

MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Colleen Brown called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The meeting was held at the Montrose City Office located at 139 S. Saginaw St., Montrose.

ROLL CALL: Present Council Members were Mayor Colleen Brown, Debbie Gross, Robert Arnold, Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Richard, Tom Bigelow and Ryan Heslop. Also present were City Manager Neil Rankin, City Clerk Christina Rush, City Attorney Otis Stout, and 5 citizens. Member Christy Sanborn was recorded absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Mayor Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH:

1. *THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2018, MONTROSE BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL COMMITTEE:* Blueberry Festival Committee Members Maria & Christy Powell and Dawn Campbell accepted the award.

2. *CHOOSE A CITIZEN OF THE MONTH FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:*

- **MOTION** by Gross **SECOND** by Richard to nominate Sunoco Manager Tony Daoud. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- **MOTION** by Gross **SECOND** by Richard to add onto the agenda the Candlewalk for Discussion, agenda item No. 1. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- **MOTION** by Richard **SECOND** by Gross to add onto the agenda to discuss Recreational Marijuana item No. 11. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: CDBG (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT) Public Needs Hearing:

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. There were no comments or input from the public. Mayor Brown closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS: NONE

REPORTS

1. *FIRE & POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:* On file at city office.

2. *SAFEBUILT INSPECTION SERVICES:*

Bigelow questioned the two court dates on the report and Stout replied it is for White's Tavern. Mr. White has not pulled trade permits for electrical, mechanical or plumbing permits and does not have an occupancy permit for work being done since 2008. Bigelow asked if he does not comply by the December 6th court date will there be a 30 day/90 day and Stout replied our intent is to close it down if it is not done in a timely fashion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

MATTERS OF COUNCIL ACTION:

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1. *CANDLEWALK*

- ***MOTION*** by Richard ***SECOND*** by Gross for Neil to check and see if the City can cover the Candlewalk on December 1st for insurance through Meadowbrook and if so cover Candlewalk for their activities. Roll Call Vote: Bigelow – Aye, Arnold – Aye, Gross – Aye, Richard – Aye, Heslop – Aye, and Mayor Brown – Aye. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

2. *APPROVAL OF 10/18/18 REGULAR MEETING MINTUES*

Richard questioned the motion on agenda item No. 4, “Discussion Direction Re: Interest Charge on Street Assessment”, it should read to send to the Planning Board.

- ***MOTION*** by Gross ***SECOND*** by Richard to approve the regular minutes with the amendment on page 11 to say a motion to add to send to the Planning Board. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. *APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER & TREASURER REPORT:*

Gross questioned why there was no longer a Depot Fund and Rankin explained that the Depot fund was combined with the DDA’s fund. Contentious discussion ensued and Rankin reminded council that the State required all municipalities comply with a new chart of accounts so the Depot fund can no longer exist. The Depot Committee was also given the option to become a 501 C back on August 11, 2016 but they refused. More contentious discussion ensued. Brown asked if information on what has been discussed with the Depot be on the next meeting’s agenda.

- ***MOTION*** by Bigelow ***SECOND*** by Richard to pay the bills. Roll Call Vote: Richard – Aye, Heslop – Aye, Arnold – Aye, Bigelow – Aye, Gross – No, and Mayor Pro Tem – Aye. Six (6) Ayes. One (1) Nay. Motion Carried.

4. *DISCUSSION DIRECTION RE: RSQ FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES:* Rankin suggested a small group from council pick two or three of the companies to meet with and make recommendations to council. There was discussion about the different engineering companies and when to have the recommendations ready by. Council members Gross, Heslop, and Arnold volunteered to set up appointments with all five, (5) engineering companies to review their services.

5. *DISCUSSION DIRECTION RE: REFUSE SERVICES, OPTION 1 OR OPTION 2:* Gary Hicks from Republic spoke about the two options. Option 1 would continue as the current contract reads, collection of weekly carted solid waste (unlimited bags), every other week carted recycle and weekly yard waste with 1 monthly dump pass. Option 2 would be collection of weekly limited carted solid waste, (contents inside the carts only), every other week carted recycle and weekly yard waste with 1 monthly dump pass. The majority of the price increase is due to the recycling crisis. There will be a \$3.00 - \$4.00 increase per home for recycling. There is more trash being generated today than there used to be.

