

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

**REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024
7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tem Ted Sadler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Sadler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Ted Sadler, Commissioner Joe DeLuca, Commissioner Al Ramirez, Commissioner Bob Tanis, Commissioner Barbara Yockey
Commissioner Bob Tanis in at 7:01 PM

Absent: Mayor Joi Kempf, Commissioner Shane Collison,

Also Present: City Manager Craig Horton, DDA Director Christine Malzahn, Fire Chief Keith Klobucar, Police Chief Brett Selby, Police Sergeant Sean Leathers, Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Sawicki-Franz and Public

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Yockey seconded by DeLuca to approve the agenda with the addition of **NEW BUSINESS E. M-53 MEDIAN BID**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES September 03, 2024 – Regular Meeting

B. OTHER MINUTES July 09, 2024 – Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting
July 22, 2024 – Imlay City Façade Corporation Meeting
August 12, 2024 – Downtown Development Regular Meeting
August 22, 2024 – Lapeer County Commissioner Regular Meeting

C. PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: General Fund Checking \$ 405,777.49
Tax Account \$ 998,388.67
HRA Account \$ 000.00
Total \$ 1,404,166.16

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Ramirez, Yockey, DeLuca, Tanis, Sadler

Nays: None

Absent: Collison, Kempf

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR

None

7. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Police Chief Selby discussed the current technology of the body worn cameras and the need to address the purchase of new equipment very soon with a current quote that will be only effective until December 31, 2024 and thereafter will be increased pricing.

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Police Sergeant Leathers continued expressing the existing equipment is failing technology and it will soon be critical to replace. Leathers shared that he has been in contact with the Axon representative and has been pleased with their discussions as well as shared the quote of \$90,781.68 over a five-year period with the Commission for their review. Grants are being reviewed also.

Police Chief Selby also discussed staffing candidates including full-time and part-time applicants after receiving questions from Commissioner DeLuca.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION TO IMLAY CITY LIONS CLUB

No representative from the Imlay City Lions was present. It was decided to present to the Lions Club at a later date. Mayor Pro Tem expressed his gratitude for the 75 years that they have been active in the City of Imlay City and encouraged a round of applause for the Imlay City Lions Club and their 75 years of dedication.

NO MOTION

B. FIRST READING: AMENDMENT CODE OF ORDINANCE GENERAL REGULATIONS – FALSE ALARMS

MOTION by Ramirez seconded by DeLuca to approve the first reading of Amendment Code of Ordinance General Regulations – False Alarms as presented

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. FIRST READING: AMENDMENT CODE OF ORDINANCE GENERAL REGULATIONS – FIRE LANES

MOTION by Yockey seconded by Tanis to approve the first reading of Amendment Code of Ordinance

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING: CODE OF ORDINANCE TAX EXEMPTION ORDINANCE – TOWNSEND II LIMITED DIVIDEND HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Boone DeShano based out of Gladwin, Michigan gave a general overview of the plan for rehabilitation of the Townsend Manor II to bring it up to today's standards and preserve it going forward. DeShano then explained the need for a PILOT agreement with the City of Imlay City to be in place in order to receive three additional points for scoring in a very competitive funding round at the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for a grant to help stabilize expenses since taxes are based on rents received. DeShano is requesting this PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) to be put in place before his application deadline of 5:00 PM on Tuesday, October 1, 2024. City Manager Horton directed the Commissioners to an informational sheet that is included in their board packet with rates and percentages to compare.

MOTION by Yockey seconded Tanis to approve the first reading of the Code of Ordinance-Townsend II Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership with the annual service charge to be set at 11% in effect for a period of 15 years.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Yockey, Tanis, DeLuca, Ramirez

Nays: Sadler

Absent: Collison, Kempf

MOTION CARRIED

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DeShano then requested that the Commissioner Board consider a special meeting to allow for a second reading and approval in order that they could meet their submission deadline of Tuesday, October 01, 2024 at 5:00 PM

City Manager Horton stated that he would defer this question to Mayor Kempf as she is the one to set special meetings.

