

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

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 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 Joe DeLuca, Commissioner Al Ramirez, Commissioner Bob Tanis, Commissioner Barbara Yockey

Absent: Commissioner Shane Collison

Also Present: City Manager Craig Horton, Police Chief Brett Selby, Sergeant Sean Leathers, DDA Director Christine Malzahn, Bookkeeper Renee Mazey and Public

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Yockey seconded by Tanis to approve the agenda with addition of **B. RFP-CITY OWNED PROPERTIES**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Sadler seconded by Yockey to approve the consent agenda to include:

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** March 5, 2024 – Regular Meeting

B. **OTHER MINUTES** February 22, 2024 – Lapeer County Board of Commissioners

C. **PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF:**

General Fund Checking	\$	298,711.17
Tax Account	\$	14,410.51
HRA Account	\$	<u>881.83</u>
Total	\$	<u>314,003.51</u>

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

Absent: Collison

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR**

Resident spoke on requesting the City Commission to record and put on social media all meetings. One Non-Resident spoke on several issues.

DDA Director Malzahn presented on the new spring banners to be hung downtown and a Consumers Energy Grant regarding a Community Storytelling and Art Project Grant that our DDA is currently in the top ten to receive.

7. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**

NONE

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8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Capital Purchases – IC PD Vehicle Purchase.

City Manager Horton informed that money is available in the General Fund to loan to the Police Department for the purchase of two (2) 2024 Dodge Durango patrol cars. There is a plan as to how the Police Department will reimburse the money back to the General Fund. Chief Selby was asked if the vehicles were still available and he assured the Commission they were ready to be picked up at any time. Once the vehicles are picked up, the company transferring equipment from our current vehicles to the new vehicles will start. Chief Selby said they could only work on one vehicle at a time with a total estimate for this process to be four to six weeks. Several Commissioners asked Chief Selby questions regarding other subjects involving the Police Department.

MOTION by Deluca and seconded by Ramirez to purchase two (2) 2024 Dodge Durango Police vehicles at a cost of \$83,086.00 plus the added cost of transferring the equipment from the old vehicles for a total amount of \$118,752.00 to be paid from the General Fund fund balance.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Deluca, Ramirez, Tanis, Yockey, Sadler, Kempf

Nays: None

Absent: Collison

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **GRAND TRUNK WESTERN RAILROAD LEASE**

City Manager Horton referred to a letter, included the board packet, by DDA Director Malzahn explaining the DDA Board action to assume financial liability and asking the City to execute the CN Lease.

NO MOTION, DISCUSSION ONLY

City Manager Horton directed to have the contract reviewed by the City Attorney and bring back his findings to the next board meeting.

B. **RFP – CITY OWNED PROPERTIES**

DDA Director Malzahn presented a draft copy of the RFP for the City owned properties of the old Imlay City Firehall, the former DPW storage barn and the former sign shop. Commissioners discussed this subject and three main points were made. One: DDA Director Malzahn unhighlight the yellow part on the enclosed map that is not part of the sale. Two: all three parcels are not required to be sold together and interested purchasers could buy one or all the parcels. Three: DDA Director Malzahn is to get input and approval from DPW Superintendent Priehs regarding the former DPW storage barn that the DPW does not need the building for DPW operations or storage any longer.

MOTION by Deluca seconded by Tanis to approve the RFP for the City owned properties pending DPW Superintendent Priehs signs off from keeping this building as a City asset.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Deluca, Tanis, Ramirez, Sadler, Yockey, Kempf

Nays: None

Absent: Collison

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. **CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR**

A resident asked questions on the Grand Trunk Western Railroad Lease.

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11. CLOSED SESSION

None

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Horton stated that he was approached by Ryan King, owner of King and King CPAs on Almont Street and discussed that when Mr. King bought this building, he thought it included the parking lot behind the building and it did not. The parking lot is owned by the City. Over time, this parking lot has deteriorated and Mr. King would like to see it resurfaced and is willing to pay for half of the project. Horton said he did speak to DPW Supervisor Priehs about the cost of the project. Priehs said the cost should be between \$20,000-\$25,000. Horton did not want an answer right now, and would like the Commission to think about this subject. Horton will request Mr. King to come to a future meeting for further discussion.

Horton also brought forth an opinion letter by the City Attorney Robert Seibert on the review of the City Charter Nepotism Provision that the Commission had requested. Discussion continued. Police Chief Selby will be interviewing for the Public Safety Administrative Assistant position and will bring to the Commission his recommendation of who to hire for the posted position at the April 16th meeting.

13. CITY COMMISSIONER TIME

Mayor Kempf addressed the public, stating that recording the Commission Meetings and putting them on some kind of social media will be reviewed.

Commissioner Ramirez discussed the Attorney's Opinion, Nepotism letter.

Commissioner Yockey discussed the value of the City Charter.

Commissioner Deluca discussed the importance of hiring a new police officer and replacing the Police Administrative Assistant and continued by asking Mayor Kempf to request the Sheriff to speak to the board at a future date.

Commissioner Tanis asked about the progress with Kentucky Fried Chicken and an update of the Car Wash.

Commissioner Sadler gave an update on the upcoming Mock Disaster-Emergency Drill saying, due to scheduling difficulty for the Event, it will be rescheduled for some time in the fall.

Mayor Kempf reminded the Commissioners of the 2024-2025 Budget Workshop Special Meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Yockey seconded by Tanis to adjourn at 8:14 PM

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Special Commission Meeting Date: Monday, March 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM (Budget Workshop)

Next Regular Commission Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Renee Mazey, Bookkeeper

APPROVED: April 02, 2024