

City Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 6, 2017
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers



City of South Haven

1. **Call to Order by Burr at 7:00 p.m.**
2. **Invocation – Reverend Dr. Steve Smallegan – Hope Reformed Church**
3. **Roll Call**

Present: Jeff Arnold, Clarke Gruber, Andy Klavins, Vickyi Kozlik Wall, Steve Schlack, Steve Schlack, Scott Smith, Bob Burr

Absent: None

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Kozlik Wall, seconded by Smith to approve the Monday, March 6, 2017 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

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

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

- A. Council will be asked to approve the regular City Council minutes for February 20, 2017.
- B. Council will be asked to approve invoices totaling \$2,635,055.98 for the period ending March 5, 2017 to be approved and forwarded to the Clerk and Treasurer for payment.
- C. Council will be asked to award a contract to Southwest Transport Company, in the amount of \$58,925.23 for the construction of a Pump Track within the City of South Haven.
- D. Council will be asked to approve a professional services agreement with Prism Environmental Services in the amount of \$34,408, to conduct necessary site investigation activities at the city's former Maintenance Garage, located at 625 Dunkley Avenue.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Gruber, Klavins, Kozlik Wall, Schlack, Smith, Arnold, Burr
Nays: None

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Council will be asked to consider the appointment of Janice Varney to the Planning Commission for a term of three years.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Kozlik Wall to approve the appointment of Janice Varney to the Planning Commission for a term of three years.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

7. Council will be asked to approve Special Event 2017-07, 2017 Queen's Cup, to be held from June 23, 2017 at 11:00 p.m. until June 24, 2017 at 10:00 p.m., at the South Side Municipal Marina and South Haven Yacht Club.

Moved by Kozlik Wall, seconded by Smith to approve Special Event 2017-07, 2017 Queen's Cup, to be held from June 23, 2017 at 11:00 p.m. until June 24, 2017 at 10:00 p.m., at the South Side Municipal Marina and South Haven Yacht Club.

Voted Yes: All Motion carried.

8. Council will be asked to consider the following actions related to the submission of a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for funding of a splash pad at Riverfront Park:

1) Host a public hearing regarding the grant application.

Moved by Gruber, seconded by Kozlik Wall to open the public hearing.

Voted Yes: All Motion carried.

Dissette spoke about the development of the splash pad and the application process for a grant with a local match.

Kyle Hendrickson, 653 Erie Street. Spoke in favor of the splash pad as an alternative for families with young children, as a safety factor and a way to keep dollars local.

Rosalie Plechaty, 559 Monroe Boulevard. Spoke in favor of the splash pad as an amenity for the community and our visitors and an affordable alternative for families that can't afford to go out of town.

Don Hodgman, 357 Pearl Street. Spoke in favor of the splash pad, citing it as a major plus for the riverfront, the town and the people.

Buff Toneman, 500 Erie Street, #103. Spoke about being on Parks Commission since 2010; the planning and drawings; the disappointment when we couldn't afford to put the splash pad in and, as an elementary school teacher for 30 years, the safety element.

Wendy Onuki, 315 Prospect. Spoke about also being on the Parks Commission; about being in favor of it; of it being a destination activity that would bring people with young children in to spend the day.

Moved by Kozlik Wall, seconded by Smith to close the public hearing.

Voted in favor: All. Motion carried.

2) Consider a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-10, a resolution authorizing the city's submission of a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, for the city's proposed Riverfront Park splash pad project.

Moved by Kozlik Wall, seconded by Arnold to adopt 2017-10. a resolution authorizing the city's submission of a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, for the city's proposed Riverfront Park splash pad project.

All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Council will be asked to consider the following actions related to the submission of a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for funding of two Black River Park skid piers:

1) Host a public hearing regarding the grant application.

Moved by Arnold, seconded by Klavins to open the public hearing.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

Hosier gave a brief introduction; spoke about the city having 5 skid piers, for which the city recently received funds to replace two; explained that this grant would replace two more and possibly rehab the third.

