

City of Watervliet
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2018, at 6:30 PM.

HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC ACT 267 OF 1976

Meeting was called to order by Mayor David Brinker at 6:31 P.M. Larry Hehl led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Brinker-present, Comm. Cobb-present, Comm. Muth-present, Comm. Strunk-present, Comm. Kinzler-absent, Comm. Hehl-present, Comm. Whitney -absent.
Also in Attendance: City Manager Michael Uskiewicz and Clerk Dena Yow

Approval of Agenda: Cobb motioned, seconded by Hehl, to approve the agenda with the removal of Planning Commission Minutes and postponing Res. 04-2018.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

Berrien County Drain Commissioner- Chris Quattrin spoke about the South Watervliet Drain Project. Discussed a detention area, vacating a portion of Park Street, and asked for the approval of an easement so the project can move forward. Alan Smaka and Sam Leatch from Wightman Engineering also spoke about the project.

Public Comments: John Hinkleman-Berrien County Commission updated the Commission about disaster relief funds.

Approval of Minutes: Strunk motioned, seconded by Cobb to approve the meeting minutes from February 13, 2018.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

Motion to Receive and File:

Planning Minutes of Feb. 26, 2018. REMOVED

Approval of Invoices/Expenditures: Cobb motioned, seconded by Hehl, to approve Acct. Payable in the amount of \$68,366.70 and Payroll in the amount of \$47,624.55 for a total of \$115,991.25.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

Department Reports: Cobb motioned, seconded by Muth, to accept reports as presented. Clerk, Utilities, Police, Ordinance, Zoning, Pride Care, Public Works, Fire Department(Jan.), Sewer Plant, and Manager reports.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business:

- Resolution 03-2018 Budget Amend—Resolution read by Mayor Brinker. Cobb motioned, seconded by Muth to approve the Budget Amendment Resolution.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Muth, Hehl, Cobb, Strunk and Brinker

Nays: Abstain: Absent: Kinzler and Whitney

Motion Carried.

New Business:

- 1) North Berrien Museum- Jack and Scott from the Historical Society spoke and handed out information about the museum. Resolution 06-2018 New Millage for the museum was read by Mayor Brinker. Cobb motioned, seconded by Muth to approve Resolution 06-2018.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Muth, Hehl, Cobb, Strunk and Brinker

Nays: Abstain: Absent: Kinzler and Whitney

Motion Carried.

- 2) Resolution 04-2018 Clarifying Language
Postponed till next meeting.

- 3) Resolution 05-2018 South Watervliet Drain – Read by Cobb
Cobb motioned, seconded by Strunk to approve Resolution 05-2018 with the addition of wording to include retention as an option.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Hehl, Cobb, Strunk, Muth and Brinker

Nays: Abstain: Absent: Kinzler and Whitney

Motion Carried.

- 4) Purchase of Water Meters – Cobb motioned, seconded by Muth to approve the purchase of water meters from Core & Main in the amount of \$26,944.00.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Hehl, Cobb, Strunk, Muth and Brinker

Nays: Abstain: Absent: Kinzler and Whitney

Motion Carried.

Discussion and Possible Decision –

Friends of the Paw Paw River – Rick Rasmussen spoke to the Commission and asked if the Commission would think about budgeting funds for the maintenance of the Paw Paw River. Strunk motioned, seconded by Muth to budget \$5,000 for the maintenance and upkeep of the Paw Paw River.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Hehl, Cobb, Strunk, Muth and Brinker

Nays: Abstain: Absent: Kinzler and Whitney

Motion Carried.

City-wide Rummage and Dump passes. The Commission agreed to schedule the City-wide rummage for May 17th-19th.

Discussion was had about using dump passes instead of the usual city-wide clean-up days where the Public Works employees have to pick-up items set-out by the residents. Cobb motioned, seconded by Strunk to purchase 2-yard dump passes from Orchard Hill Landfill.

Ayes: Cobb, Hehl, and Brinker. Nays: Muth and Strunk. Motion Carried.

Announcements – Read by the Clerk.

Mrs. Strunk expressed to the Clerk that crossing guard Rick K was doing a great day.

Mrs. Palmitier expressed to the Clerk that she appreciates all the work that PWD did during the flood.

Privilege of the Floor- None.

Adjournment: Muth motioned, seconded by Hehl to adjourn the commission meeting at 7:48 p.m.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

David M. Brinker/Mayor

Dena M. Yow/Clerk