

Mayor Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

The City Council led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Flanagan, Humphrey, Lijewski, Price, Robertson

Staff Present: City Manager Watson, City Clerk; Amy Fidler

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Council member Lijewski, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion item of Beach Parking:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve the consent agenda:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Price, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Public Comment:

Nora Howe

Alex Ott

Public Hearing:

Mayor Humphrey opened the public hearing for vacating of a portion of East Michigan Street between Bell Avenue and Rose Street at 6:37 p.m.

Owner Jeana and Justin Cohen explained the project and answered many questions for the City Council.

Public Comment:

None

Mayor Humphrey closed the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

Mayor Humphrey opened the public hearing for vacating of a portion of Rose Street between US 12 Highway (Buffalo Street) and Michigan Street at 6:51 pm.

Mayor Humphrey closed the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

Public Comment:

None

Mayor Humphrey opened the public hearing for vacating of a portion of Virginia Street between US 12 Highway (Buffalo Street) and Michigan Street at 6:51 p.m.

Public Comment:

None

Mayor Humphrey closed the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

New Business

Special Event Application – NBBA: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Price to approve the Special Event Application for the New Buffalo Business Association’s Farmer’s Market:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Lijewski, Robertson, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendments: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the recommended budget amendments to the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year budget:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Flanagan, Price, Humphrey

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

City’s Fee Schedule: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council Member Price to approve the city’s Master Fee Schedule. Additionally, these fees will become effective upon ratification, unless designated otherwise:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Price, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Lease Purchase: Motion by Council Member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the purchase of the 2021 Chevrolet Equinox from Enterprise in the \$10,599.90 plus fees (not to exceed \$500):

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Oselka Park Pavilion Contract Award: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Price to approve rescinding the awarding of the contract to R. Yoder Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$149,247 and awards the pavilion work at Oselka Park to McGuire’s Professional Construction Inc. in the amount of \$138,348:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Robertson, Lijewski

NAYES: Humphrey

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 4-1.

City Hall Generator Purchase: Motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve contracting with Martell Electric, LLC for the installation of a generator at City Hall in the amount of \$33,392.36:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Flanagan, Price, Humphrey

NAYES: Robertson

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 4-1.

Board Appointments: Motion by Council Member Price, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the appointments of Diane Pychos and Mike Schimanski to the City of New Buffalo’s Downtown Development Authority:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Price, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 5-17 of the Code of Ordinances – Second Reading: Motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve the second reading of the

amendment to Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 5-17 to update the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for the city:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Redevelopment Liquor License: Motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve the Redevelopment Liquor License for New Buffalo Art Gallery located at 137 N. Whittaker:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Discussions:

The City Council had brief discussion on various topics regarding the beach.

Adjournment: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve adjourning the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Price, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

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John Humphrey, Mayor

Ann M. Fidler, City Clerk