



City of White Cloud
12 N. Charles Street
White Cloud, Michigan 49349

**CITY COUNCIL Held Via ZOOM
Minutes for December 01, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.**

A. Meeting Called to Order

The Regular Meeting of the White Cloud City Council was held on the above date via Zoom. Mayor Denslow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call Vote

Council Members Present: Kay Scott, Lori Shears, Herm Becker, Candice Dault, Ashley Zatalokin, Mayor Denslow

Members Absent: Jeff Murchison

Staff Present: City Manager – Yvonne Ridge, Treasurer – April Storms, Clerk - Kelli Arnold, Zoning Administrator - Steve Lux

Public on Zoom: J. Smith, Becci Kolenda, Joann Chandler

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda changes to include removing item B. Reserved Time; addition of B. Public Hearing for request to approve an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act Exemption for parcel: 62-15-05-134-016 and remove item G., 7, a. Property Maintenance Board of Appeals.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Becker to approve the Agenda with Mayor recommended changes for December 1, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Dault, Becker, Scott, Zatalokin, Shears, Denslow

Nays- None Absent- Murchison

Motion Carried

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Denslow

B. Public Hearing

Public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on the request to approve an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (PRA) Exemption for parcel: 62-15-05-134-016, known as Chill n’ Grill.

Motion by Shears, **Seconded** by Dault to open Public Hearing.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Shears, Dault, Becker, Scott, Zatalokin, Denslow

Nays- None Absent- Murchison

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Dault to close Public Hearing and enter in regular session.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Becker, Dault, Zatalokin, Shears, Scott, Denslow
Nays- None Absent- Murchison **Motion Carried**

C. Public Comment

None

D. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2020.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Becker to approve Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Dault, Becker, Zatalokin, Shears, Scott, Denslow

Nays- None Absent- Murchison **Abstained:** None **Motion Carried**

E. Correspondence

1. City Manager report
2. Police Department report
3. DPW report
4. Zoning Admin report

Received

F. Unfinished Business

1. City website

City Treasurer, Storms, updated Council with progress of new City website. She will send to Mayor & interested Council members for comment.

G. New Business

1. Resolution 2020-46 OPRA Application Resolution

Resolution to approve an obsolete property rehabilitation exemption certificate application.

Council presented with application for property address: 1053 E. Wilcox, requesting a 10 year exemption for a \$21,000.00 estimated cost of rehabilitation.

Council recommended change to Resolution 2020-46 is for a period of 5 years, not the requested 10 years.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Shears to approve Resolution 2020-46, granting an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption for the Parcel 15-05-134-016 for a 5-year period.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Dault, Shears, Scott, Becker, Zatalokin, Denslow

Nays- None Absent- Murchison **Abstained:** None **Motion Carried**

2. Resolution 2020-53 Setting meeting dates for the City Council calendar year 2021

Mayor introduced committee of the whole; eliminate individual personnel, water, budget

committees would become committee of the whole to discuss action items for Council approval.

Suggestion to hold committee of the whole meetings following City Council meetings.

Meeting dates of August 3 changed to August 10, November 2 changed to November 9.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Becker to approve Resolution 2020-53 with changes of meeting dates and have committee of whole meetings follow City Council meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Dault, Becker, Scott, Zatalokin, Shears, Denslow

Nays- None Absent- Murchison **Abstained:** None **Motion Carried**

City Manager Ridge will research and draft a resolution to change to a committee of whole at the January meeting.

3. Resolution 2020-54 Expenditures for City of White Cloud

A resolution approving expenditure for the City of White Cloud for November 1-24, 2020.

Motion by Dault, Seconded by Zatalokin to approve Resolution 2020-54.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Dault, Zatalokin, Scott, Shears, Denslow, Becker

Nays- None Absent- Murchison Abstained: None Motion Carried

4. Designated Assessor Interlocal Agreement

The County must provide the State Tax Commission with the interlocal agreement executed by the County Board of Commissioners, a majority of the assessing districts within the county, and the proposed Designated Assessor for the county. Daniel Kirwin has volunteered to be Designated Assessor. The contract with the Designated Assessor will only go into effect when our unit fails to pass the AMAR (Audit of minimum assessing requirements) successfully.

