

IMLAY CITY COMMISSION

**150 N. Main Street
IMLAY CITY, MI 48444**

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joi Kempf called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Joi Kempf led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Joi Kempf
Commissioner Al Ramirez

Pro-Tem Frank Demske
Commissioner Kelly Villanueva

Absent: Commissioner Ted Sadler, Commissioner Stu Davis, Commissioner Greg Rowden

Also Present, City Manager Tom Youatt, Deputy Clerk Anne McAvoy, and one member of the community.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Villanueva, seconded by Demske to approve the agenda with the addition of 7.A. Spicer Group – Assisted Living Water Main Extension Final Payment and 7.B. Spicer Group – S. Almont Sanitary Sewer Extension Final Payment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Demske, seconded by Villanueva to approve the Consent Agenda to include the payment of bills in the amount of \$447,639.91 as presented.

A. Approval of Minutes – July 2, 2019

B. Other Minutes – Planning Commission– June 25, 2019
Parks & Recreation – July 9, 2019

C. Payment of Bills in the amount of – Tri-County Bank	\$ 442,373.16
Lakestone Bank	\$ 3,981.95
HRA	\$ 1,284.80
	<u>\$ 447,639.91</u>

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Kempf, Demske, Villanueva, Ramirez

Nays: None

Absent: Davis, Sadler, Rowden

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR

Allen Rosenbalm is concerned about taxation and how people are anti-taxation but they want all the services that taxes provide. He suggested an education campaign by offices to inform the voters the importance of taxes. City Manager Tom Youatt responded that the City of Imlay City puts millages on the ballot for items like improving the roads or the new fire hall, then the residents can have input and decide if it is something they would like to support or not.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Spicer Group – Assisted Living Water Main Extension Final Payment

City Manager Tom Youatt presented the invoice for final payment to Spicer Group for the Assisted Living water main extension. Mr. Youatt stated he received waivers from all the suppliers on the project stating they have been paid for services.

Motion by Ramirez, seconded by Demske to approve payment to Spicer Group in the amount of \$5,512.15 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Demske, Villanueva, Ramirez, Kempf

Nays: None

Absent: Davis, Sadler, Rowden

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Spicer Group – S. Almont Sanitary Sewer Extension Final Payment

City Manager Tom Youatt presented the invoice for the final payment to Spicer Group for the S. Almont sanitary sewer extension. Mr. Youatt stated he received waivers from all the suppliers on the project stating they have been paid for services.

Motion by Demske, seconded by to approve payment to Spicer Group in the amount of \$21,972.90 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Demske, Villanueva, Ramirez, Kempf

Nays: None

Absent: Davis, Sadler, Rowden

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. NEW BUSINESS

None

9. MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Tom Youatt stated he included in the packet the final accounting for the Assisted Living project for water and sewer for the Commissioners to review. Also in the packet on page 23, Mr. Youatt stated was the approved preliminary report from USDA Rural Development. On page 25 shows the total project, which will now be \$5.3 million from the \$4.6 million due to adding the construction of a pump station for waste water plant. Rural Development suggested it be done at the same time. The application will go to Chris Maxwell in Lansing tomorrow. It is looking like the City will be awarded a 45% grant, hopefully the City will receive notice next

week. Mr. Youatt included in the packet a letter from Chris DeRose from MERS announcing his retirement. Mr. Youatt stated Spicer Group is having an open house celebrating 75 years. The celebration will be at their main office in Saginaw. Mr. Youatt stated MML Convention is September 25-27th this year and to let him know if any of the Commissioners would like to go. It is in Detroit at Cobo Hall. Mr. Youatt stated he had a meeting today for the fire hall update. Superior Construction was there, also George from H2A Architects. The main contractor has been delayed in getting the footings in. The water and sewer have been tapped. Storm lines still need to be tapped. The footings should be put in on July 31, 2019. Pre-engineered sections will be a little late. Mr. Youatt stated Assisted Living infrastructure is done. Mr. Youatt informed the Commission the Planning Commission is busy. They have the Special Land Use for the lavender farm business. It has already been rezoned but they need the special land use approved. Alan Bean at Spicer Group stated it was a good fit for a special land use. The meeting is on July 23rd, 2019, Mr. Youatt will not will at this meeting but our City Planner will be there. Also before the Planning Commission is LaLonde Chrysler. They want to tear down the existing building and rebuild a 30,000 square foot building. They will be before the Planning Commission in August. Mr. Youatt stated he is concerned about the traffic situation we had with the lavender festival and suggested the Commission look at traffic control for future events because the fairgrounds are having more and more events that are bringing in more traffic. Mr. Youatt stated he is excited and amazed at how many people are coming to our town for these events but the traffic situation will need to be figured out. Mayor Kempf stated there is a drone that maybe could get video of traffic during these events so it can be presented to MDOT. Mr. Youatt stated the Fourth Street project is before Chris Maxwell in Lansing and we are waiting to hear what is decided. Mr. Youatt stated the company we have for grass cutting is behind due to the rain. The DPW is busy with brush clean up and street cleaning. DPW Superintendent Ed Priehs has been overlooking the fire hall project. Mr. Youatt informed the Commission that we had one Monarch butterfly hatch and it will be released tonight after the meeting. We have three more to hatch.

10. OTHER

Commissioner Ramirez stated he attended the Lavender Festival and was surprised at how many people were there. He would be interested in what the numbers were for that festival. Commissioner Ramirez also stated we enhance community policing, have more of a presence. Mr. Youatt stated the police department just purchased a Segway and will be training on that so they can use it for the fairs and festivals. Mr. Youatt would also like the local EMS to come and introduce themselves to the Commission. Mr. Youatt stated the City needs to look at widening and changing the intersections at M-53 and Borland Road and Borland Road and South Almont Avenue so we can accommodate the residents and visitors we have to City. Commissioner Ramirez inquired into moving the speed sign to Fourth Street due to the amount of people speeding down that road. Mr. Youatt stated he would talk to Chief Pike. The sign needed some repairs but those should be done soon. Commissioner Ramirez stated he saw the new zero turn in use and it looks like it does a good job.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Demske, seconded by Villanueva, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Anne McAvoy Deputy Clerk/Utility Billing Clerk