B. 2024-11 SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – CLASS OF 1999 LIONS PARK

MOTION by Yockey seconded by DeLuca to approve the request for the Special Event Permit for the Class of 1999 Reunion at Lions Park on September 20, 2024 at 4 PM-12 AM

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. 2024-11 SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – MERCHANT TRICK-OR-TREAT AND HALLOWEEN PARTY IN THE MARKET

DDA Director Malzahn explained that there is a new map for the parade route due to public safety concerns and shared more information about the event sponsored by the Imlay City Chamber of Commerce and the Imlay City DDA to include the Merchant Trick-or-Treat event with the Party in the Market Downtown located at the Farmer’s Market Parking Lot as a new event, all to be held on Saturday, October 26th in the Imlay City Downtown area.

MOTION by Ramirez seconded by DeLuca to approve the Special Event Permit-Merchant Trick-or-Treat and Party in the Market Downtown event as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. RESOLUTION 2024-14 PROCLAMATION – “NATIONAL SEE TRACKS? THINK TRAIN” WEEK

MOTION by Yockey seconded by Ramirez to approve Resolution 2024-14 Proclamation “National see Tracks? Think Train” as presented

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Yockey, Ramirez, Tanis, DeLuca, Sadler

Nays: None

Absent: Collison, Kempf

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. M-53 MEDIAN BID

City Manager Horton directed the Commissioners to a letter provided from DPW Superintendent Ed Priehs regarding his recommendation for Moors Masonry of Imlay City for cement bids at a cost of \$18,200.00 for the M-53 Gateway Median Island project.

MOTION by Ramirez seconded by DeLuca to approve the bid from Moors Masonry for \$18,200.00 for the M-53 Gateway Median Island project

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Ramirez, DeLuca, Tanis, Yockey, Sadler

Nays: None

Absent: Collison, Kempf

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR

DDA Director Malzahn wanted to bring awareness to the Michigan Downtown Day which is Saturday, September 28th and is much like the Michigan Small Business Saturday that American Express does after Thanksgiving. Malzahn asked all to support your Downtown, enjoy your Downtown and shop Downtown. Malzahn also shared that a fun video is being created with

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Almont Downtown, Lapeer Downtown and Imlay City Downtown to showcase each of the municipalities' Downtowns.

Commissioner Sadler highlighted the upcoming "Off the Rails" safety event that will also be taking place on Saturday, September 28th at the Imlay City High School with many safety emergency responders involved.

Commissioner Sadler wanted to remind everyone that the MDOT Teams meeting virtual informational session will be on Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00 PM and there is a link to join this event available on the Imlay City website.

11. CLOSED SESSION - AS NEEDED

Mayor Pro Tem entertained a motion to enter into Closed Session to consider the purchase or lease of real property pursuant to section 8(1)(d) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

MOTION by Yockey seconded by Tanis to enter into Closed Session to consider the purchase or lease of real property at 8:30 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Yockey, Tanis, DeLuca, Ramirez, Sadler

Nays: None

Absent: Collison, Kempf

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sadler returned the meeting to Open Session at 8:38 PM

MOTION by Yockey seconded by Tanis to support the purposed purchase on land contract for \$75,000.00 of property at 118/122 E Third Street, Imlay City by the new IC DDA Holdings

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Yockey, Tanis, Ramirez, Tanis, Sadler

Nays: None

Absent: Collison, Kempf

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Horton reminded that Saturday, September 21st is the Hispanic Festival located in the Eastern Michigan State Fairgrounds from 11 AM to 6 PM.

Horton continued reporting that the Blacks Corners Road project with Imlay Township and their section of the road included is running ahead of schedule.

DPW Superintendent Ed Priehs will be the Department Head at the next Commission meeting on Tuesday, October 1st and has a number of issues to bring you up to date on.

13. CITY COMMISSIONER TIME

Commissioner Ramirez asked for information regarding the parking lot behind King and King. City Manager Horton informed that this has been completed and paid in full, including the reimbursement for half from King and King as was agreed upon.

Commissioner DeLuca wanted clarity and a copy of the minutes from the meeting when the need for additional Police Officers were referenced and discussed.

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Clerk/Treasurer Sawicki-Franz wanted to bring attention to the new Drive-up Election Absentee Ballot Drop Box that has been installed thanks to DPW Superintendent Priehs and his Team. This will be available for the November 5th, 2024 Presidential General Election.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Yockey seconded by Ramirez to adjourn at 8:45 PM

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Commission Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 01, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Dawn Sawicki-Franz, City Clerk

APPROVED: October 01, 2024