

**Call to Order at 6:31 p.m.**

**Roll Call. Present:** Flanagan, New Buffalo, MI, Berrien County; O'Donnell, Absent; Robertson, New Buffalo, MI, Berrien County; Lijewski, New Buffalo, MI, Berrien County; Mayor Humphrey, New Buffalo, MI, Berrien County.

Motion by Mayor Humphrey, seconded by Flanagan to excuse O'Donnell due to a family emergency: roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mayor Humphrey, seconded by, Flanagan to approve the agenda with the removal of Item E; Beach Rake Project: roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Motion by Lijewski, seconded by, Flanagan to approve the consent agenda: roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Presentation:** Enterprise Fleet Management, Christopher Tyner

Christopher Tyner went into detail as of how Enterprise could help the City of New Buffalo manage their fleet of vehicles.

**Old Business:**

Dune Walk Grant- Tony McGhee gave an update on the status of the Dune Walk Grant. The Grant application award should be at the city council meeting in February.

Waterfront Master Plan- Mike Huber from Abonmarche gave an update on the waterfront master plan. He stated that the full plan would be ready for the City Council at their February Meeting.

**New Business**

**Awarding Bid for Painting Ground Storage Tank/ Rehab at Water Treatment Plant:** Motion by Robertson, seconded by, Flanagan to approve the contract with L & T Painting in the amount of \$151,800.00: roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

**Contract Renewal of Gabridge & Company financial Services:** Motion by Flanagan, seconded by, Robertson to approve the contract renewal with Gabridge & Company Financial Services for three years in the amount of \$14,600.00: roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

**Water Department Control Purchase:** Motion by Flanagan, seconded by, Robertson to approve the purchase of the replacement control board with programming in the amount of \$6954.00: roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

**City Manager Search:** Motion by Robertson, seconded by, Mayor Humphrey to approve the city manager search with option "C" in house: roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

Motion by Flanagan, seconded by, Lijewski to name Mayor Humphrey, Interim City Manager, Rich Killips and Council Member Robertson to City Manager Committee: roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

**Resolution #21.01 to Adopt the Annual 80/20 Option set Forth in 2011 Public Act 152, The Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution act:** Motion by Robertson, seconded by, Lijewski to approve Resolution 21.01 to continue with the 80/20 health care split with employees: roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

**Discussion on Ciardelli Property:** Council Member Flanagan would like the city to draft a letter to Mr. Ciardelli to invite him to engage with the City Council to see what his intentions are with his property downtown.

Motion by Mayor Humphrey, seconded by, Flanagan to approve drafting a letter to Mr. Ciardelli from the City Council to invite him to engage with the City to see what his intent is for his property downtown. The whole council would need to approve the letter before it is sent to Mr. Ciardelli: roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

**Edwards Settlement:** Motion by Flanagan, seconded by Lijewski to approve the Edwards Settlement with the City's insurer, Michigan Municipal League regarding the flooding of the lower level of a residence 905 W. Michigan Street in the amount of \$9,100.00. City's Insurance will pay the \$9,100.00: roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

**Proposal for Professional Services Repairs to Transient Marina Facility:** Motion by Mayor Humphrey, seconded by, Flanagan to approve the contract with Abonmarche for service repairs to the Transient Mariana Facility in the amount of \$ 8,850.00 roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

**Appointments of Boards and Commissions:** Motion by Robertson, seconded by, Flanagan to approve the appointment of Jack Kennedy, Juli Westergren and Vanessa Thun to the Board of Review roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

**Correspondence:** Recognition and Thank you to Water Donation Donors.

**Council Comments:** Council Member Robertson set up a conference call Wednesday, January 20, 2021 with Mayor Humphrey and Interim City Manager, Rich Killips regarding City Manager Search.

Flanagan and Lijewski agreed that the meeting was very productive and the council can all work together.

Mayor Humphrey stated the City will be taking the Short-term rental ordinance and enforcing violations very seriously.

Motion by Humphrey, seconded by, Flanagan to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

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John Humphrey, Mayor

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Ann M. Fidler, City Clerk