Motion by Dault, Seconded by Becker to approve Designated Assessor Interlocal Agreement.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Dault, Becker, Scott, Zatalokin, Shears, Denslow

Nays- None Absent- Murchison Abstained: None Motion Carried

5. Special Events Application - Hometown Holiday: A White Cloud Christmas

Special Events Application submitted by promoter River Country Chamber of Commerce of Newaygo County for "Hometown Holiday: A White Cloud Christmas" at Charles-Smith Memorial Park on December 19, 2020. Plan A & Plan B were listed on the application due to COVID-19.

Motion by Dault, Seconded by Becker to approve Plan B of the Special Events Application for River Country Chamber, and waive the \$50.00 application fee.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Dault, Becker, Zatalokin, Shears, Scott, Denslow

Nays- None Absent- Murchison Abstained: None Motion Carried

6. MERS Addendum

MERS defined benefit plan adoption agreement addendum presented to Council. City Manager recommendations:

IV. Provisions, #1 Service Credit Qualification to show: To receive one month of service credit, an employee shall work (or be paid for as if working) 80 hours in a month.

IV. Provisions #2 Type of Leave, currently excludes Short-and Long-term disability, add this

IV. Provisions #3 Definition of Compensation recommend base wage, no overtime or lump sum for final average compensation.

Motion by Dault, Seconded by Becker to approve MERS Addendum with City Manager recommendations.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Dault, Becker, Scott, Zatalokin, Shears, Denslow

Nays- None Absent- Murchison Abstained: None Motion Carried

7. Openings to committees, boards, and commissions

a. ~~Property Maintenance Board of Appeals~~

b. Cemetery Committee

Mayor recommendation to reappoint Curt Crandell to Cemetery Committee for term 1/1/2021-12/31/2025.

Motion by Shears, Seconded by Dault to reappoint Curt Crandell to the Cemetery Board for the recommended term.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Shears, Dault, Zatalokin, Scott, Becker, Denslow

There is one seat expiring December 31, 2020; Brian Miller will be contacted to see if interested in continuing his seat.

Nays- None Absent- Murchison Abstained: None Motion Carried

c. Planning Commission

There are three seats that expire at the end of December. Mayor would like to discuss with Planning Commission Chair and Zoning Administrator the applicants for Planning Commission. There are five interested people for three open seats. Mayor will move forward with appointments in January.

- 8. City Manager & DPW Supervisor authorization to negotiate for purchase of bucket truck. City Manager requesting authority to spend up to \$5,500.00 to purchase the truck City has borrowed and rented from Midway Towing for hanging city banners, trimming trees, and hanging decorations.

Motion by Dault, Seconded by Shears to approve and authorize City Manager to spend up to \$5,500.00 to purchase a bucket truck.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Dault, Shears, Becker, Zatalokin, Scott, Denslow

Nays- None Absent- Murchison Abstained: None Motion Carried

H. Public Comment

Y. Ridge – Staff members are working remote; electronics were purchased with Cares Act funding. Website feedback would be good. Zoning Admin is doing code enforcement while working remote. Police department will have an enforcement officer in the school again. DPW getting Christmas decorations and lights up. Dumpster will be at North Street house. Thanks to all City Staff!

K. Arnold – Marihuana Board granted application for Adult-Use/Recreational License at 230 N. Charles.

I. Council Member Comments

H. Becker – Bench-Light pole is damaged, needs repaired across from the bank.

C. Dault – Happy Holidays, thank City Manager, welcome Zoning Admin.

L. Shears – Happy Holidays, winter flags look good, thanks for moving fall décor.

J. Denslow – Happy Holidays

J. Adjournment

Motion by Becker, Seconded by Dault to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Becker, Dault, Scott, Shears, Zatalokin, Denslow

Nays- None Absent- Murchison Abstained: None

Motion Carried



Jamie Denslow, Mayor



Kelli Arnold, Clerk

Approved on 1-5-2021