

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 26, 2016**

The Regular City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bronson in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Riddle, Couture, Kwiatkowski, Bronson and Temple

Absent: King and Lavender

Councilwoman Riddle moved to excuse Councilman King and Councilman Lavender; supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Riddle led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Approval of Agenda, and Receive and File all Communications:**

Councilman King moved to approve the Agenda and receive and file all communications; supported by Councilman Temple. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

▪ **Regular City Council Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2016.**

Councilwoman Riddle moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2016 as presented; supported by Mayor Pro Tem Couture. Motion carried unanimously.

**Department, Boards and Commission Reports:**

▪ **Department of Public Safety Monthly Statistics, February & March 2016 -** Received and filed.

**Resolutions:**

▪ **Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses – Seedums Garden Club** – Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski stated the Seedums Garden Club is the group that does all the gardening at the Cheboygan Historic building, City Hall, Hospice, and all over the City. They are going to have a raffle and give away flower arrangements.

Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for the Seedums Garden Club; supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

▪ **Resolution of Appreciation – Mr. David Kronberg** – City Manager Eustice stated Mr. David Kronberg was a long-term member of the Planning Commission and part of the inaugural membership of the Port Commission. On April 11, 2016 he had to resign from both the Planning Commission and Port Commission. He then read the Resolution of Appreciation into the record as follows:

***Resolution of Appreciation***

**WHEREAS Mr. David Kronberg** began service to the citizens of the City of Cheboygan by being appointed to the Planning Commission on April 25, 2006, and

**WHEREAS**, he was then elected and served as a Chairperson of the Planning Commission from June 15, 2009 to the time of his resignation, being April 11, 2016, and

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**WHEREAS**, on November 11, 2014 **Mr. David Kronberg** was appointed by the City Council to serve on the Port Commission, his term running concurrently with his term on the Planning Commission, and **WHEREAS**, his tireless work and expertise was extremely instrumental in the development of the Port Project and its success to date, and

**WHEREAS**, the enormant amount of time **Mr. David Kronberg** committed to the re-write of the current Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan did not go unnoticed, and

**WHEREAS**, he was appointed by the Planning Commission on January 15, 2007 to the Riverfront Development Plan Sub-Committee, subsequently presenting the Riverfront Development Plan to the City Council on November 23, 2010, which was adopted, as Chairperson of the Planning Commission, and

**WHEREAS**, **Mr. David Kronberg** served the citizens of the City of Cheboygan with great distinction and commitment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Council hereby recognize **Mr. David Kronberg** as a public servant to be held in the highest regard, recognize him for his many positive contributions to the City of Cheboygan, and sincerely thank him for his dedication over the years.

Dated this 26 day of April 2016.

Councilwoman Kwiatkowski moved to adopt the resolution of Appreciation for Mr. David Kronberg; supported by Mayor Pro Tem Couture. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

### **General Business:**

▪ **Consideration to Take Requests for Proposals – Repaving of W. Lincoln Avenue from the West City Limits to S. Western Avenue AND Duncan Avenue from Eastern Avenue to Marina Drive** - City Manager Eustice stated City Engineer James Granger has developed a cost estimate of what needs to be done and we are requesting to send out Requests for Proposals to MDOT certified road contractors for these two repaving projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Couture moved to approve the taking of Requests for Proposals for the repaving of W. Lincoln Avenue from the West City Limits to S. Western Avenue AND Duncan Avenue from Eastern Avenue to Marina Drive; supported by Councilwoman Kwiatkowski. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comments:**

▪ **Reusable Bags** - Mr. David Martin introduced himself and read a letter addressed to City Council from his mother, Karen Martin, regarding the plastic shopping bags and the summer 2016 campaign called Bring It Cheboygan, showing the bag that is designed and made in Cheboygan. He then presented the reusable bags that are made in Cheboygan. Ms. Kathy Bricker of the Straits Area Audubon Society stated they are really pleased with the reusable bag effort “Bring It Cheboygan”. She noted they are raising \$20.00 per bag and are awarding Council Members with a bag because of their support for this effort. She encouraged Council and asked that they encourage others to use these bags, adding they appreciate Council’s support. She also passed out information on Earth Week. It was noted that a photo with Council will be taken following the meeting for the Audubon Society.

▪ **Duncan Avenue** - Mr. Ray Lofgren stated two weeks ago he met with City Manager Eustice regarding the condition of Duncan Avenue and put together an immediate price quote that he gave to City Manager Eustice. He went on to state that he is not a certified MDOT road contractor. If Duncan Avenue from Eastern Avenue to Marina Drive gets done, he thinks it will be very costly and he does not expect the City is going to want to spend that kind of money. He explained there

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is about 600 lineal feet where the old corduroy road is popping through. The DPW put down a bucket of hot patch about 10 days ago and leveled it off, which did make the road passable but tonight after a couple of rains it will pop back out. He stated he would like to see at least a little bit of the road done this year, noting it has been problematic for years. Mr. Lofgren then stated there is a stretch about 190 feet long right in the middle of the road that has 9 or 10 pretty good holes right now. He thinks if those holes were cut out and the 600 feet was done, it would sure get by for many years. He informed the Council that 35 years ago they started repairing that road and some of the corduroy was taken out.

