

6. CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR

Allen Rosenbalm – Kudos to the DPW for staying on top of the roads during last weekend's snowstorm. Happy to see Angela's House open, inquired about the road schedule for resurfacing and would like to see Titus Road on the list.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Spicer Invoice # 199748 – 2020 Infrastructure Improvements

Motion by Davis, seconded by Demske, to approve payment to the Spicer Group, Invoice # 199748 in the amount of \$24,424.50 for Professional engineering services and construction administration for the 2020 infrastructure improvements for M-53 Sanitary Sewer, 4th St pavement improvements, and the Newark Rd Pump Station as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Rowe Splash Pad Assistance Proposal

Motion by Ramirez, seconded by Rowden to approve the Proposal from Rowe Professional Services, in the amount of \$30,700, to assist the City with the construction of the Splash Pad as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. City Clerk/Treasurer Help Wanted Posting and Wage Adjustment

City Manager Youatt presented the ad to be placed in the local paper and discussed the need to increase the wages to attract candidates with City/Village finance experience.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Sadler to approve the Posting for the City Clerk/Treasurer with an increase in wages to a range of \$62,000 – 72,000 and to give permission to the City Manager to add the posting to the MML Website as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Resolution 2020-1 Development Project Agreement with the DNR – Splash Pad

Motion by Demske, seconded by Villanueva to approve Resolution 2020-1 allowing the City to enter into a Development Project Agreement with the Michigan Recreation Passport Grant Program for the construction of a Splash Pad with the City funding \$214,000.00 to match the grant as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant

City Manager Youatt presented a notice to be placed in the paper and posted at the City offices for a Public Hearing to be on February 4, 2020 for the purpose of affording citizens an opportunity to examine and submit comments on the proposed application for a CDBG Grant.

B. Resolution 2020-2 – Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application Authorization

This Resolution was pulled from the Agenda to be presented at the February 4, 2020 City Commission Meeting.

C. Sesquicentennial Event Coordinator

City Manager Youatt introduced Event Coordinator Larry Bush. The Sesquicentennial Committee would like to hire Mr. Bush to continue the planning of the City's Sesquicentennial Celebration at a rate of \$100 per week, plus mileage, with a cap of \$6,000.00.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Sadler, to approve contracting with Mr. Larry Bush for the planning of the City Sesquicentennial at the rate of \$100 per week, plus mileage, with a cap of \$6000.00 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Resignation of Administrative Assistant

City Manager Youatt presented a letter of resignation from the Administrative Assistant, Leslie Goodwin. She has accepted a full time position with Ira Township.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Villanueva to accept, with regret, the resignation letter of the Administrative Assistant as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. New Air Compressor for the Fire Hall

City Manager Youatt presented a Proposal from Douglass Safety for a new Air Compressor for the Fire Hall along with charges to move the existing Fill Station to the New Station. The old compressor is more than 20 years and is not in good condition.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Demske, to approve the Proposal from Douglass Safety Systems, LLC. In the amount of \$29,297.00 for the purchase of a new air compressor, to move the existing Fill Station, and hook up as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **MANAGERS REPORT**

City Manager Tom Youatt updates: He has a meeting on Feb. 4th with Richard Nash, DEQ, and Jeff Carr from Peerless Environmental regarding the Green Property project; The house on 320 N. Almont is scheduled to be demolished Friday, Jan 24; He is working with the Census Bureau on lining up a site for them to train workers for the Census that will take place in April; Himself and Police Chief Scott Pike, interviewed 6 candidates for the full time Administrative Assistant position with the Police Department; He will be meeting with the DPW Supervisor Priehs to discuss sidewalk plowing, what equipment will be needed, and the costs. The Commission will soon need to discuss the renewal of the road millage. It expires this year.

10. **OTHER**

Sadler: Inquired about updates on the MDOT Traffic Signal at Borland. Youatt: None at this time. Also asked about changing the rate structure of the water/sewer bills. Youatt: Yes, the City will hire out a study on the rates and the new rates will be graduating and reflected with the new budget. Inquired about the pedestrian walkway on M53. Youatt: It is still being surveyed and will be discussed.

Ramirez: Went to visit the Waste Water Treatment Plant and stated that they were busy repairing a large piece of equipment. He feels they are often overlooked and would like to see us do something special for them.

Demske: Inquired about the Borland Road changes regarding additional turn lanes, etc. Per Youatt, it is in review with MDOT and waiting for their decision.

Villanueva: Noted that the garage is being torn down and that the outside structure would make a nice pavilion. Youatt: We have already sold the materials to the company that is doing the work.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Demske, seconded by Davis, to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Lynn Eutsler, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: