

MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Brown called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Montrose City Offices located at 139 S. Saginaw Street, Montrose, MI.

ROLL CALL: Present council members were Mayor Colleen Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Richard, Ryan Heslop, Andrea Martin, and Todd Pangle. Also present were City Manager Neil Rankin. There were 14 citizens in attendance. Member Aaron Burch and Robert Arnold were recorded absent.

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

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH:

1. *THE MONTH OF MARCH, ELECTION INSPECTOR'S MARIE MENOSKY, JEAN TAYLOR, PAM WAGNER, CAMMIE MARTIN, PAM RILEY, KELLY BLACKBURN:* Mayor Brown read aloud a letter of appreciation from the City Clerk who was unable to attend. Council thanked the election workers for their service to the city.

2. *CHOOSE A CITIZEN OF THE MONTH FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, (APRIL IS DUANE TRIPP):*

- **MOTION** by Pangle **SECOND** by Richard to nominate Otis Stout as citizen of the month for the month of May. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. *PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 454 ENTITLED, "VACANT BUILDINGS".* Mayor Brown opened the hearing at 7:08 p.m. and closed the hearing at 7:09 p.m.. There were no public comments. No written letters were received by the city prior to the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS: NONE

REPORTS

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

2. *BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES REPORT: NONE*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

MATTERS OF COUNCIL ACTION:

1. *APPROVAL OF THE 02/16/23 MEETING MINUTES:*

- **MOTION** by Richard **SECOND** by Heslop to approve the meeting minutes of February 16th meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

2. *APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER & TREASURER REPORT:* Prior to the roll call vote Richard asked if there was anything out of the ordinary and Rankin replied no.

- **MOTION** by Richard **SECOND** Heslop that we pay our bills. Roll Call Vote: Richard – Aye, Martin – Aye, Heslop – Aye, Pangle – Aye, and Mayor Brown – Aye. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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- **MOTION** by Heslop **SECOND** Richard that council add item 7 to the agenda entitled "Accounts". All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. *DISCUSSION/DIRECTION ORDINANCE NO. 454 ENTITLED, "VACANT BUILDING"*: Pangle mentioned that the planning board had discussed the ordinances and it was positive.

- **MOTION** by Richard **SECOND** by Heslop to adopt the Vacant Building Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Pangle – Aye, Heslop – Aye, Martin – Aye, Richard – Aye, and Mayor Brown – Aye. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

4. *DISCUSSION/DIRECTION PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF MONTROSE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 136 BY REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 30-136 AND MAKING CERTAIN MARIJUANA OFFENSES PUNISHABLE AS CIVIL INFRACTIONS AND BY REMOVING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS IN SECTION 30-136.*

- **MOTION** by Pangle **SECOND** by Heslop to set a public hearing on the proposed ordinance at the April Council meeting. Roll Call Vote: Martin – Aye, Heslop – Aye, Richard – Aye, Pangle – Aye, and Mayor Brown – Aye. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

5. *DISCUSSION/DIRECTION HYDROCORP PROPOSAL/RENEWAL:*

- **MOTION** by Richard **SECOND** by Heslop that we accept the proposal from Hydrocorp as presented. Roll Call Vote: Richard – Aye, Martin – Aye, Pangle – Aye, Heslop – Aye, and Mayor Brown – Aye All Ayes. Motion Carried.

6. *DISCUSSION/DIRECTION RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF MSHDA MOD II PROGRAM:*

- **MOTION** by Richard **SECOND** by Heslop of a resolution of support for the MSHDA MOD II Program. Richard – Aye, Pangle – Aye, Heslop – Aye, Martin – Aye, and Mayor Brown – Aye. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

7. *DISCUSSION/DIRECTION ACCOUNTS:* Heslop expressed concerns with the recent banking issues and city funds/FDIC insured funds. Rankin reported that the city funds are in a sweep account and are broken down into smaller amounts to meet thresholds and the city investment policy.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Lori Machuck had questions on the business license and the requirement for each business to have a license for a "pop up" store in particular to their property at 120 W. State. Citizen Pastor Shane Miller spoke on his experience with Hydrocorp and that they were not following up on the work completed after repairs were made.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD: Mayor Brown said they met and discussed the the Depot ramp, movie night and sponsoring of events.

ELECTION COMMISSION: NONE

GENESEE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE: CANCELLED

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GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE: Richard said they discussed construction projects including bridge work and funding from the Federal Government.

GENESEE COUNTY SMALL CITIES & VILLAGES ASSOCIATION: NONE- Next month in Clio.

GENESEE COUNTY WATER AND WASTE SERVICE'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Heslop reported that the County is doing work on construction projects including pump station generators and PFAS changes by the EPA and affluent standards.

PLANNING BOARD: NONE

911 CONSORTIUM: Member Pangle spoke that they had not met.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: NONE

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY:

CITY MANAGER: Board of Review went smoothly with a few inquiries and exemptions. New attorneys are working out well. DPW is working on roads.

CITY ATTORNEY: NONE

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS: Richard asked about doing crack and seal this year and policy for sponsoring of events. Mayor wanted to address pop-up events as related to the general business license.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL: *On file at city office.*

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Prepared by City Manager, Neil Rankin