

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

REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, November 05, 2020
7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Joi Kempf led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Joi Kempf
Commissioner Stu Davis
Commissioner Greg Rowden

Mayor Pro Tem Frank Demske
Commissioner Al Ramirez
Commissioner Ted Sadler

Absent: Commissioner Kelly Villanueva

Also, Present: City Manager Craig Horton, WWTP Superintendent Pat Rankin, City Clerk Dawn Sawicki-Franz, Attorney Brian Garner and citizens.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Davis supported by Sadler to approve the agenda with the addition of **New Business E.** WP Development Inc-Land Combination.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Davis supported by Demske to approve the consent agenda items to include:

A. Approval of Minutes:	City Commission	October 20 2020	
B. Other Minutes:	Planning Commission	July 28, 2020	
C. Payment of Bills in the amount of:	General Fund Checking		\$ 427,046.49
	Tax Account		\$ 3,245,246.21
	HRA Account		\$ <u>309.81</u>
		Total	\$ 3,672,602.51

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

Absent: Villanueva

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATE: WWTP Superintendent Pat Rankin

Pat Rankin updated the commission members on the treatment of raw sewage and how pounds of bacteria are used for this treatment. He explained how he and his crew also conducts tests for neighboring communities such as North Branch, Brown City and Dryden. Pat described the equipment that has been replaced or updated in the last five years such as the replacement of two air compressors, sludge pumps, a screen and an added a compactor in the front of the plant. The water is disinfected by Ultraviolet lights before it is released into the river. The tanks have both been replaced due to age, rust and deterioration, and are now good for about 20 years. Pat's biggest concern is that a lot of the equipment is run by analog controls and thus is very hard to find parts to repair. The newer equipment is electronic controls. This summer's big project was working on the ditch and fixing a shaft and drive on one side as was done about three years ago to the other side. Winter projects that are in progress are training a new employee and getting things ready for winter. Pat asked that any of the commissioners that would like a tour of the facility in order to better understand the processes involved, to please come down and visit and he will give them a tour of the plant and the necessary operations that take place.

7. CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR

Jim Schoonover from Vintech Industries wanted to update the commission on their plans to purchase the parcel that is across the street from their Imlay City location in the industrial park. He stated that

currently with the Imlay City and the Almont plant locations, they are getting close to 240 employees. This new facility will probably add about 30 more employees to help aid the area job market.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Sesquicentennial – Dates

It was stated by Mayor Joi Kempf that the Sesquicentennial event had previously been voted on to celebrate the community and it was voted to postpone due to Covid19 restrictions. The new date that is being announced is the weekend of August 13th, 2021.

B. Zoning Ordinance Moratorium

Attorney Brian Garner presented Resolution No. 2020-19 for a moratorium on the caregiver cultivation of marijuana for medical use.

MOTION by Davis supported by Rowden to approve **Resolution No. 2020-19** for a Moratorium on the Caregiver Cultivation of Marijuana for Medical Use as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Davis, Rowden, Demske, Ramirez, Kempf

Nays: Sadler

Absent: Villanueva

MOTION CARRIED

The commission acknowledged that Attorney Brian Garner read the **Ordinance to Repeal the City Code Provisions on Medical Marijuana** as the **FIRST READING** of this ordinance.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Police Vehicle Bid Opening

Presented for information to the commission – bid opening document regarding the police department's 2011 Ford Expedition that sealed bids were accepted and then presented for opening on Friday, October 30, 2020 at 4:00pm. The highest bid was from Michael Scigel at \$5,126.00.