- ***MOTION*** by Bigelow ***SECOND*** by Arnold to accept Option 1. Roll Call Vote: Heslop – Aye, Gross – Aye, Arnold – Aye, Richard – Aye, Bigelow – Aye, and Mayor Brown - Aye. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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6. *APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL RE: 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION:* Rankin said Genesee County Planning is requesting our TIP for 2020-2023. What the City has that qualifies is Feher Dr. and the rest of Alfred Street and Park Drive that was not completed.

- **MOTION** by Richard **SECOND** by Arnold that we approve the 2020/2023 Transportation Improvement Program application. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

7. *DISCUSSION DIRECTION RE: CDBG PRE-APPLICATION:* Rankin said he would like to use matched dollars from the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund, however, the scoring was not very high for Blueberry Park. Rankin suggested using the funds for renovating the well house at Blueberry Park to become a permanent ADA restroom.

- **MOTION** by Gross **SECOND** by Arnold to move forward with the CDBG pre-application as presented for the full project for Blueberry Park. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

8. *SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO UPDATE SIGN ORDINANCE NO. 435:* Rush explained that there are two corrections needed, one is Section 52-5 No. 8 should read, "No sign shall be erect over the roof line", the second correction is Section 52-4 paragraph No. 2 should be completely omitted.

- **MOTION** by Bigelow **SECOND** by Richard to set public hearing date for our meeting date in January. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9. *RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENTS THROUGH POINT & PAY:* Rush explained that the City changed credit card carriers in August and needed a new resolution to reflect this.

- **MOTION** by Arnold **SECOND** by Bigelow to adopt the resolution with payments through Point & Pay. Gross – Aye, Heslop – Aye, Arnold – Aye, Richard – Aye, Bigelow – Aye, Mayor Brown – Aye. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

10. *DISCUSSION DIRECTION RENTAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE:* The City currently charges a \$10.00 rental registration fee. This fee does not go toward anything for the City. A rental inspection fee would be more beneficial. Mayor Brown suggested sending this to the Planning Board to move forward with rental inspections.

- **MOTION** by Arnold **SECOND** by Richard to send this to Planning Board to address inspections of rentals. Five (5) Ayes. One (1) No – Gross. Motion Carried.

11. *RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA:* Richard said we should look and see how other communities are handling this. There was discussion about getting an odor ordinance. This subject is being sent to the Planning Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

REPORTS FROM BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD: NONE

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GENESEE COUNTY SMALL CITIES & VILLAGES ASSOCIATION: Mayor Brown reported it was held in Burton and the DPW Director from City of Flint spoke on how they are fairly doing well on the pipe replacement and how Flint's water quality is coming back but feels they already lost the trust of the community. He also spoke about new regulations that are coming and not really sure where all the funding is going to be coming from because it is going to cost a lot of money to come up to the standards that are going to be required.

GENESEE COUNTY WATER AND WASTE SERVICE'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE: NONE

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE: Richard spoke about revenue sharing and fixing roads. He said they talked about waste and landfills and garbage coming from Canada.

PLANNING BOARD: NONE

911 CONSORTIUM: NONE

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: NONE

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY:

CITY MANAGER: Rankin spoke about doing a resolution for any road projects over one million dollars even if the project is less than a million dollars they recommend having a resolution that would warranty the road. He also spoke about scheduling a meeting for a contract for Police and Fire.

CITY ATTORNEY: Stout spoke about Heystek Construction Company being combined for tax purposes in 1988; however, a deed for this transaction was not recorded. Stout had to create a new deed due to Heystek's is selling this parcel and needs a deed.

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PLANNING BOARD COMMENTS: Arnold said the library has a new program where you can download full movies, books, and albums for free. They are also working on a program where they can show movies at the library. Richard spoke about the lead laws and lobbying with legislation and obtaining a resolution from council to take with him. He also spoke about rotating houses with obtaining water samples. Mayor Brown said we are now officially another board for the next two years. The MML weekender class is in February and would anyone like to go. Gross said she is extending an invitation to everyone, Saturday morning at 9:00 am at the High School visitor parking lot there will be signs for support for the football team that is going to the semi finals in Novi.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL: *On File at City Office.* Rush reported that Ryan Heslop and Robert Cole were write in candidates for a seat on city council and there was a tie. Today at the Board of Canvasser's meeting, there was an official drawing. Robert Cole was present for the drawing and he drew "Not Elected"; therefore, Ryan Heslop is the newest council member.

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ADJOURNMENT-PLANNING BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL

- **MOTION** by Richard **SECOND** by Bigelow to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Prepared by City Clerk, Christina Rush and City Treasurer, Chrystal Raible