

Mayor Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:30 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; Deputy Clerk; Amber Schroeder

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Council member Lijewski, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve the agenda with the following changes move the closed session until after the additional discussion item of the beach:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

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

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Price, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Public Comment:

None

New Business

Resolution to vacate a portion of East Michigan Street right-of-way between Bell Avenue and the Rose Street right-of-way: Motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve vacating of City right-of-way for East Michigan for the project to be located at 1109 East Buffalo (Petite Acres, LLC):

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Lijewski, Robertson, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Resolution to vacate a portion of Virginia Street right-of-way between US 12 Highway (Buffalo Street) and East Michigan Street right-of-way: Motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council Member Lijewski

to approve vacating of City right-of-way for Virginia Street for the project to be located at 1109 East Buffalo (Petite Acres, LLC):

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Flanagan, Price, Humphrey

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Resolution to vacate a portion of Rose Street between US 12 Highway (Buffalo Street) and East Michigan Street right-of-way: Motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the vacating of City rights-of way for Rose Street for the project to be located at 1109 East Buffalo (Petite Acres, LLC):

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Price, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Medic 1 Representative Appointment: Motion by Council Member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the reappointment of City Manager Darwin Watson as the City of New Buffalo's Representative to the Medic 1 Board of Trustees:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Purchase of Tables for Oselka Park: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Flanagan to table the purchase of picnic tables for Oselka Park from Penchura, LLC in the amount of \$30,170:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Awarding of Contract - Abonmarche: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve awarding the harbor maintenance dredging professional services to Abonmarche in the amount of \$33,500:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Price, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Marina Electrical Upgrades Project – Change Order #1: Motion by Council Member Robertson, seconded by Council member Price to approve Change Order #1 for the Transient Marina Electrical Upgrade Project in the amount of \$17,106:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Price, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Discussions: The City Council had a brief discussion on the beach.

Closed Session: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve going into closed session under MCL 15.268 of the Open Meetings Act section 8(a) personnel evaluation of City Manager Watson at 7:12 p.m.:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Mayor Humphrey stated the City Council is reconvening to open session at 8:05 p.m.

Based on City Manager Watson’s evaluation the following motion was made.

Motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve setting Manager Watson salary to \$107,000 with a 4-year contract. After the first year of his contract City Manager Watson’s raises will be based on his evaluation, and will meet or exceed Department Heads raises:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Price, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

April 15, 2024

NEW BUFFALO REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve adjourning the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

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John Humphrey, Mayor

Ann M. Fidler, City Clerk