B. Clerk Updates – Election November 3, 2020

Clerk Dawn Sawicki-Franz reported the election statistics: Total Registered Voters in the City of Imlay City of 2579, absentee votes of 812, absentee ballots not returned was 34, one military ballot, total voters for November 3, 2020 was 1634. Concerning the Roads and sidewalk millage renewal: YES 921 NO 546

C. Review Resolutions No. 2020-06, 2020-07, 2020-08

Attorney Brian Garner spoke regarding Resolutions No. 2020-06, 2020-07, 2020-08 and explained that these resolutions were put in place when it was thought that these charter changes needed to be put on the ballot. He continued to explain that the Attorney General stated that Election Law supersedes the city charter and these charter changes could be made by resolution to match the current election laws. He then presented Resolution No. 2020-20 Resolution to Amend Section 3.5 of Charter, 2020-21 Resolution to Amend Section 3.6 of Charter, 2020-22 Resolution to Amend Section 3.7 of Charter.

MOTION by Davis supported by Rowden to approve **Resolution No. 2020-20** Resolution to Amend Section 3.5 of Charter as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

Absent: Villanueva

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Davis supported by Sadler to approve **Resolution No. 2020-21** Resolution to Amend Section 3.6 of Charter as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

Absent: Villanueva

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Ramirez supported by Davis to approve **Resolution No. 2020-22** Resolution to Amend Section 3.7 of Charter as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

Absent: Villanueva

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Employee Health Insurance Update

City Manager Craig Horton explained that back in July of 2020, Blue Cross informed the city that they no longer provided the \$1,000/\$2,000 deductible plan and what was offered instead was a \$1,500/\$3,000 deductible plan that was implemented for all employees effective July 1, 2020. The city received a grievance from one of the bargaining units and have been through negotiations and have settled on: for

singles the city would continue to have the \$1,500 deductible and any of the expenses of the deductible that would go over \$1,000, the city would cover the first \$250 and for a double or family anything that would go over the \$2,000 deductible, the city would pay the first \$500. Horton stated that the city did not want to offer this to just the original bargaining unit that filed the grievance and would offer this across the board to all employees for this fiscal year.

E. WP Development Inc-Land Combination

City Manager Craig Horton referred to a diagram of property within the commissioner's packet and explained that a building in the industrial park was originally built with part of the building on another vacant parcel. These two parcels were combined together to become one parcel to commence a sale of this combined parcel from WP Development to Vintech Industries.

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Craig Horton reported that the Splash Pad Project with Pentura is scheduled to begin in November and slated to be finished May 7, 2021. Work session updates: Davis had requested a CIP plan update and Horton explained the current plan: A 20-year strategy that is a living document and is maintained by DPW Superintendent Ed Priehs. Rowden expressed interest in updating the city slogan and logo to create attraction to the new people and families. Katrina Marrow is currently working on proposals for this and preparing artwork to submit to the commission for review. Horton stated a water rate study is very important to maintain the current level of service and assure upgrades and replacements are funded. Sadler had inquired on the safety of M-53 corridor: Horton stated, we have discussed with MDOT the traffic light at Borland Road and are now in discussion regarding the proposed boulevard. Discussion continues on a plan to utilize the previous fire hall, sign shop and the previous DPW building into a year-round Farmer's Market and community center. The council also request for the zoning ordinances to be reviewed by the planning commission and they will begin with the first three articles.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Al Ramirez expressed his thanks and appreciation to the citizens of Imlay City for supporting the millage renewal request on the recent election ballot to maintain the city's roads and sidewalks.

Horton stated that the Police Chief report is included in your packet.

12. CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR

Bob Tanis asked for an update on the new fire hall. Horton stated that he had a meeting with the command unit on Monday night, November 2, 2020 and listened to their concerns and the fire department will be moving their items in and ready to occupy this building beginning Monday, November 9, 2020. Weekly meetings with the fire department will continue to assess any issues that may arise with the new fire hall building.

Neal Collins from the Imlay City Fire Department expressed his thanks for the city manager and the current board members for their support and listening to their concerns and are very happy to move in and move forward.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Davis supported by Sadler to adjourn at 8:14pm.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Commission Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 17 2020

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Dawn Sawicki-Franz, Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED: November 17, 2020