

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARCHMENT CITY COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2017.

1. Call to order

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

2. Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Heasley, Vice Mayor Britigan, Commissioners Cronin, Evans, Fooy, Heasley, and Hageman. City Manager Stoddard, City Treasurer/Clerk Stutz, and City Attorney Soltis.
Absent: None.

3. Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Hageman, supported by Commissioner Heasley to approve the amended Minutes of the November 6, 2017 regular meeting.

Motion Carried.

4. Additions or changes to the agenda.

9.E. CCTA update
10.B. Certificates of appreciation

5. Citizen Comments – Items ON the Agenda

None.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Moved by Commissioner Cronin, supported by Commissioner Evans to receive the consent agenda items. Vice Mayor Britigan asked about account 101-200-718 regarding budgeted vs actual. City Treasurer Stutz noted we would follow up. **Motion Carried.**

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. New Business

A. Michigan Municipal League – newly elected officials training. City Manager Stoddard presented a training opportunity for the newly elected commissioners. She asked for those interested to let her know so she can sign them up for it.

B. Cronin Letter of Resignation from KABA. Mayor Heasley thanked Commissioner Cronin for his work on this board. Moved by Vice Mayor Britigan, supported by Commissioner Hageman to accept this resignation. **Motion Carried.**

C. Kalamazoo Township Police Department report - receive.

9. Standing Board and Committee Reports

A. Kalamazoo Area Transit Study – technical committee meeting. City Manager Stoddard explained that many small communities such as ours are finding that there is no funding for roads. KATS has formed a subcommittee to rework the formula for the distribution of monies from the state. Dan Lewis from Prein & Newhof is on the subcommittee and will represent the smaller communities.

B. Margaret O'Brien – OPEB Meeting. City Manager Stoddard explained that the meeting was to discuss ways to reduce the debt cities are facing regarding other post-employment benefits. If questions arise, State Senator O'Brien can be contacted directly.

C. MTA Elected Officials Reception – Mayor Heasley. The Mayor reported that the meeting was attended by the 3 new Commissioners-elect, as well as himself and City Manager Stoddard. He noted that it was well attended and educational both, saying that the connections made could be sources of help if needed.

D. Kindleberger Arts Committee – Mayor Heasley noted the dates for next year. July 11-15, 2018. He also stated the new festival director, Kris Jordan, is already at work aggressively reorganizing. Moved by Vice Mayor Britigan, supported by Commissioner Cronin to accept Jon Heasley as a member of the KAC in an at large position. **Motion Carried.**

E. CCTA – Vice Mayor Britigan. The Vice Mayor reported on the group's November 13 meeting, saying they approved expansions of route 6 here in Parchment beginning on 1/2/18. Service will be extended an hour, Sunday through Friday to S 8:15am-6:15pm and M-F 6:15am-11:15pm. He explained the extension was driven by demand.

10. Citizen Comments

A. Karen Conner-Beck, 1124 Parchmount, commented that she has had to call 911 to report speeding in the city, and that dispatch had encouraged her to keep calling.

Mike Conner, 1150 Parchmount, said he spoke with Cooper Township Supervisor Sorensen regarding the re-roofing fee they charge. Mr. Conner reported that Cooper Township assesses the \$55 fee to protect senior citizens from being taken advantage of and to cover the costs of an inspector. He now supports the idea.

B. Certificates of Appreciation. Mayor Heasley thanked all three outgoing commissioners, praising Commissioner Hageman noting her experience will be missed. He then stated that Commissioner Heasley's 4 years have been productive and that he was a "breath of fresh air". The Mayor then commented on Commissioner Cronin's service, saying it was all too short and that he hoped he would stay connected.

11. Mayor and Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Fooy thanked Commissioners Cronin, Heasley and Hageman for their service.

Commissioner Heasley shared two cases from the police report that illustrated how the City's current police department has resources a one-officer department couldn't tap (specifically K9 and multiple car backup). He then commented that all crime can't be stopped and that he felt Chief Bourgeois has gone to bat for our city. Commissioner Heasley also praised Attorney Soltis, saying he has done a fine job protecting our interests. Then he thanked fellow commissioners past and present and expressed his optimism for the future under the helm of City Manager Stoddard. He specifically thanked Vice Mayor Britigan for the good advice over the years, and Mayor Heasley for the privilege to work alongside him. He added that the Mayor was one of the most ethical, fine, upstanding men and "his leadership and steady hand were evident over the last few years."

Commissioner Hageman said her farewell was "bittersweet". She explained she tried her best to pursue making Parchment a better place to live and felt that her 3 kids were proof of the fantastic community it is. She also praised City Manager Stoddard for doing an "outstanding job". She then reported that she will be traveling the US following her grandchildren, as well as volunteering for Blue Star Mothers of America.

Commissioner Cronin thanked the commissioners for their service, saying he appreciated them.

Commissioner Evans thanked the outgoing Commissioners, saying it was nice to work with them.

Vice Mayor Britigan stated he was humbled to be reelected. He thanked those residents who voted for him, and hoped to earn the trust of those who did not. He also noted he was looking forward to working with the new commissioners.

Mayor Heasley thanked Commissioners Cronin, Hageman, and Heasley and welcomed Commissioners-elect Bagley, Emmons, and Jordan.

12. City Manager Comments/Reports

Manager Nancy Stoddard stated that 2 additional microphones will be in place for the December 3 meeting, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. 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 7:36 p.m.

Shannon Stutz
City Clerk