

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARCHMENT CITY COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 16, 2017.

1. Call to order

Vice Mayor Britigan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He led those present in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

2. Roll Call.

Present: Vice Mayor Britigan, Commissioners Cronin, Evans, Heasley, and Hageman. City Manager Stoddard, City Treasurer/Clerk Stutz, and City Attorney Soltis.

Absent: Mayor Heasley, Commissioner Fooy.

Moved by Commissioner Hageman, supported by Commissioner Heasley to excuse the absence of Mayor Heasley and Commissioner Fooy. **Motion Carried.**

3. Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Heasley, supported by Commissioner Cronin to approve the amended Minutes of the October 2, 2017 regular meeting.

Motion Carried.

4. Additions or changes to the agenda.

None.

5. Citizen Comments – Items ON the Agenda

Dodi Leckie, President of Parchment Little League, discussed plans to extend two dugouts to allow for storage of equipment, making it easier on LL volunteers. She noted the bathroom roof would be done before next season.

Judy Resler, 218 Maple, stated that she was unsure if the community needed any marijuana facilities in it.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Moved by Commissioner Cronin, supported by Commissioner Hageman to receive the consent agenda items.

Motion Carried.

7. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, section 2-34, Exception to Competitive Bidding; and to repeal all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict – First Reading. City Manager Stoddard explained the need to be able to waive the three bid process in the event of an emergency. Attorney Soltis further explained how the current ordinance was insufficient to address this problem. Moved by Commissioner Heasley, supported by Commissioner Hageman to accept for First Reading the Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, section 2-34, Exception to Competitive Bidding and to repeal all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict. **Motion Carried.**

8. New Business

A. Little League – Proposed structure addition to dugouts – Dodi Leckie. See Citizen Comments for plans. Commissioner Hageman asked what the timeline was for completion – Dodi answered plans are to finish before winter. Per Joe Bonhomme, DPW Superintendent, there would be no issues mowing the area with the proposed changes. Vice Mayor Britigan remarked that the fields are the best in the state. Moved by Commissioner Heasley, supported by Commissioner Evans to approve the Parchment Little League proposed dugout additions. **Motion Carried.**

B. Medical Marijuana facilities presentation – Kalamazoo County Prosecuting Attorney Jeff Getting. Mr. Getting began by stating his intent is not to lead the Commission in either direction, just to inform. Among the statistics cited – 8 states have passed recreational marijuana use; 29 states have legalized medical marijuana use; as of 9/30/16 there were 4081 patients with medical marijuana cards in Kalamazoo County. See Public Act 281 for more information. Mr. Getting also explained that the current law requires an affirmative action on the Commission's part, meaning no action would prohibit any dispensary or manufacture/growing of marijuana within the City limits. Attorney Soltis noted that the City would be able to use zoning to regulate where it would be allowed, if so moved.

C. KABA permit report – receive.

D. Parchment Fire Department Report – receive.

9. Standing Board and Committee Reports

A. Kalamazoo Area Transit Study, Technical Committee Meeting – City Manager Stoddard. City Manager Stoddard explained her position on the board, as opposed to the Vice Mayor being on the KATS policy committee. She noted that they discussed green ways, bike paths, and bus pickup areas whereby they are no longer picking up people who flag the bus down.

10. Citizen Comments

Mike Conner, 1150 Parchmount, expressed his displeasure at the idea of legalizing marijuana in any way in the City.

11. Mayor and Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Cronin said the next KABA meeting is 11/9/17.

Commissioner Heasley asked if there were any complaints about KABA – answer was only how they bill. He then shared a good story about the police and their quick response to a call at his home.

Commissioner Hageman asked about the 4 fire trainees and when the last Fire Department Open House was. Fire Chief Bonhomme said they had one in the Spring.

Vice Mayor Britigan mentioned the invitation the Commissioners received from the MTA; he also reminded everyone of the candidate forum on Thursday 10/19 at 7pm at the Library.

12. City Manager Comments/Reports

Manager Nancy Stoddard stated that while she could change the citizen comment sections per Roberts Rules of Order, she wanted citizens to have the opportunity to express their opinion on items the Commission would be voting on *prior* to them voting. She also advised that the last Consumers Energy audit was in 2014; the suggestions of replacing bulbs with LEDs; window replacements @ DPW; energy studies for usage at more cost effective times of day were all accomplished. Two items remaining – replacement of windows at the water treatment plant and the fire barn. City Manager Stoddard also announced that funds for the Veterans' Memorial have begun to come in; per the auditors, the money just has to be accounted for in its own fund.

She reminded all that citizens are always welcome at City Hall.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Cronin and supported by all to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Shannon Stutz
City Clerk