

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

**REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 04, 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. PROPOSAL FOR SERVICES-WASTEWATER PLANNING GRANT AND PROJECT FUNDING ASSISTANCE**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 18, 2025 – Regular Minutes

B. OTHER MINUTES January 28, 2025 – Planning Commission Regular Meeting

February 26, 2025 – Construction Code Authority Regular Meeting

C. PAYMENT OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF:	General Fund Checking	\$	419,360.04
	Tax Account	\$	342,475.72
	HRA Account	\$	72.18
	Total	\$	<u>761,907.94</u>

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR

None

7. GUEST SPEAKER – AS NEEDED

None

8. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

None

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9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. IMLAY TOWNSHIP INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION

City Manager Horton and Mayor Yockey referenced the Fire Protection Agreement in the board packet as the formal agreement that was presented and approved by the Imlay Township Board **MOTION** by Davis seconded by Tanis to approve the City of Imlay City and Imlay Township Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection to be executed on January 01, 2026 until January 01, 2030 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. AMERICAN TOWER GROUND LEASE EXTENSION

City Manager Horton explained that the City has had an agreement with American Tower for a number of years and they have submitted a revised proposal because we are coming to the end of the current agreement. This agreement proposal has been reviewed by the City attorneys and they have recommended the City to go with Proposal #1 – Lease Extension as presented

MOTION by Davis seconded by DeLuca to approve American Tower Ground Lease to commence on May 17, 2026 as presented

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. PROPOSAL FOR SERVICES - WASTEWATER PLANNING GRANT AND PROJECT FUNDING ASSISTANCE

City Manager Horton introduced Chris Hennessy with Fleis & Vandenbrink regarding the upcoming WWTP needed improvements utilizing their experience in those types of projects.

Hennessy described the proposal for professional engineering services regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant with project funding assistance concerning the United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development (USDA RD) program available as well as the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). Hennessy shared the names of municipalities in the area that have utilized the services of Fleis & Vandenbrink as a reference of their services, then answered the Commissioners' questions.

MOTION by Davis and seconded by DeLuca to approve the professional services agreement with Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering as presented

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR

NONE

12. CLOSED SESSION – AS NEEDED

NONE

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13. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Horton noted attention to the budget calendar included in the Commissioner's Board packet and referenced the Budget Workshop Meeting to be held on Monday, March 31, 2025 at 6:00 PM. In addition, Horton mentioned the communication received from Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) regarding their annual increase and stated that we will discuss this increase during the budget meeting.

Mayor Yockey cited the Special Meeting that has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM and shared that this is a Public Hearing for the Master Plan and the Neighborhood Improvement Authority (NIA) with an invitation extended to the Planning Commission and the DDA.

14. COMMISSIONER TIME

Commissioner DeLuca asked for an update on the Arby's restaurant that was proposed.

City Manager Horton responded that every couple of months the City reaches out to our Zoning Administrator Lonnie Hayes to inquire on information regarding the Arby's and we are told that they still have some corporate issues to work out and it should be soon.

Mayor Yockey said thank you to all of those that came out for the meeting.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Davis seconded by Stempien to adjourn at 7:30 PM

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Commission Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM

City Commission Budget Workshop Meeting Date: Monday, March 31, 2025 at 6:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Dawn Sawicki-Franz, City Clerk

APPROVED: March 18, 2025