

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARCHMENT CITY COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 20, 2023.

1. Call to order

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

2. Roll Call.

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

Absent: Conner, Fooy.

Moved by Vice Mayor Jordan, supported by Commissioner Madaras to excuse the absence of Commissioners Conner and Fooy. **Motion Carried.**

3. Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Cooper, supported by Commissioner Evans to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2023 Regular meeting. **Motion Carried.**

4. Additions or changes to the agenda.

Add 8.C. Kindleberger Festival Parade Chair – Lynne Wells. Moved by Vice Mayor Jordan supported by Commissioner Madaras to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion Carried.**

5. Citizen Comments – Items ON the Agenda

Andy Sanford, 123 Espanola, wanted to encourage the Commission to be in favor of tree enhancement in the city that the Parks and Rec Committee has been working on.

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. Parks and Recreation Tree Enhancement Recommendation Presentation, Cheryl Lyon-Jenness – receive. Cheryl Lyon-Jenness, presenting on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Committee, reported their recommendation on tree enhancement and was here to collect the Commissioner's thoughts and make a way forward. Per the memo to Commissioners, the recommendation is for a two part tree enhancement program: 1) Tree enhancement in public spaces including but not limited to Kindleberger Park, Devon Park, Commerce Lane Riverfront Park, and City Hall Park; 2) Tree enhancement through an educational program for city residents – all with emphasis on it being a community project. Discussion ensued, including funding sources – grant possibilities, donations, having a city fund, etc. Mayor Britigan asked that any additional questions or comments be submitted to City Manager Stoddard and/or Cheryl Lyon-Jenness. He then expressed his appreciation for the presentation.

B. Parchment Little League Parade – action. Parchment Little League's request is for the annual opening day parade, this year held on April 29 from 9-10am, using the same route as prior year. City Manager Stoddard noted there are no paving projects on the route this year, and the group will request KTPD assistance after the Commission's approval. Short discussion followed. Moved by Commissioner Cooper, supported by Commissioner Madaras to approve the route and date as presented, including discussion with the group about managing the candy/cleanup afterward. **Motion Carried.**

C. Kindleberger Summer Festival Parade Chair, Lynne Wells. Lynne Wells gave her contact information to each Commissioner, reminding everyone to save the date (July 15, 2023) noting that Commissioner participation is highly encouraged. She also asked to share her number with any groups who may be interested in participating.

9. Citizen Comments

Andy Sanford, 123 Espanola, mentioned that his son plays Little League, and that he will be acting chair of the Kalamazoo County Public Works who has been discussing infrastructure monies. He asked Commissioners to contact him with their thoughts of what the city might need.

Cheryl Lyon-Jenness, 294 Glendale, reported that during their lagoon clean up, Georgia Pacific has cleared the trail. She encouraged folks to go out and walk it to see the progress.

10. Mayor and Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Cooper thanked the Parks and Rec Committee for the presentation, adding she's looking forward to seeing the benefits of healthy trees throughout the city.

Commissioner Evans also thanked the Parks and Rec Committee, then welcomed Lynne Wells to the KSF team.

Vice Mayor Jordan also thanked everyone who came to the meeting, guests and presenters alike.

Mayor Britigan reported he is on a committee of the MML for economic development and land use and there is legislation before the senate and the house that are of interest; reminded everyone of the Capital Conference April 18-19; and that there's a local official academy put on by Catalyst for economic development.

11. City Manager Comments/Reports

City Manager Stoddard reported that Bingo for Bags was a wonderful event and 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 7:50 p.m.

Shannon Stutz, City Clerk