

Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call. Present: Flanagan, New Buffalo, MI, Berrien County; O'Donnell, Michigan City, IN LaPorte County; Robertson, New Buffalo, MI, Berrien County; Lijewski, New Buffalo, MI, Berrien County; Mayor Humphrey, New Buffalo, MI, Berrien County.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Robertson, seconded by, Lijewski to approve the agenda.
Roll Call Vote, motion carried, 5-0

Approval of Consent Agenda – January 19, 2021 minutes only: Motion by Humphrey, seconded by Robertson to approve the consent agenda – January 19, 2021 minutes only: roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0. O'Donnell abstained, not at meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda - January 27, 2021 minutes only: Motion by Humphrey, seconded by Flanagan to approve the consent agenda - January 27, 2021 minutes only: roll call vote, motion carried, 3-0. O'Donnell and Robertson abstained, not required to attend the training for new council members.

Approval of Consent Agenda - January 28, 2021 minutes only: Motion by Humphrey, seconded by Flanagan to approve the remaining consent agenda with the January 28, 2021 minutes: roll call vote, motion carried, 5-0.

Public Comment:

None

Presentation: 1 North Whittaker Street, Bill McCollum

Bill McCollum reviewed two options for 1 North Whittaker St.

Presentation: Waterfront Master Plan, Abonmarche

Mike Huber reviewed the Waterfront Master Plan.

New Business

Resolution 21.02 to Set an Alternate Date for the December Board of Review: Motion by Robertson, seconded by Lijewski, to approve resolution 21.02 to set an alternate date for the December Board of Review 2021: roll call vote, motion carried, 5-0.

Resolution 21.03 to Set an Alternate Date for the July Board of Review 2021: Motion by Flanagan, seconded by Robertson to approve resolution 21.03 to set an alternate date for the July Board of Review: roll call vote, motion carried, 5-0.

Resolution 21.04 to Allow Local Residents to Protest in Writing to Board of Review: Motion by Robertson, seconded by Flanagan to approve resolution 21.04 to allow local residents to protest in writing to Board of Review: roll call vote, motion carried, 5-0.

Resolution 21.05 Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Level Test: Motion by Robertson, seconded by Lijewski to approve resolution 21.05 poverty exemption income guidelines and asset level test: roll call vote, motion carried, 5-0.

Mayhew Street Storm Drain Project: Motion by Flanagan, seconded by Lijewski to approve the preliminary engineering costs in the amount of \$21,700.00 for the Mayhew Street Storm Drain Project: roll call vote, motion carried, 5-0.

USDA Grant Application: Motion by Flanagan, seconded by Robertson to approve applying for the USDA RBDG program. If awarded and project is undertaken, the estimate total cost is \$7900.00: roll call vote, motion carried, 5-0.

Resolution 21-06 A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A REQUEST FOR FUNDING, DESIGNATE AN AGENT, ATTEST TO THE EXISTENCE OF FUNDS AND COMMIT TO IMPLEMENTING PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR THE CITY OF NEW BUFFALO MARINA EXPANSION & SHORELINE PROTECTION PROJECT FUNDED BY THE RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT (RBDG) PROGRAM.

Motion by Flanagan, seconded by Robertson to approve the Resolution 21-06: roll call vote, motion carried, 5-0.

Enterprise Managed Fleet Services Agreement: Motion by Humphrey, seconded by Flanagan to approve the Enterprise Managed Fleet Services Agreement for 6 vehicles for an approximate total cost of \$54,047.72 budgeted in 2021-2022: roll call vote, motion carried, 3-2.

Flanagan: Yes
Humphrey: Yes
Lijewski: Yes
O'Donnell: No
Robertson: No

Dredge Fund: Motion by Flanagan, seconded by Lijewski to approve moving to suspend the 2019 private contributions to the dredge fund and apply the 2019 payments made to the 2020 invoicing: roll call vote, motion carried, 5-0.

Parks and Recreation Authority: No action necessary, informational only.

CESF Grant Acceptance: Motion by Flanagan, seconded by Robertson to approve the CESF Grant from the Michigan State Police and Federal Government the reimbursement amount is \$8,976.00: roll call vote, motion carried, 5-0.

STR Update: The City staff and City Attorney are working on revisions of the proposed STR regulatory ordinance taking into consideration public comments on the original draft revisions. The Planning Commission will simultaneously begin discussion of a possible zoning amendment to restrict new STRs at a soon-to-be scheduled special meeting. Proposed changes would then be brought up at a public hearing and then to City Council.

Council Comments:

Mayor Humphrey wanted to acknowledge the passing of William Sinclair, a former Interim City Manager at the City of New Buffalo. Condolences to the family for their loss.

Robertson, Flanagan and Lijewski thanked the Streets Dept. for doing a great job on snow removal.

Mayor Humphrey acknowledged a complaint against the City and stated a need for a closed meeting to discuss legal issues with Short-term rentals and the reasonableness of past Council decisions.

Adjournment: Motion by Humphrey, seconded by, Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. roll call vote, motion carried,5-0.

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John Humphrey, Mayor

Ann M. Fidler, City Clerk