

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

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025
7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Barbara Yockey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Yockey led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Craig Horton, Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Sawicki-Franz and Public

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Davis seconded by Stempien to approve the agenda with the addition of **NEW BUSINESS B. SPICER-CAPAC ROAD WATERMAIN EXTENSION**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Davis seconded by DeLuca to approve the consent agenda to include:

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** September 02, 2025 – City Commission Regular Meeting

B. **OTHER MINUTES** August 11, 2025 – Downtown Development Authority Regular Meeting
August 12, 2025 – Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting

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

General Fund Checking	\$	408,740.27
Tax Account	\$	1,025,357.75
HRA Account	\$	926.84
Total	\$	<u>1,435,024.86</u>

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Davis, DeLuca, Stempien, Tanis, Ramirez, Blount, Yockey

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR**

One member of the audience spoke regarding the siren

7. **GUEST SPEAKER – AS NEEDED**

None

8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**

None

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9. **TOWNHALL**

Many from the audience spoke regarding the proposed building exchange.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **CITY OWNED PROPERTIES**

i. **OLD DPW BUILDING**

No new update

NO MOTION, INFORMATIONAL ONLY

ii. **150 BANCROFT (150 POP BUILDING)**

Commissioner Blount informed that the original interested party has had a family emergency and is no longer interested in the property at this time.

NO MOTION, INFORMATIONAL ONLY

iii. **TOWER**

City Manager Horton stated that he had not received the information regarding the tower in time for this meeting as he had hoped, and he will come back with this information at a later meeting.

NO MOTION, INFORMATIONAL ONLY

B. **SPICER-CAPAC ROAD WATERMAIN EXTENSION**

City Manager Horton referred to the Spicer proposal provided by DPW Superintendent Ed Priehs regarding the Capac Road Watermain Extension to provide: preliminary plan review, contract assembly, permitting assistance, easement acquisition, construction administration, and inspection for the watermain extension on Capac Road. Then shared that the required party has come to the City offices and paid the \$30,000.00 bond and noted the fee schedule on the Spicer paperwork that matches the bond received to allow for fire suppression at Johnny's Place on Capac Road.

MOTION by Davis seconded by Tanis to approve the contract with Spicer for \$30,000.00 for the Capac Road Watermain Extension

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Davis, Tanis, Blount, Ramirez, DeLuca, Stempien, Yockey

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **APPOINTMENT OF ETHAN FLICK TO PARKS AND RECREATION FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM ENDING IN 2027**

MOTION by Blount seconded by DeLuca to appoint Ethan Flick to the Parks and Recreation Board for a term of two years ending in 2027

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT 2025-07 SWEET CORN SOCIAL – DDA**

MOTION by Stempien seconded by Tanis to retroactively approve the special event permit #2025-07 Sweet Corn Social for the Downtown Development Authority

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. **PARADE PERMIT APPLICATION 2025-03 HOMECOMING PARADE – IMLAY CITY SCHOOLS**

MOTION by DeLuca seconded by Ramirez to approve parade permit #2025-03 for the Imlay City Homecoming parade

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D. SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT 2025-08 HOMECOMING PEP RALLY – IMLAY CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MOTION by Tanis seconded by Ramirez to approve the special event permit #2025-08 Homecoming Pep Rally sponsored by the Imlay City Chamber of Commerce

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT 2025-09 FOOD TRUCK RALLY – DDA

MOTION by Blount seconded by Tanis to approve special event permit #2025-09 Food Truck Rally for the Downtown Development Authority

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR

One member of the audience spoke regarding questions.

13. CLOSED SESSION – AS NEEDED

None

14. CITY MANAGER TIME

None

15. COMMISSIONER TIME

Commissioner Ramirez shared some history of the Lamb Steele Building and stated that he would not be willing to move the seniors out of the current building.

Commissioner Stempien stated that he appreciates all of the comments and informed that there are procedures and rules in place on how to handle this meeting and we follow those. Stempien continued sharing that he would vote no on this move.

Commissioner Davis commented that he visited the senior center and feels that the things that happen over there could not happen here.

Commissioner Tanis appreciated all of the people that came out to voice their opinion and he learned a lot of information tonight that he did not know.

Commissioner DeLuca stated that he would echo Commissioner Ramirez's opinion and does not support a change in venue for the senior center.

Commissioner Blount stated that he would like to know each and everyone personally and his mom graduated from Imlay City High School over on Bancroft and thanked all for their history that was shared tonight.

Mayor Yockey concluded that this was absolutely wonderful to have the largest crowd at a meeting in a long time and everyone has spent a lot of time thinking about what you wanted to tell us and thank you.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Blount seconded by Stempien to adjourn at 8:02 PM

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular City Commission Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 07, 2025 at 7:00 PM

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

APPROVED: October 07, 2025