THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 4, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.
ZOOM MEETING

Per Executive Order issued by the Governor, this meeting was attended and cast through Zoom. Closed Captioning was available for those who would require it. The City of Douglas remote meeting policy and guidelines were in place.

1. Call to Order: By Mayor at 7:00 PM

2. Roll Call: Present – Donovan, Miller, Mooradian, North, Seabert, Van Loon, Lion
   Also Present – City Manager LaBombard, City Clerk Aalderink, City Treasurer Smith

3. Consent Calendar:
   A. Approve January 4, 2021 Agenda
   B. Approve Pride Garden Workshop
   C. Approve Workshop Minutes of December 21, 2020
   D. Approve Minutes of December 21, 2020
   E. Approve invoices in the amount of $38,565.59
   F. Appointments / Resignations / Proclamations
      1. Dan Urquhart to Kalamazoo Lake Sewer Water Authority Term Ending Jan. 2022

   Motion by Seabert, with support from Van Loon, to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4. Public Communication:
   A. Verbal (Limit of 3 minutes)
      Suzanne Dixon – Thanked Mr. Kenny for submitting his letter, she will be sending her own letter to the City Manager. Three (3) plans were available for a use of 200 Blue Star Hwy., no discussion was held with the Brownfield Authority regarding these plans. She believes the MOU signed in 2018 should be abandoned.

      Tracy Shafroth – Also Thanked Mr. Kenny for his letter. She questioned just who owned the building at 200 Blue Star Hwy., is it the city or the Brownfield Authority. Addressing the MOU, she would also like to see council abandon it. There needs to be more community involvement for the clean-up and future build.

   B. Written Communication
      1. Betsy York Letter
      2. Robert Kenny Letter – Pulled by Councilwoman Mooradian who questioned how the nullification of the MOU would have to take place if council decided to make this move. Council recommended holding a workshop on 200 Blue Star Hwy. Mayor Lion stated this question would be brought back at the next meeting.

5. Unfinished Business:

A. Resolution 42-2020 Cell Phone Stipend Policy
Treasurer Smith addressed concerns from council regarding staff using their own phones rather than a city issued phone and how best to protect city information. Phones are to be password protected.

Motion by Van Loon, with support from Miller, to approve Resolution 42-2020 adopting Finance/Budget Policy Statement No. 04-2020 titled "Cell Phone & Personal Cell Phone Reimbursement Policy." Motion carried by 6-1 roll call vote. Donovan cast a no vote due to employee safety.

6. New Business:

A. Resolution 01-2021 Appointing a 2021 Advisory Tri-Community Recycling Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion by Seabert, with support from Mooradian, to adopt Resolution 01-2021 Advisory Tri Community Recycling Ad Hoc Committee. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

7. Reports

A. Commission / Committee / Board Reports

1. Planning Commission – Next meeting will be January 13th
2. Kalamazoo Lake Sewer Water Authority – No meeting
3. Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority – No meeting
4. Downtown Development Authority – Meetings changed to the 4th Monday of the month.
5. Douglas Harbor Authority – No meeting
6. Douglas Brownfield Authority – Next meeting will be January 14th
7. Fire Board – No meeting
8. Community Recreation – No meeting
9. Recycle Committee – Next meeting will be January 13th
10. Tri-Community Trail Group – Elected new officers

B. Staff Reports

1. Community Development / Planning / Zoning – No report
2. City Manager – The city has been presented with the keys to the old library building, there are several interested individuals who wish to move into the building. Thanked Mr. Kenny for the informative letter.

8. Public Communication:
Tracy Shafroth- Concerned with tree preservation within the city. Thanked Betsy York for her letter.

9. Council Comments:
North - Extended her thanks to Mr. Kenny.

Van Loon – Also thanked Mr. Kenny for his informative letter.
Donovan – Thanked Seabert for the beautiful downtown decorations, the city looked great.
Seabert – Thanked Mr. Kenny.

Miller – Asked if the library building will be going out for RFP? Feels strongly that it should be advertised as available and everyone given a chance to submit an RFP. Also believes the city should hire a consultant to manage the process of moving forward with the 200 Blue Star Hwy. building.
Mooradian – requested Mr. Kenny's letter remain a reference moving ahead.

10. Mayor's Report:
City Manager and Mayor will meet to create a timeline for 200 Blue Star.

11. Adjournment:
Motion by Seabert, with support from North, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approved on January 14, 2021

Signed: _____
Patricia Lion, Mayor

Signed: _____
Pamela Aalderink, City Clerk

Certification of Minutes

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of the Village of Douglas held on_____. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

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Pamela Aalderink, City Clerk Date