### City Clerk/Treasurer's Comments:

- **Current Budget Update AND 2016/2017 Budget** - Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski stated questions on this budget document can be addressed to City Manager Eustice or himself. City Manager Eustice stated Council has a current Budget update and a preliminary budget for 2016/2017 that is similar to the current budget year. There is not much of an increase in State revenue sharing or property taxes. We will basically be faced with the same amount of monies to operate as we did last year for the General Fund. He thinks the City will be fine as far as the projects and the programs we need to do. City Manager Eustice noted they do have several Budget adjustments that will have to be made from the current year for any time we went over what was budgeted to get these back in line before the end of the fiscal year. He pointed out the S. Huron Street culvert project was not a budgeted project and an adjustment will have to be made. We are at budget right now for the Ice Rink/Pavilion with two months to go; much of that is under professional services which was the installation of the dehumidifier system. This adjustment will be made because we have monies from the Spies Trust Fund to help pay for this, although not a budgeted item. If it was not for the dehumidifier system, we would be right at budget. Councilwoman Riddle asked if the new dehumidifier will hold costs down a little. City Manager Eustice stated he thought the savings would be certainly more significant as far as energy costs, but it looks like at this point it is not that significant. He noted that we started the ice season earlier in September, which contributed to the energy costs being up. Councilwoman Riddle asked if workshops will begin in early fall this year. City Manager Eustice stated Rink Manager Coxe is working on clinics and there is at least one team that would like to start early in the season and maybe have tournaments in September. The plan is to, shortly after Labor Day, get ice back on. We should break even, while giving teams the opportunity to play early and get clinics in. Councilwoman Riddle asked if we will be able to offer more open skating earlier in the season. City Manager Eustice replied yes. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski commented there are areas of concern that he has with part-time employees, which he will be addressing with Council in June, noting Parks & Recreation will have \$29,000 in wages for part-time employees this budget year (maintenance of properties but is not saying it is not warranted) and similar numbers in the Police Department (part-time employee addressing blight). The Parks & Recreation budget may end to be \$15,000 to \$20,000 over budget. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski informed Council the sewer fund is going to be quite a bit over budget but DPW Director Karmol is replacing things that have been obsolete and unreplaceable for many years, noting a new pump was recently purchased that totaled about \$40,000 with installation.

- **Pinehill Cemetery Tree Removal/Trimming** – Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski told Council that he, DPW Director Karmol and Ms. Gracie Larson spent 1 ½ hours at the Cemetery marking 39 trees for removal and as many or more for limbing. The Cemetery right now is quite a liability. The windstorms over the winter have left many large detached limbs hanging up in trees. He will be placing an ad in the Tribune and will contact local tree service companies to obtain Requests for Proposals, which will be brought back to Council. Mayor Bronson asked how

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the trees are marked. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski stated they used pink spray paint and anything with an “x” is for removal and anything marked with an “I” is for limb trimming.

### City Manager’s Report:

- **Consumers Tree Cutting** - City Manager Eustice stated Consumers is removing a lot of trees and he will be addressing the way some of the trees have been trimmed with Ms. Kathleen Butler at Consumers Energy. Mayor Bronson asked if the City crew has also done some tree work. City Manager Eustice replied yes, they have been doing some non-utility type trimming.
- **Spring Clean-Up** - City Manager Eustice announced Spring clean-up began Monday, which will run through May 6, 2016. Councilman Temple asked if a time limit has been set for property owners to clean-up after Consumers’ tree removal. City Manager Eustice replied no, stating this needs to be addressed. He noted that anyone wanting trees that have been cut must get the permission of the property owner before removing. A brief discussion was held.
- **DDA – Sound System for Festival Square** - City Manager Eustice informed Council the DDA made a motion at their last meeting to purchase a sound system for Festival Square. This has been discussed with legal counsel and the DDA has the money so we are going to go ahead and purchase it with monies from the original building fund.

### Messages and Communications from Mayor Pro Tem and Council Members:

- **Rep. Chatfield** - Mayor Bronson informed Council that he and Councilwoman Kwiatkowski met with Rep. Chatfield yesterday and discussed some issues such as funding for cities. On a committee that Rep. Chatfield sits on, they will be discussing box stores legislation and the assessment for box stores.
- **Community Garden** – Councilwoman Riddle stated there has been some interest in a community garden and she requested that the City Manager check into a couple of possible locations. She and DPW Director Karmol and City Manager Eustice are working on what we can pull together to get a community garden started.

### Adjournment:

Councilman Temple moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.; supported by Mayor Pro Tem Couture. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Mark C. Bronson

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Clerk/Treasurer Kenneth J. Kwiatkowski

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Councilman Joseph Lavender

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Councilwoman Winifred L. Riddle

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Councilman Vaughn Temple

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Councilman Nathan H. King

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Mayor Pro Tem Nicholas C. Couture

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Councilwoman Betty A. Kwiatkowski