

IMLAY CITY COMMISSION  
150 N. MAIN STREET  
IMLAY CITY, MI 48444

REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 05, 2024  
7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Joi Kempf called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Joi Kempf led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor Joi Kempf, Mayor Pro Tem Ted Sadler, Commissioner Shane Collison, Commissioner Joe DeLuca, Commissioner Al Ramirez, Commissioner Bob Tanis, Commissioner Barbara Yockey

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** City Manager Craig Horton, Police Chief Brett Selby, Sergeant Sean Leathers, Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Sawicki-Franz and Public

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Tanis seconded by Yockey to approve the agenda as presented

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Sadler seconded by DeLuca to approve the consent agenda to include:

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** February 20, 2024 – Regular Meeting

B. **OTHER MINUTES** November 28, 2023 – Planning Commission Regular Meeting

C. **PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF:** General Fund Checking \$ 195,564.84

Tax Account \$ 418,627.74

HRA Account \$ 489.00

Total \$ 614,681.58

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ayes: Sadler, DeLuca, Ramirez, Tanis, Yockey, Collison, Kempf

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. **CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR**

One resident spoke regarding the Public Safety Millage request.

7. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**

Police Chief Brett Selby spoke regarding fleet management and the aging of the current patrol cars and how they are spending more time in the repair shop than on the road due to their condition after extended use and this is causing a critical situation. Selby is requesting the City Commission consider purchasing two new 2024 Dodge Durango patrol cars at \$41,513.00 each for a total of \$83,026.00 with an additional \$17,863.00 in transferring the necessary equipment from the current vehicles to the new vehicles for a total request of \$118,758.00 for replacement. These cars were ordered back in October with the intention of saving the City \$12,000.00 of price increases and reducing a lengthy time of wait for the build. It was directed that Police Chief Selby and City Manager Horton meet to find a way to fund these vehicles and bring their intentions back to the next City Commission meeting.

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Several Commissioners asked Chief Selby and Sergeant Leathers questions regarding other subjects involving the Police Department.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR A DANGEROUS BUILDING**

**MOTION** by Yockey seconded by Sadler to set a Public Hearing for the Dangerous Building located at 330 S Cedar Street, commonly known as the car wash on Cedar Street, for Tuesday, April 02, 2024 at the regular City Commission meeting at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ayes: Yockey, Sadler, Tanis, Collison, DeLuca, Ramirez, Kempf

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CAPITAL PURCHASES – IMLAY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Safety Surveillance Cameras at the Police Department – Chief Selby presented a quote from CNM (Competitive Network Management) of \$23,603.24 for cameras intended for a surveillance system at the Imlay City Police Department with complete explanation.

**MOTION** by Sadler seconded by DeLuca to approve this purchase of \$23,603.24 for the quote from CNM and get this installed as quickly as we can.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ayes: Sadler, DeLuca, Ramirez, Tanis, Yockey, Collison, Kempf

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B. RESOLUTION 2024-05 TO APPROVE MDOT AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND CATEGORY B PROGRAM**

**MOTION** by Yockey seconded by Ramirez to approve Resolution 2024-05 the MDOT Agreement in regards to Blacks Corners Road as presented.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ayes: Yockey, Ramirez, Sadler, Tanis, Collison, DeLuca, Kempf

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10. CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR**

Five citizens spoke on several City subjects.

**11. CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION** by Tanis seconded by Yockey to enter into closed session to consider attorney/client privileged communication and labor negotiations pursuant to section 8 of the open meetings act regarding the Clerical Union as requested at 7:39 PM.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ayes: Tanis, Yockey, Collison, DeLuca, Ramirez, Sadler, Kempf

Nays: None

Absent: None

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Mayor Kempf brought the Commission out of Closed Session and back into Open Session at 8:33 PM.

**12. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

*City Manager Horton* stated that he has three quick things to report: 1. We applied for the Sparks Grant (parks) and we should hear back on this grant around March 15<sup>th</sup> and hope that it is positive for the City. 2. The 425 Agreement properties have come into the City as un-zoned property and these properties will be on a Planning Commission agenda in the near future to zone these properties appropriately with a public hearing and proper notifications. 3. Horton asked City Clerk/Treasurer Sawicki-Franz to give an update on the recent Presidential Primary Election. Sawicki-Franz reported to the Commission that 666 residents voted with 27 voters casting their ballots at Early Voting (EV) at the Imlay Township EV location. While EV was taking place Sawicki-Franz put in an extra 41.75 hours involved with EV and 33.5 hours of regular overtime to accomplish Election duties in addition to regular City duties which included a City Commission meeting, a Special Joint Planning Commission meeting (with the City Commission and the DDA) and a regular Planning Commission meeting all held during the nine days of Early Voting. Sawicki-Franz also reported that although she does not have a total cost of Early Voting at this time, \$1,370.00 was spent on postcard notification required by the state to notify all households of the Early Voting option.

**13. CITY COMMISSIONER TIME**

*Commissioner Yockey* said thank you to Sawicki-Franz for her Election service and the smooth run Election. Yockey continued expressing that the recent Clinton Township explosion is a horrible situation with even a death, because of the stuff that was stored illegally and is very disappointed that the millage did not pass as one of the major issues in that millage was to have a full-time fire chief who would do inspections that are needed and this tragedy is exactly the reason why.

*Commissioner Collison* thanked Sawicki-Franz for her hard work on the Election.

*Commissioner Tanis* thanked the public for showing up at the Commission meeting and it is really good to see the public interested in what we are doing to run the City. "I wish you would come to every meeting to see what we do". Thank you, Clerk Sawicki-Franz and her team, for the Election work for the recent Election.

*Commissioner DeLuca* also applauded the public for showing up at the meeting and hopes that the public come to each of the future meetings, as this keeps us informed along the way and keeps the Commission in check.

*Commissioner Sadler* echoed the other Commissioners as it is very good to see public at the City Commission meetings and hopes the public returns for the upcoming meetings. Thank you Sawicki-Franz for the hard work on the recent Election held at the City.

*Mayor Kempf* shared it is good to see everyone at the City meeting and asked how we could get the public to the meetings before the voting or before the issues come up so that the public could tell us what they are thinking prior to, so that we, the City Commission, could answer your questions, obviously better than we did. Coming ahead of time would be more informative to the public for us to talk to you and for you to talk to other people in our City.

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- 14. ADJOURNMENT**  
**MOTION** by Yockey seconded by Sadler to adjourn at 8:42 PM  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Next Regular Commission Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dawn Sawicki-Franz, City Clerk

**APPROVED: March 19, 2024**