**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARCHMENT CITY COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY MAY 3, 2021.**

1. **Call to order**

Mayor Britigan called the meeting to order via Zoom (online due to Coronavirus shutdown) at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Roll Call**.

Present: Mayor Britigan (at 5200 E Cork St.), Vice Mayor Jordan (at 904 Parchmount), Commissioners Bagley (at 1606 East G Ave), Conner (at 1150 Parchmount), Fooy (at 415 E Glenguile), and Madaras (at 815 Parchmount). City Manager Stoddard, Clerk Stutz, Attorney Soltis, DPW Superintendent Phil Wolthuis.

Absent: Evans.

Moved by Commissioner Conner, supported by Commissioner Bagley to excuse the absence of Commissioner Evans. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Bagley, Britigan, Conner, Fooy, Jordan, and Madaras.

Nays: None.

Absent: Evans.

Abstain: None.

**Motion Carried 6-0.**

1. **Minutes**

Moved by Commissioner Madaras, supported by Commissioner Bagley to approve the amended minutes of the April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Bagley, Britigan, Conner, Fooy, Jordan, and Madaras.

Nays: None.

Absent: Evans.

Abstain: None.

**Motion Carried 6-0.**

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

None. Moved by Commissioner Conner, supported by Vice Mayor Jordan to approve the agenda as written. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Bagley, Britigan, Conner, Fooy, Jordan, and Madaras.

Nays: None.

Absent: Evans.

Abstain: None.

**Motion Carried 6-0.**

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

None.

**6. Consent Agenda**

A**.** Moved by Vice Mayor Jordan, supported by Commissioner Madaras to receive the amended consent agenda items. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Bagley, Britigan, Conner, Fooy, Jordan, and Madaras.

Nays: None.

Absent: Evans.

Abstain: None.

**Motion Carried 6-0.**

**7. Unfinished Business**

None.

**8. New Business**

A. Envisioning Our River Trail Presentation – Cheryl Lyon-Jenness, Sandy Bliesener. Cheryl Lyon-Jenness began by thanking the commission for the opportunity to address them and then went over how to make “our” part of the river an asset to the community. Already being an aesthetic and environmental benefit to the city, we have the opportunity to make the river have a positive recreational and economic impact. The duo showed maps of where the trail is proposed to go (from Commerce Ln north, west of Drug and Lab then north toward G ave), discussed the process (including cost and possible funding), the possibility of connecting the trail to the county park system (for maintenance over time), as well as the opportunity for citizen and student science. They noted the proposed “Paper Trail” being a mechanism of bringing people into the city. Sandy Bliesener mentioned this is a “very real” endeavor – that they are confident in its success as there is funding out there. They ended by asking for commissioners’ and citizens’ support.

B. Parchment High School Grad Bash Parade – approve. Per City Manager Stoddard, the city received a request from Grad Bash 2021 President Suzan Dean to have a parade for the graduating class on Thursday, June 3, 2021. She noted 101 graduates, that Grad Bash would absorb any costs related to the parade, and submitted a parade route with options for rerouting due to road/water line work. Moved by Commissioner Madaras, supported by Commissioner Conner to approve the request, subject to KTPD approval and with the stipulation that the route may need to change due to construction. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Bagley, Britigan, Conner, Fooy, Jordan, and Madaras.

Nays: None.

Absent: Evans.

Abstain: None.

**Motion Carried 6-0.**

**9. Public Hearing for the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget**

Per Mayor Britigan, the public hearing is citizens’ opportunity to be heard on matters concerning the budget for next fiscal year. Moved by Commissioner Fooy, supported by Vice Mayor Jordan to go in to public hearing at 7:47 pm.

**10. Citizen Comments**

 None.

**11. Mayor and Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Madaras said she was impressed with the river trail presentation, and that she’s excited.

Commissioner Conner echoed her comments, and thanked everyone for their work on the river cleanup.

Vice Mayor Jordan thanked the presenters as well.

Commissioner Bagley agreed with previous comments.

Mayor Britigan encouraged all to write to the Kalamazoo River Trustees in support of the river trail by May 14. Then he reported that the Governor released new metrics for opening businesses back up. Lastly, he reminded everyone of the election tomorrow for the renewal of KRESA operating millage.

**12. City Manager Comments/Reports**

City Manager Stoddard invited all to take a trail walk and to take friends because it is worth it, and said anyone who has questions or concerns to call and discuss them with her. She then reminded commissioners that she will not be at the next meeting. She is happy to meet via zoom or in person with 6 feet of distance.

**13. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Conner and supported by all to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

 Shannon Stutz, City Clerk