City of Petersburg

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting

November 20, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Petersburg Municipal Building

24 E. Center Street

Petersburg, MI 49270

A Regular Meeting of the Council for the City of Petersburg was held on the above date.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor, James W. Holeman

Councilpersons present were Terri Bauer, Charles Bruckner, Dawn Cilley, Kevin Richards, Lawrence Schadewald, and Joanne Tollison.

Absent:

Moved by Bruckner to approve the agenda as printed. Supported by Bauer. Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0) Motion carried.

Minutes of the last meeting were presented to Council in printed form as recorded.

Moved by Richards that the minutes of the previous meeting, 11/6/17, be approved. Supported by Cilley. Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0) Motion carried.

Invoices were presented to council in printed form by accounts: General fund-\$34,489.85; Police fund-\$24,915.25; Major St.-\$287.50; Local St.-\$70.00; Sewer fund-\$6,385.26; Water fund-\$33,834.40 for a total of \$99,982.26. Moved by Bruckner that the invoices as presented be approved and checks drawn for the same. Supported by Tollison. Roll Call Vote: Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0) Motion carried.

## **Public Comment:**

## **New Business:**

Mayor welcomed new councilwoman Dawn Cilley.

Dave Kubiske from David Arthur Consultants presented the Water System Reliability Study which updates the 2014/15 Mannik & Smith report and meets DEQ requirements. Kubiske pointed out 1 major problem is our tower is higher than Ida, causing lower pressure. One solution would be a booster pump, especially in regards to fire suppression.

Kubiske also reported that Chuck Miller, Elizabeth St. resident, contacted the Independent newspaper regarding issues he has with the Safe Route to School project. The Independent editor then contacted Kubiske for clarification. Also, in regards to Safe Routes, MDOT is requiring the Miller's on Ida West who sold property to the City in 2003 sign an acknowledgment that they are OK with the sidewalk going there. The City attorney has drafted a document and will contact the Miller's for their signatures. Once this piece is completed, bids will go out in February to be returned to MDOT in March.

Kevin Richards has resigned from Planning Commission so that Dawn Cilley can remain, otherwise there would have been a quorum of Council people. Planning will need to appoint a new Chairperson and fill the vacant seat. They meet November 28 and hopefully will have a candidate in mind for next council meeting.

Mayor reported lightning damage at the Water Tower to the electronic equipment of at least \$6000. Will require an insurance claim once repairs are complete.

## **Old Business:**

Discussed Tower Point Capital lease offers. Council asked Mayor to find out how long the 60% share of additional revenue will last before making a decision at next meeting.

Mayor spoke to Mr. Bacome, the Ida West Road resident with unpaid water tap, and he'd prefer to have \$840 added to his winter taxes yearly for 10 years. The City's attorney will draft a contract for this.

Mayor reported City biosolids were supposed to be applied to farmland in Summerfield Township recently, but were halted due to a township ordinance. They are being redirected to the same farmer's field in Erie now, pending approval. Mayor will continue to deal with the Township on this matter.

Moved by Tollison that Council adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Supported by Richards. Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0) Motion carried.

Guests: Dave Kubiske, Bobbie Richards	
Employees: Leanne Goodin, Donna Maert	in

Minutes submitted by:	Leanne G. Goodin, Clerk
Minutes approved by:	Mayor James W. Holeman