

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARCHMENT CITY COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY MAY 1, 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, Conner, Evans, and Madaras. City Treasurer/Clerk Stutz.

Absent: Fooy.

Moved by Commissioner Evans, supported by Commissioner Cooper to excuse the absence of Commissioner Fooy. **Motion Carried.**

3. Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Conner, supported by Vice Mayor Jordan to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2023 Regular meeting. **Motion Carried.**

4. Additions or changes to the agenda.

None. Moved by Commissioner Cooper supported by Commissioner Conner 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 Conner to receive the consent agenda items. **Motion Carried.**

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. New Business

A. Public Hearing for 2023-2024 Proposed Budget. Mayor Britigan said this public hearing is the opportunity for residents to have public comment. Moved by Vice Mayor Jordan, supported by Commissioner Madaras to open the public hearing at 7:05 pm. **Motion Carried.**

The mayor asked if any citizen wanted to comment; there was no one present.

Moved by Commissioner Evans, supported by Commissioner Conner to move out of the public hearing at 7:06 pm. **Motion Carried.**

9. Citizen Comments

None.

10. Mayor and Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Cooper said that Little League opening day was great, and thanked all involved in the planning and executing of it, especially new president Kari Croy. Commissioner Cooper said she “was very excited for the season”.

Commissioner Evans mentioned that Commissioner Fooy will be going over the evaluations and will have a recommendation at the next meeting. She then mentioned that there will be a tree booth at Kindleberger Festival.

Vice Mayor Jordan noted that the rate committee met, mainly discussing whether the sewer surcharge could be reduced. He said no decisions have been made, though it does look possible, but only after the USDA grant/loan work is bid out.

Mayor Britigan reported three things: 1) a meeting with Mary Balkema, Kalamazoo County Housing Director, went well, adding that Parchment’s taxable value increased the most in the county from year to year, 2) there is a underage drinking town hall on May 17 from 6-8 pm at the Douglas Community Center, and 3) he has handed out SW Michigan First information, saying they are the economic development arm of our region and could be helpful with marketing of the mill property.

11. City Manager Comments/Reports

City Treasurer/Clerk Stutz 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 7:19 p.m.

Shannon Stutz, City Clerk