.

Councilmember Clark Gruber also thanked the Blueberry Festival volunteers, as well as brought up questions regarding the upcoming construction projects on North Shore Drive and Monroe Boulevard. Mr. Gruber emphasized that included in the FAQ on the City's website are the findings of an arborist related to trees that will be affected by the projects, and that the City plans to plant new trees where possible.

Councilmember Jeff Arnold commented on the upcoming school sports season, including Ratcliffe Field's 100th anniversary celebration. Mr. Arnold also thanked the Blueberry Festival volunteers.

Councilmember Scott Smith asked about the progress of the proposed Water/Sewer Authority. Smith also asked about rental registration totals, and asked when the first round of special assessment collections is set to take place. City Manager Dissette addressed all of the questions posed by Mr. Smith.

Councilmember Andy Klavins asked for an update regarding whether or not the upcoming construction projects could indeed be completed in one season, as opposed to two. City Manager Dissette and City Engineer Larry Halberstadt addressed Mr. Klavins' question.

Mayor Robert Burr commented on the South Haven Steelheaders' Salute to Veterans event, which is scheduled to take place over the coming weekend of.

13. Adjourn

Moved by Klavins, seconded by Gruber, to adjourn the meeting.
Voted Yes: All. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "T".

Travis Sullivan, City Clerk