

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARCHMENT CITY COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY MAY 2, 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 Madaras, supported by Vice Mayor Jordan to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022 Regular meeting. **Motion Carried.**

4. Additions or changes to the agenda.

Moved by Commissioner Evans, supported by Commissioner Fooy 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 Madaras, supported by Commissioner Cooper to receive the consent agenda items. **Motion Carried.**

7. Unfinished Business

A. Public Safety Committee Memo, Police Contract with KTPD, Chief Ergang – action. Mayor Britigan began with some background information, including the community survey that only 13% of residents responded to, the Public Safety Committee’s recommendation, and the tabled discussion. He introduced Chief of Kalamazoo Township Police Department, Bryan Ergang. Chief Ergang thanked the commission, and began with policing/crime trends nationwide, statewide, and throughout the county. He then discussed the economies of scale the City gets in sharing services with Kalamazoo Township. He mentioned that KTPD hadn’t looked at actual costs vs. contract price until the RFP came to them. He reported that the option #3 in the RFP is the actual cost of current services. The Chief then explained that they feel the relationship that KTPD has had with Parchment and its residents has always been a good one, and that it’s “not just a contract”. He did add that a short contract does make it difficult to hire/keep officers, which is why KTwp is seeking a 5-10 year contract. Commissioners questioned the Chief of Police, who answered their queries. Moved by Commissioner Fooy, supported by Commissioner Evans to enter into a 5 year contract (using model 3 in packet) and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to the action. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Evans, Fooy, and Madaras.

Nays: Britigan, Cooper, Conner, and Jordan.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion Failed 3-4.

Moved by Vice Mayor Jordan, supported by Commissioner Conner, to send the City Manager, Mayor, Supervisor Don Martin, and the Public Safety Committee back to renegotiate the contract with KTPD and report back to the City Commission before the 1st meeting in June. **Motion Carried.**

8. New Business

None.

9. Public Hearing for the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget

A. Moved by Vice Mayor Jordan, supported by Commissioner Cooper to go into Public Hearing at 8:07 pm. 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.

Mayor Britigan asked if there were any citizens who wanted to comment on the proposed budget for FY 2022-2023. No one replied.

Moved by Vice Mayor Jordan, supported by Commissioner Cooper to move out of Public Hearing at 8:08 pm. 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.

10. Citizen Comments

Thomas Allen, 4373 Kettle Moraine, notified those present that he is running for judge in the 8th District Court. He said he's been a licensed attorney since 2008, and gave a bit more of his background. He noted that this service is his way of "giving back".

11. Mayor and Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Cooper said the LL parade was nice, and appreciates all the volunteers it garners. She then mentioned wanting to put things in perspective while thinking about neighbors and "what's best for the community".

Commissioner Conner reported that the car cruise is "ready to go".

Commissioner Evans thanked Chief Ergang for coming, adding that she wants to come to an agreement.

Mayor Britigan agreed, saying he's confident the commission can work out an agreement that's mutually beneficial. He then mentioned the Little League Parade, and then thanked Manager Stoddard for the zoning/education meeting. The Mayor reported that the City has been awarded \$3.8 million in grants and loans from the USDA for the Sewer Fund, which will benefit the community for years to come.

12. City Manager Comments/Reports

City Manager Stoddard reported that the speed sign data for the last month has been downloaded. She has given to the KTPD, and will share results in the next weekly letter. She then invited anyone who has questions or concerns to call and discuss them with her.

13. 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 8:20 p.m.

Shannon Stutz, City Clerk