

The Special Meeting for February 28, 2020 of the New Buffalo City Council was called to order by Mayor Lou O'Donnell at 4:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at New Buffalo City Hall, 224 W. Buffalo Street, New Buffalo, MI 49117.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the City Council.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor O'Donnell, Council Members Robertson, Spirito

Absent: Council Member Ennis, Kroll

Motion by Mayor O'Donnell to excuse Council Member Ennis because she is recovering from surgery, and to excuse Council Member Kroll because he is out of town, seconded by Council Member Robertson.

Unanimous 3-0, Motion Carried

Staff present: City Manager Richards, Clerk; Amy Fidler, Deputy Clerk; Nancy Griffin, Treasurer; Kate Vyskocil

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Council Member Robertson, seconded by Council Member Spirito to approve the agenda.

Unanimous 3-0, Motion Carried

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Robertson seconded by Council Member Spirito to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Unanimous 3-0, Motion Carried.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

a. Ozinga Energy CNG Facility Site Plan Review at 825 S. Whittaker

City Manager Richards reported on the Ozinga CNG Site Plan findings.

- The concerns noted in the Planning Commission report have been addressed: an electric charging station is included in the project; a sound barrier has been included; the site plan is complete and signed by a licensed engineer; both the Police and Fire Chief have given their approvals.
- The proposed project is consistent with the Master Plan land use map being located in the Industrial District where this use is permitted by right.
- The proposed project is a permitted use consistent with surrounding land uses and will not create negative impacts on adjacent property owners.

- The proposed use is consistent with adopted plans for the general area and will not leave the City vulnerable to a validity challenge.
- The proposed project is in keeping with the needs of the community.

Motion by Council Member Robertson, seconded by Council Member Spirito to approve the Ozinga Energy CNG Facility Site Plan Review at 825 S. Whittaker.

Unanimous 3-0, Motion Carried.

New Business

7.a., North Whittaker Street Flooding Control

City Manager Richards reported that Abonmarche solicit quotes for various options to protect the Whittaker Street roadway and associated utilities north of the bridge from high water levels causing erosion to the land between the river and roadway. City Manager Richards went over each quote.

Discussion: The City Council discussed the option.

Motion by Council Member Spirito, seconded by Council Member Robertson to approve the quote from Ozinga in the amount of \$5,360.00.

8. Appointments

i. Board of Review- Jack Kennedy

Motion by Mayor O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Spirito to appoint Jack Kennedy to the Board of Review.

Unanimous 3-0, Motion Carried.

ii. Board of Review- Juli Westergren

Motion by Mayor O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Robertson to appoint Juli Westergren to the Board of Review.

Unanimous 3-0, Motion Carried

iii. Board of Review- Vanessa Thun

Motion by Mayor O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Spirito to appoint Vanessa Thun to the Board of Review.

Unanimous 3-0, Motion Carried.

9. Updates

None

10. Correspondence

None

11. Council Comments

12. Adjournment

Motion by Mayor O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

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