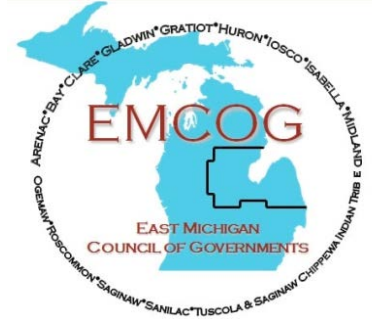


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EMCOG FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, March 2, 2018 - 10:00 A.M.

Mt. Pleasant City Hall

320 West Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m. by Chairperson Moffit. The roll was called, and a quorum was present.

William R. Mrdeza, Planning Director for the City of Mt. Pleasant welcomed all to the Mt. Pleasant and provided an update on the ongoing campus incident. As a result of that incident he advised they would be unable to do the presentation regarding the building as originally planned.

Introduction of new members and guests

The Council welcomed Mr. Jim McBride, Middle Michigan Development Corporation Director.

MINUTES: Moved by C/Dworzecki, seconded by C/O'Farrell to approve the January 19, 2018 minutes as sent. Motion passed.

Public Comment Period

No one wish to be heard.

REPORTS

*** Chairman's Report**

The chair announced his retirement from The City of Gladwin as City Manager effective July 5, 2018. He will continue his commitment to Chair the Full Council through December 2018. Currently, he has no plans after retirement.

*** Director's Report**

The Director reported that:

- During last month she updated the Asset Management point of contact information for Internet reporting for counities, cities and villages for Act 51.
- Work Program: Staff are analyzing based on a matrix that Jane compiled into a spreadsheet. We were all surprised to see that for 2018 there are 219 work items.
- We received our RPI grant award notice and Jane will report on that.
- Also working on the Indirect certification for the office for our Federal host which is

EDA.

- There was an Executive Committee Meeting February 22nd.
- Additional road funding legislation passed the Senate – \$175 million for roads.

* **Financial Report - C/Dworzecki**

The Treasurer's report was sent with the Agenda and was reviewed for Council members by the Treasurer. Moved by C/Byard, seconded by C/Balzer to accept and file the Treasurers report. Motion passed.

STAFF Reports

* **Transportation – Dave Engelhardt (written)**

Verbal report given; written attached and on-file.

* **ECM PR-5 RPI – Jane Fitzpatrick**

Our RPI V funding amount was \$180,000.00 with most of the funding going to our mini-grant program – estimated at \$132,000. We will be working on a call for programs and applications. Discussion.

* **Special Projects Status and updates – Bill Ernat**

Seven of the 8 grants submitted were awarded for the IBT. Grants for Hazard Mitigation for Gratiot and Sanilac are progressing. Work is starting on the text portion of the draft for the Non-Motorized Plan. If anyone has trail photos, please send them to Bill or Dave.

Jane - Pat Killingbeck sent a huge thank you for Bill for doing such a great job.

PRESENTATION: The Borden Building – introduction by C/Mrdeza

Information packets are available. Due to lock-down there can be no tour. If there are any questions, staff would be happy to answer.

NADO CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE: Moved by C/Dworzecki, seconded by C/Myers to authorize Jane Fitzpatrick to attend the NADO Conference in Washington D.C. March 19 – 22, 2018. All costs, estimated at \$2,800, are budgeted and will be paid from the 2016-2019 EDA grant. Motion passed.

INTEGRATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL: Moved by C/ Dworzecki, seconded by C/Redmond to authorize Red Team to approve staff drafting of an Integrated Economic Development proposal to EDA – submission due date – March 30, 2018. Motion passed.

MICHIGAN FEDERAL PROJECT REVIEW

There were no reviews.

Council member reports

Bill Mrdeza – No further update on today's situation. Will update when available.

Ordinance Character Based code – The City feels it is going to allow greater flexibility in our development moving forward. It will also be more predictable to developers and will make the ordinance easier to understand. The new ordinance is somewhat consistent with Re-development Ready Community Best Practices. The City is also moving forward planning for a

new City Master Plan. They hope to hire a consultant by this fall and carry that into 2019. Part of the process would be a component to look at a Mission Street corridor study as well as Medical marijuana. There is pressure to move on this and work is continuing but the City is taking a cautious approach. Also looking at a Property maintenance code – “Blight” update.

Tori McAfee – Still working on medical marijuana ordinance, also receiving pressure. Looking to adopt a drone ordinance, researching.

Sandy Altman - Gladwin is moving along with a re-construction project within our Court house. They have hired James Bates, Architect. Also looking into hiring an Administrator. Moving forward with inspection at the time of sale for the water and septic systems within the county and would like it to be a county-wide ordinance. Also, will be reviewing what has happened here today and how it has been handled with her Board.

Rosalie Myers – Noted that there was active shooter training in Roscommon County this past summer. A Memorandum of understanding was signed by Chair of County Commissioners with MichiganWorks Region 7B, starting April first Brenda combined AC MichiganWorks/PSP.

Jay O’Farrell - Iosco’s GIS project is now moving forward, internal courthouse security is almost complete, one entrance into the complex, card entry, cameras. The County is also considering the idea of school security. There are 4 school Districts within Iosco and there is discussion of entering into an agreement to hire 5 to 6 deputies to be staged at each area high schools. Split cost of deputies. Still looking at it.

Zyggy Dworzecki – Not much happening, windmill battles continue.

Gary Stefanko – Oscoda Airport Manager - Wurtsmith Runway re-surfacing project is scheduled for this summer with Reith Riley.

Tracy Byard - Gearing up for 3rd annual Easter egg hunt which will be the Saturday of Easter Weekend. Rosalie it’s been a pleasure, thank you and good luck.

Kasey Zehner- There is new business development downtown including an escape room coming to St. Louis, ice cream shop, a couple restaurant expansions, a performance art venue, and a couple manufacturers are expanding.

Jim McBride- Rosebush Wind Project - Apex Wind Energy is in the process of a wind study. Will cover 6 plus townships in northern Isabella County. Looking at upwards of 200 towers. They have estimated local government will receive around \$30 million for the project and lease holders will receive about a ONE HUNDRED MILLION over the life of these towers. Under the ordinance the county passed for this project, if you sign a lease you still get paid even if you don’t have a tower on your property. Another project this spring/summer is an extension of a Gratiot County project in Pine River & Coe Township - 31 to 32 towers. Discussion followed.

Brenda Bachelder – Roscommon County is looking at putting the Headlee Restoration Millage on the ballot this fall or winter and doing some strategic planning.

Bob Balzer – We received public notice we are going to receive \$650,000 for road construction.

Most of his time is spent with community and educational development type matters such as the Gladwin County Leadership program, where they have 18 participants. This is a 9-month program which meets once a month. His module, Economic Development is coming in April so, we have contracted with Lisa Hadden to do an Asset Based Community Development presentation.

They have also initiated Junior Achievement. Gladwin County Land Bank has been working with the RESD. We donate property to them and our kids will be building another home in Beaverton this year. There will be a Mock interview day being held at Mid-Michigan Community College. And the RLF/Gladwin County EDC, just did a loan start-up business in the amount of \$18,500.00 for a BBQ Concession type project.

Bob Redmond - Medical Marijuana in Pinconning and Bangor Township are big issues at this moment. Pinconning Township has used fees for license applications to hire 2 Sheriff's Deputies, 2 cars and a canine unit. Currently the Bridges in Bay City are not being maintained.

There being no other business to come before the Council, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynne".

Lynne Parker