**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARCHMENT CITY COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024.**

1. **Call to order**

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

1. **Roll Call**.

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

Absent: Fooy.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Commissioner Mendoza supported by Commissioner Conner to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024 Regular meeting. **Motion Carried**.

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

9A. Parchment Vegetable Products move to meeting on February 5, 2024. Moved by Commissioner Cooper, supported by Vice Mayor Jordan to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion Carried**.

1. **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. Presentation by Kevin Trayer, National Association of Postal Supervisors – receive. Mr. Trayer began by thanking the commission for having him. He noted that since October, 2022 there has been a list of changes to local operations per Postmaster General DeJoy, including closing our city’s branch. He lamented about the lack of transparency about the process, and how Mr. DeJoy is unilaterally dismantling the USPS. Mr. Trayer said communities need to know how they’ll be impacted by the changes – for example, drive times for deliveries will increase by 20%. He explained that privatization means they will look for profit only, not service to everyone. Supervisor of Cooper Township, Jeff Sorensen, spoke about lengthy deliveries for ballots, and offered his support to this issue. Moved by Commissioner Mendoza, supported by Commissioner Madaras, to authorize the City Manager and Mayor to issue a letter to all levels of government in support of the USPS keeping the Parchment branch open in order to best serve local residents. **Motion Carried.**

**9. Citizen Comments**

Cooper Township Supervisor Jeff Sorensen informed the commission that the township planning commission has a public hearing on Jan 17 regarding putting a liquor store next to Wisser’s on G Ave and Mt. Olivet.

**10. Mayor and Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Mendoza said he’s looking forward to hearing the presentation from the vertical vegetable farming next meeting.

Commissioner Cooper acknowledged Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, then referenced Mr.Trayer’s presentation saying mail delivery is a constitutional right. She fully supports Mr. Trayer saying the USPS isn’t following the law, then added it’s important to send a strong message.

Commissioner Conner had a question on his water/sewer bill.

Commissioner Madaras, the new chair of the Kindleberger Arts Council, announced Bingo for Bags tickets went on sale, and the date for the event is March 16, 2024.

Mayor Britigan thanked Supervisor Sorensen for coming to the meeting, then reminded everyone of the Planning Commission’s meeting on Wednesday Jan 24. He also reminded commissioners about CapCon and early registration. Then the Mayor reiterated that the next meeting on Feb. 5, 2024 will have the budget work session afterward.

**11. City Manager Comments/Reports**

City Manager Stoddard noted that USDA bids will be opened Thursday; then offered anyone with questions or concerns to call or text her.

**12. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Mendoza and supported by all to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Shannon Stutz, City Clerk