

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

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025
7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Tanis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Tanis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Bob Tanis, Commissioner Tom Blount, Commissioner Joe DeLuca, Commissioner Al Ramirez, Commissioner Luke Stempien

Absent: Mayor Barbara Yockey, Commissioner Stu Davis

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

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Stempien seconded by Blount to approve the agenda as presented

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Blount seconded by Stempien to approve the consent agenda to include:

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** January 07, 2025 – Regular Minutes

B. **OTHER MINUTES** December 04, 2024 – Parks and Recreation Special Meeting

December 09, 2024 – Downtown Development Authority Informational Meeting

December 09, 2024 – Downtown Development Authority Regular Meeting

C. PAYMENT OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF:	General Fund Checking	\$	309,960.66
	Tax Account	\$	417,779.06
	HRA Account	\$	62.74
	Total	\$	<u>727,802.46</u>

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Blount, Stempien, DeLuca, Ramirez, Tanis

Nays: None

Absent: Davis, Yockey

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR**

One public member spoke about the website and the need for it to be ADA compliant in the future.

One public member spoke about the lease of the Old Fire Hall.

Ted Sadler, Imlay City representative on the Lapeer County EMS Board, gave a brief report on the recent EMS board meeting as well as spoke about a grant from the Michigan Endowment Fund that was received last year by the Lapeer County EMS along with the ISD having students from the school attend the EMT school and having hired some of the students from this class after it had ended. Sadler continued sharing that a new EMT class is offered for the 2025 students with even more enrolled currently. Sadler also announced the approval of a new ambulance purchase and should be in service sometime later this year.

Ian Kempf introduced himself as the newly elected Lapeer County Commissioner representing the City of Imlay City at Lapeer County for the next four years.

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7. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Police Chief Selby reported that the Police Department has been awarded a reimbursement grant for a drone with other expenses including training and asked the Commission for the funds to purchase the necessary equipment. The City Police Department currently has two FAA certified pilots. Sergeant Leathers continued explaining what is allowed for the grant in the amount of \$14,600.00 and that the City will be reimbursed for these funds from the Homeland Security Grant.

MOTION by Blount seconded by Ramirez to approve the \$14,600.00 drone and training purchase with the funds to be reimbursed by the Homeland Security Grant

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Blount, Ramirez, Stempien, DeLuca, Tanis

Nays: None

Absent: Davis, Yockey

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CITY OWNED PROPERTIES

City Manager Horton reported that he was given permission by the City Commission at the last Commission meeting to negotiate a lease agreement with the current tenant J & J Liquidators and has sent this agreement to our City Attorney for review. Horton continued stating that he just received this document back from the City Attorney late in the afternoon today and has not had time to review it or review it with J & J Liquidators and hopes to have this ready for the first meeting in February for the City Commission.

NO MOTION, DISCUSSION ONLY

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. IMLAY CITY FAÇADE CORP RAP 3.0 GRANT PROJECT #5 - FORMER DPW GARAGE

DDA Director Malzahn shared that she has been involved with grant writing and a funding opportunity became available from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation with their RAP 3.0 grant and one of the areas of this grant is for existing façade corporations to look for projects to fund for improvements on private property. Malzahn continued stating that she wanted to add the DPW Barn project to this grant application to allow the barn to be used for the Farmer's Market. Malzahn asked about including this #5 project in the grant application with the DDA using \$50,000.00 of their funds and ask the MEDC for \$100,000.00 with the City of Imlay City Commission contributing \$50,000.00 of funds in order to match the \$100,000.00 grant from the MEDC request, to remediate the DPW Garage Barn and turn it into a Community Event Center. The revised narrative with a rendering of the project is included in the board packet for review.

MOTION by Ramirez seconded by DeLuca to commit \$50,000.00 matching funds from the City for the matching funds needed for the MEDC RAP 3.0 Grant

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Ramirez, DeLuca, Stempien, Blount, Tanis

Nays: None

Absent: Davis, Yockey

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. SOCIAL DISTRICT

Police Chief Selby informed the Commission that he and DDA Director Malzahn have been working on establishing a Social District for the downtown area of the City of Imlay City. Chief Selby referred to the board packet for the guidelines and a proposed map of the area boundaries for review.

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DDA Director Malzahn shared that each of the current three locations with a liquor license would be responsible for their application for the Social District and the cups with their identification markings on it as well as the Social District sticker that will be provided by the Downtown Development Authority.

MOTION by DeLuca seconded by Stempien to postpone the Social District Ordinance and discussion to the February 4th, 2025 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR

Ian Kempf spoke as the Fair Manager regarding the recent Michigan Department of Agriculture Rural Development competitive grant that was received by the Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds that erected the Public Safety Tower in the center of the fairgrounds that includes lighting, a public address system and a 65-camera system. Kempf thanked the Imlay City Police Chief Selby and the Imlay City Fire Chief Klobucar for their assistance in making this grant successful.

11. CLOSED SESSION - AS NEEDED

None

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Horton informed the Commission of two items: 1) Currently working on lease agreement with Mayor Yockey for the Old Fire Hall and will be meeting with J & J Liquidators very soon 2) Currently Fire Chief Klobucar and I have been working on the Fire Agreement with Imlay Township Supervisor Farkas for the fire agreement regarding fire service between the City of Imlay City and Imlay Township. In addition, Fire Chief Klobucar will be attending the Imlay Township Work Session Meeting to assist in explaining how the decision is made to send what response vehicles are necessary for each incident. One other note, our auditors have changed their name from King and King CPAs LLC to King and Messing Audit Services, LLC and we wish them well on this new chapter of their company.

13. CITY COMMISSIONER TIME

Commissioner DeLuca thanked everyone for coming out to the City Commission Meeting as this is much appreciated.

Commissioner Blount said thank you to the public for their attendance at this meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Tanis thanked everyone for coming and hoped answers were received for your questions.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ramirez seconded by DeLuca to adjourn at 8:07 PM

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Commission Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 04, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Dawn Sawicki-Franz, City Clerk

APPROVED: February 04, 2025