

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 4, 2021

The regular meeting of the Pontiac City Council was held on January 4, 2021 via Zoom in accordance with the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations and Executive Order in regards to the Open Meeting

Mayor Alvey called to order the meeting of the City Council at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Alvey swore in Frank Giovanini as the appointed Ward 1 Alderman and a member of the Civic Center Authority.

The City Clerk was directed to call roll, and the following members of the Council were present: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Hicks, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

MEETING OF THE PONTIAC CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY

Mayor Alvey asked that the record show the same Aldermen present for this meeting as are present for the regular Council meeting: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Hicks, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille

Mayor Alvey asked if there was any business to come before the Civic Center Board this evening. Hearing none, he declared the meeting closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Alvey stated that there were two items on the consent agenda. He asked if there was a need to have any item removed for later discussion. Hearing none, motion made by Eckhoff, second by Bradshaw that the items on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

A. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Bradshaw to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020 City Council meeting. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Hicks, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

B. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Bradshaw to approve the payment of bills totaling \$281,652.67 from all funds. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Hicks, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Stephen Henry - Request to Address

Pontiac resident, Stephen Henry had talked to Taylor Baxter regarding the reserving of time slots for the ice rink. He thought the posting of a whole month at a time gave a disadvantage to some. Taylor noted that the reservations were now posted a week at a time.

B. 3rd Quarter Financial Review

City Administrator, Bob Karls went over preliminary figures from last years budget, projected budget for this year, noting that the 3rd quarter of 2020 was better than expected with regards to sale tax revenue and COVID and noting the CURES grant of \$490,000.00.

C. Sales Tax Referendum

Discussion on whether or not Council would like the sales tax referendum on the April 2021 ballot. It was the consensus of the Council that a resolution be put to vote, at the next Council meeting, to put the referendum on the April 6, 2021 election.

D. Federal Use of Force Certification - Chief Woolford

Chief Woolford explained to Council the Federal Use of Force Certification by U.S. Attorney General's Executive Order on Safe Policing and noted that the Pontiac force meets the federal use of force eligibility requirements for certification.

E. Parks and Recreation Department Purchase

Motion by Causer, second by Eckhoff to approve the purchase of CiviRec Software at a cost of \$9,863.91 a year for three years and \$7,394.82 for year four. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Hicks, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Alvey noted that the Fireworks on December 31, 2020 were well attended and enjoyable and also thanked staff for work during the recent ice storm.

Administrator Comments

The next Council meeting will be determined where it will be held or if will be a Zoom meeting depending if the Governor releasing some restrictions. Also, depending on restrictions, budget meeting may need to be held in two groups.

Council Comments

Alderman Kallas asked about Deerfield Rd being in bad shape, mostly because of the detour of Interstate 55.

Public Comments

Ed Lipinski sent in questions via e-mail. Copy attached to minutes,

Adjournment

On motion duly made and seconded, the regular meeting of the City Council was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon L Dunham
City Clerk

Stephanie Kennedy

From: joanE lipinski <iartjoane@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 8:06 AM
To: City of Pontiac
Subject: Elks Club Purchase

this is being submitted to be read at tonight's council meeting. we hope for some responses.

joanE and ed lipinski

Mayor Alvey and members of the council,

We read with interest the newsletter and rationale for the city to spend \$500,000 of taxpayers money to purchase the Elks Club and golf course for the city of Pontiac, and we have a few questions.
While golfing is an all ages, recreational activity, how many people presently use the golf course? What projected number of people will be using it? What is the estimated income from this?
Will additional walking pathways be established in the area? At what cost? Will these be available free of charge? Will they be accessible? Will the required restrooms for the area be provided? At what cost? Are there safety issues (flying golf balls) accounted for on these paths? Will these pathways have limited time availability?
What is the projected schedule for completing the bike path?
What considerations have been made for entering and exiting traffic from the club area? Will there be safe pedestrian access to the entrance?
Have the condominium residents been included in this consideration, their interests considered?
Basically, what are the " numbers" for the benefits you envision? What losses has the Elks Club sustained? What are other community golf course profits? How many more jobs will this create? What are community non- profits incomes from golf outings? What numbers do businesses and glcedc have to show how this would benefit the community growth? How do you plan to include local businesses in benefitting from this investment?
Have you considered, or will you consider a referendum to allow voter input on this issue?
While we see the benefit of the "early" consideration of preserving this property, as some properties have been "lost" to the community in the past, we would like to see more research and more public discussion on this topic.
We await the response to these questions ,and hope they will be publicly addressed.

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