

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

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 06, 2026
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 Stu Davis, Commissioner Al Ramirez, Commissioner Luke Stempien

Absent: Mayor Barbara Yockey, Commissioner Joe DeLuca

Also Present: City Manager Craig Horton, Labor Attorney Howard Shifman, Interim Police Chief Charles Rushton, Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Sawicki-Franz and Public

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** December 16, 2025 – City Commission Regular Meeting
December 02, 2025 – City Commission Special Meeting NIA Q&A
- B. **OTHER MINUTES** November 20, 2025 – Zoning Board of Appeals Regular Meeting
December 15, 2025 – Downtown Development Authority Regular Meeting
- C. **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF:** General Fund Checking \$ 266,628.37
Tax Account \$ 64,891.44
HRA Account \$ 000.00
Total \$ 331,519.81

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Davis, Blount, Ramirez, Stempien, Tanis

Nays: None

Absent: Yockey, DeLuca

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR

Rob Mette from the Imlay City Chamber of Commerce announced that Imlay City Commissioner Al Ramirez has been nominated for the Imlay City Citizen of the Year Award. The winner will be announced at their Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner Dance Event to be held at Castle Creek Golf Club on January 17, 2026.

Scott Harding from the Fraternal Order of Police who represents both the Imlay City Police Officers Union and the Imlay City Clerical Union spoke addressing concerns regarding Interim Police Chief Charles Rushton from a member of the public that spoke at a previous Commission meeting. One member of the public spoke.

7. GUEST SPEAKERS – AS NEEDED

Imlay City representative on the Lapeer County EMS Board, Ted Sadler, gave a brief update on the EMS board annual meeting wrapping up 2025 and looking forward to 2026 and shared that currently

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the Lapeer County EMS is handling 99.9% of call volume within Lapeer County which is great because all of the citizens of Lapeer County own this EMS department/program and pay for it, as it covers all members of Lapeer County. Lapeer County EMS has eight ambulances in service that are fully stocked, geared and ready to serve, with a new ambulance that was purchased and put into service in 2025 and another ambulance ordered for 2026. Sadler continued explaining that the recent millage increase was needed more than most realized to cover the surge in call volume in Lapeer County then summarized the new program that is turning out new EMT's through the Lapeer County Intermediate School District's program.

8. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT– AS NEEDED

None

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CITY OWNED PROPERTIES

1. COMMUNITY CENTER

Bob Tanis from Tanis Builders recounted the recent progress on the Imlay City Community Center then informed the Commission that the new Community Center has been fully hooked to DTE with the temporary lines disconnected. The ceiling and interior lighting has been installed with the walls and bathrooms as the next areas to handle in this project.

NO MOTION, INFORMATIONAL ONLY

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. WWTP TESTING, PUMPING, TRANSPORTATION & LAND APPLICATION OF BIOSOLIDS CONTRACT

City Manager Horton explained that the WWTP Superintendent Pat Rankin was unavailable to attend this meeting and shared that Rankin had stated that the State of Michigan has a limited supply of contractors that handle this kind of biosolids and currently there is only one in our state.

MOTION by Davis seconded by Blount to APPROVE the contract with BioTech Agronomics, Inc for Testing, Pumping, Transportation & Land Application of Biosolids at a cost not to exceed for the years **2026**-\$0.0551 per gallon-annual testing \$830.00, **2027**-\$0.0567 per gallon-annual testing \$840.00 and **2028**-\$0.0584 per gallon-annual testing \$845.00 and optional tank cleaning services at \$585.00 per hour

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Davis, Blount, Stempien, Ramirez, Tanis

Nays: None

Absent: Yockey, DeLuca

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. AUDITING SERVICES CONTRACT

MOTION by Davis seconded by Stempien to APPROVE the auditing services contract with King & Messing Audit Services LLC to include preparation and filing required forms and statements at a cost not to exceed the following: for the year ended June 30, 2026 \$17,750.00, June 30, 2027 \$18,500.00, June 30, 2028 \$19,250.00, June 30, 2029 \$20,000.00 and June 30, 2030 \$20,750.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Davis, Stempien, Ramirez, Blount, Tanis

Nays: None

Absent: Yockey, DeLuca

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City Manager Horton noted that two documents are at the Commissioner's seats: one being a letter from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority informing that MSHDA, the tax credit allowing agency for the State of Michigan, has issued a Reservation for Low Income Housing Tax Credits to Townsend II Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership (DeShano) the developer of Townsend Manor II located at 365 West Capac Road in Imlay City.

The second document is the 2026/2027 Annual Budget Calendar for the new budget cycle. The Budget Work Session for the City Commission is scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2026 at 6:00 PM

11. CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR

One member of the public spoke

12. CLOSED SESSION – AS NEEDED

MOTION by Blount seconded by Davis to recess into Closed Session to consider attorney/client privileged communication pursuant to section 8 of the open meetings act at 7:21 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Blount, Davis, Ramirez, Stempien, Tanis

Nays: None

Absent: Yockey, DeLuca

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Labor Attorney Howard Shifman shared several documents with the City Commission and then discussed.

Mayor Pro Tem Tanis returned the meeting to Open Session at 7:35 PM

13. COMMISSIONER TIME

Commissioner Stempien thanked all for coming and asked to have the Public Comment time limit on the next agenda.

Commissioner Davis shared Happy New Year.

Commissioner Blount expressed his thanks to the public for attending our meeting and reiterated that the Public Comment time be discussed.

Mayor Pro Tem Tanis said thank you all for coming.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Davis seconded by Stempien to adjourn at 7:37 PM

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular City Commission Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 20 2026 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Dawn Sawicki-Franz, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED: January 20, 2026