Dissette spoke about the cost and source of funding.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Arnold to close the public hearing.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

2) Consider a motion to approve Resolution 2017-11, a resolution authorizing a grant application for two Black River Park skid piers and committing local funds to match the grant award.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Arnold to approve Resolution 2017-11, a resolution authorizing a grant application for two Black River Park skid piers and committing local funds to match the grant award.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

10. Council will be asked to consider a motion to approve Resolution 2017-12, a resolution to accept the terms of agreement as received by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant program for the proposed improvements at the city's Kids' Corner Park.

Dissette spoke briefly about the history of Kids' Corner Park; a community build by resident volunteers and more recently, working with the original designers and the Parks Commission to develop a plan to improve Kids' Corner.

Bill Hunter, DPW Director. Spoke to the scope of the project which he called a minor facelift, which includes swings and slides being replaced; pea gravel being replaced with a safer material.

Dissette noted that the intent is to keep the park safe and maintain the same look as the original park; the grant provides \$45,000 and requires \$48,000 from the city.

Moved by Gruber, seconded by Kozlik Wall to approve Resolution 2017-12, a resolution to accept the terms of agreement as received by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant program for the proposed improvements at the city's Kids' Corner Park.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

11. Council will be asked to consider a motion to reschedule the first meeting in April, to occur on Monday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Gruber, seconded by Arnold to reschedule the first meeting in April to occur on Monday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

12. Council will be asked to authorize the City Manager to issue a farm lease agreement for the city's property in Casco Township.

Dissette spoke about the terms of the agreement and how proceeds from the farm lease are used.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Kozlik Wall to authorize the City Manager to issue a farm lease agreement for the city's property in Casco Township.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

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

Rosalie Plechaty spoke about moving the blueberry pie eating contest to Saturday.

Joe Nelson, member of Boy Scout Troop 188. Spoke about being here for the Citizenship in the Nation merit badge which requires scouts to follow up with notes on what happened during the meeting.

Wendy Onuki asked whether the date for the installation of the splash pad has been changed. Dissette noted that staff will be submitting the grant application by the April 1 deadline; and estimated that 2018 is when the bill will be recommended for approval, thus next spring is the best case scenario for the grant contract with fall 2018 being more probable.

14. Police Chief update to City Council

Chief Natalie Thompson provided an update on the past month's activities and a new curriculum for school police officers.

Officer Shawn Olney. Has been involved with the police department for 20 year, assists in training new officers.

Detective Kevin Wildey. Has been with South Haven Police Department for twelve and a half, currently assigned to the plainclothes detective bureau; does field training, CPR, AED and firearms training for officers; is a State of Michigan methamphetamine responder and a Cub Scout leader.

15. City Manager's Comments

Acknowledged the police officers here tonight and spoke about the women's self-defense training which will be offered and about which information can be found on the city's website and the Police Department Facebook page.

Dissette spoke about the construction being done on the North Beach, North Shore Drive, Dunkley at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, Monroe Boulevard and Kalamazoo Street and summarized the weekly tailgate talks taking place in areas affected by the construction.

16. Mayor and Councilperson's Comments

Klavins: Spoke to the comments regarding the splash pad tonight as well as texts and emails received. Spoke about priorities for the next year and encouraged everyone to bring their ideas to council. Congratulated the Boys Basketball on winning the championship.

Smith: Spoke about improvements; welcomed Troop 188 and leaders; thanked the police officers for help at the schools.

Arnold: Spoke about the splash pad and thanked those who had the plans well underway when he came on the Parks Commission.

Gruber: Spoke about two of the families tonight were second ward residents, new in the last five years with small children; about Kids Corner and that it is great to have the Boy Scouts here.

Schlack: Stated it is nice to see the Boy Scouts here; thanked city staff for their diligence; suggested a number on the website for people to call to report potholes.

Kozlik Wall: Spoke about it almost being spring; reminded that trucks aren't out picking up yard debris yet so please leave things on the right-of-way and not on the street as debris in the street is causing damage to our plows.

Burr: No comment.

17. Adjourn

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Moved by Gruber, seconded by Kozlik Wall to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Marsha Ransom
Recording Secretary