

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARCHMENT CITY COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 18, 2022.**

**1. Call to order**

Mayor Britigan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call.**

Present: Mayor Britigan, Vice Mayor Jordan, Commissioners Cooper, Conner, Evans, Fooy, and Madaras, City Manager Stoddard, Treasurer/Clerk Stutz.

Absent: None.

**3. Minutes**

Moved by Commissioner Conner, supported by Commissioner Cooper to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2022 Regular meeting. **Motion Carried.**

**4. Additions or changes to the agenda.**

Moved by Vice Mayor Jordan, supported by Commissioner Madaras to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried.**

**5. Citizen Comments – Items ON the Agenda**

None.

**6. Consent Agenda**

A. Questions by Commissioners were answered regarding specific items. Moved by Commissioner Cooper, supported by Commissioner Evans to receive the consent agenda items. **Motion Carried.**

**7. Unfinished Business**

None

**8. New Business**

A. 1. Memo from Rate Committee – receive. Mayor Britigan turned the floor over to Vice Mayor Jordan, who heads the rate committee. The Vice Mayor began by saying the committee met and had good discussions regarding the trash and recycling bids; the decision came down to price. The committee understands that Republic has fallen short in their service, and therefore asked the City Manager to work some remedies into the contract, including use of the call center, detailed monthly reporting, no automatic price increases without notice to the City Manager, and a stipulation for exiting the contract after one year if they don't measure up. Moved by Commissioner Fooy, supported by Commissioner Conner to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a 2 year contract (with Bulk Trash pick up in August 2022 and May 2023) with Republic Services including the mentioned issues. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Britigan, Cooper, Conner, Evans, Fooy, Jordan, and Madaras.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

**Motion Carried 7-0.**

2. Election Worker Pay Rate – receive. Vice Mayor Jordan explained that the current rate of \$135 per day hasn't changed in years, and that Clerk Stutz noted other municipalities pay \$165/day or more. She added that our "team" is fantastic, and Commissioner Madaras said they are "very deserving". Moved by Commissioner Conner, supported by Commissioner Madaras to raise the election worker pay rate to \$160/day. **Motion Carried.**

3. Board of Review Pay Rate – receive. Vice Mayor Jordan noted that again, the pay rate hasn't changed in years, and the rate in the area exceeds \$75/day. Moved by Commissioner Cooper, supported by Commissioner Evans to raise the Board of Review pay rate to \$50/day. **Motion Carried.**

B. Memo from Public Safety Committee - action. Mayor Britigan asked City Manager Stoddard to give an overview of what the Public Safety Committee recommends regarding the Police Service Contract with Kalamazoo Township. She discussed survey results, the Request for Proposals sent to the County Sheriff and KTPD, and their replies. The PSC recommended that the City Commission agree to contract for police services with KTPD for 7/1/22 – 6/30/24. City Manager Stoddard asked Commissioner Conner if he had anything to add, and he gave his personal feelings, which differed from what was recommended. Discussion regarding what to include in the contract took place. Vice Mayor Jordan noted that he's satisfied with our current level of service; Commissioner Cooper disagreed. Commissioner Madaras said she knows we can't afford to create our own department, and hasn't had issues with KTPD, but would like a bit more visibility. She added that

she likes to see their reports because it's obvious people can't see everything they're doing all the time. Mayor Britigan asked if there would be another option where one shift is dropped from KTPD coverage to be covered by the Sheriff's dept. Moved by Commissioner Fooy, supported by Commissioner Cooper to table the discussion in order to allow City Manager Stoddard to have a discussion with Chief Ergang. **Motion Carried.**

C. Parks and Recreation Committee - action. Mayor Britigan explained that the approved Parks and Recreation Master Plan calls for the creation of a "volunteer committee to coordinate decisions related to the city's recreational resources". This group will implement a Work Plan being developed by the Planning Commission and approved by the City Commission. He then recommended the following residents be appointed to serve on this committee: Sandy Bliesener, Cheryl Lyon-Jenness, Dennis Collison, Andy Sanford, and Holly Evans. Moved by Commissioner Madaras, supported by Commissioner Conner to approve the appointment of these five individuals to the Parks & Recreation Volunteer Committee. **Motion Carried.**

**9. Citizen Comments**

None.

**10. Mayor and Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Cooper said she was looking forward to further police talks.

Commissioner Fooy voiced his support of the KTPD, saying there are issues around the country, and he feels that our department is "top notch" as evidenced by Lt Jackson being selected for FBI training.

**11. City Manager Comments/Reports**

City Manager Stoddard stated that she is looking forward to the joint meeting next week (Wed Apr 27), saying she think it's a good night of learning. She then invited anyone who has questions or concerns to call and discuss them with her.

**12. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Cooper and supported by all to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Shannon Stutz, City Clerk