

IMLAY CITY COMMISSION

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

**REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 15, 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 Stu Davis
Commissioner Al Ramirez

Pro-Tem Frank Demske
Commissioner Ted Sadler
Commissioner Greg Rowden

Absent: Commissioner Kelly Villanueva

Also Present, City Manager Tom Youatt, Deputy Clerk Lisa Kapron, four members of the community, and two members of the media.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Davis, seconded by Demske to approve the agenda with addition of New Business 8.A. WWTP Truck Bids and 8. B. Farmers Market/ Old Fire Hall

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Demske, Ramirez, Rowden, Sadler, Davis, Kempf

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Ramirez, seconded by Davis to approve the Consent Agenda to include the payment of bills in the amount of \$509,195.34 as presented.

A. Approval of Minutes – October 1, 2019

B. Other Minutes – Parks & Recreation – October 8, 2019
Lamb/Steele Board – October 9, 2019

C. Payment of Bills in the amount of – Tri-County Bank	\$ 336,825.22
Lakestone Bank	\$ 171,864.84
HRA	\$ <u>505.28</u>
	\$ 509,195.34

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Demske, Ramirez, Rowden, Sadler, Davis, Kempf

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR

Allen Rosenbalm - concerned over the financial future of the City. He would also like us to add the phone number for GLTA in our newsletter to inform those that don't drive who to call for transportation.

Christiana & Jason Bishop (owners of Backyard Creations and More LLC at 404 E. Fourth Street) informed the Commission they will be moving to Almont in December. They were very frustrated with the issue of not being able to put their sign by M-53.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. H2A Architects Invoice – Fire Station

Motion by Demske, seconded by Sadler to approve Pay #3 of H2A Invoice # 19217 in the amount of \$5,040.00 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Rowden, Sadler, Davis, Demske, Ramirez, Kempf

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Superior Contracting Group Invoice Fire Station

Motion by Davis, seconded by Demske to approve payment to Superior Contracting Group in the amount of \$113,729.31 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Sadler, Davis, Demske, Ramirez, Rowden, Kempf

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. WWTP Truck Bids

City Manager Youatt presented three bids for the purchase of a truck for the WWTP.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Sadler to approve the Bid from Imlay City Ford in the amount of \$34,405.00 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Davis, Demske, Ramirez, Rowden, Sadler, Kempf

Nays: None

B. Farmers Market/Old Fire Hall

City Manager Youatt presented the idea of converting the Old Fire Hall into a year-round Farmers Market. He proposed adding two new restrooms, an office for the Market Manager and polishing the floors. He informed the Commission that Rural Development has money for this type of project and he and DDA Director Lorrelei Natke would work on the application together.

Motion by Demske, seconded by Ramirez to look into the potential for a year-round Farmers Market.

MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Tom Youatt informed the Commission that he has written permission from Lorin Herman to access the Green Property to start the environmental process, which is 100 % from grant money from Eagle (former DEQ).

All asbestos has been removed from 320 N. Almont Avenue. We have bids out to remove the house and fill. The Police Department and the Fire Department will use the house for training purposes.

Fire Hall Construction – they have finished the underground and are working on final grading, they will be pouring the floor on Friday.

Water & Sewer rates may be increased due to the need to build funds for future projects.

Auditors have been in this week and all is going well.

Spicer & M53 Sanitary Sewer repair will cost a million dollars and the city pump station's cost is \$250,000.00.

The cost for the sanitary sewer on Fourth Street from M53 to Main Street will cost \$750,000.00, unfortunately we did not get the funding we had hoped from Rural Development.

The 3-year lease for the Senior Center is up in November and Tom will work with the county board to discuss the new lease rate.

We have two new Administrative Assistants, Leslie Goodwin at City Hall and Beth Wright at the Police Department.

Tom is the point person for the Census 2020. We will need a committee to increase our response from the residents. The count is important for City revenue.

Tom thanked Lisa for taking minutes for meeting tonight and for training assistance for our new Administrative Assistant.

9. OTHER

Stu Davis complimented Tom on his letters to the Commission, which outline the items that will be on the agenda and giving them other information in regards to City business.

Ted Sadler addressed Christiana & Jason Bishop from Backyard Creations and told them that he is sorry that the City let them down. He would like the City to look into this. He told them that he wished them the best. Stu thanked them for forcing the issue of the sign. Al expressed that he wished he would have seen them before this meeting, they informed him that they did approach the Planning Commission. Joi wished them the best.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Davis, seconded by Sadler, to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Lisa Kapron, Deputy Clerk

Approved: