

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 Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the agenda with the removal of New Business item b; American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Labor Agreement and move New Business item a; Special Event Application – 2024 Wave 100 Regatta to New Business item n:

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 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

Public Hearing

Mayor Humphrey opened the public hearing for vacating a portion of East Detroit Street Right-of Way to facilitate the construction of a Veterans' Memorial Park by New Buffalo Township at 6:33 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Mayor Humphrey closed the public hearing for vacating a portion of East Detroit Street Right-of Way to facilitate the construction of a Veterans' Memorial Park by New Buffalo Township at 6:34 p.m.

New Business

Vacating a Portion of Detroit Street for New Buffalo Township’s Veterans’ Memorial Park: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Price to approve vacating a portion of East Detroit Street right-of-way for the Veterans’ Memorial Park by New Buffalo Township:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Lijewski, Robertson, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Awarding of Contract – Merrell Bros: Motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve awarding of the boat dredging t Merrell Bros. in the amount of \$58,900:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Flanagan, Price, 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 boat slip dredging construction administration to Abonmarche in the amount of \$8,500:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Price, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Awarding of Contract – Versaw Earthworks Excavating & Trucking: Motion by Council member Lijewski, seconded by Council member Price to approve contracting with Versaw Earthworks Excavating & Trucking for land clearing in the amount of \$6,850:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Purchase of Beach Parking Lot Light Pole: Motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve the purchase and installation of a beach parking lot light by Electrical Maintenance & Construction, LLC (EMC) in the amount of \$12,200:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Regionalized Public Safety Exploration: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Price to approve supporting the exploration of regionalized public safety:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Price, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Berrien County Early Voting Collaboration: Motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve supporting the City Clerk's office to provide early voting beginning with the Presidential Primary in 2024. Additionally, the City Clerk is authorized to facilitate the necessary steps to execute the contract:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Price, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Awarding of Contract- Hostetler Lawn & Landscaping, Inc: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Lijewski to table awarding the reconditioning of the infield of Field #2 at Oselka Park to Hostetler Lawn & Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$11,500:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Signers: Motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve naming the City Manager (Darwin Watson) and City Treasurer (Kathie Butler) as signers for the city's MERS plan:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

2011 International Dump Box Purchase, Installation and Repairs: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the purchase of a dump box from Truck & Trailer Specialties in the amount of \$11,197 and the installation and repair by Henrich Services in the amount of \$3,934.02:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Price, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Special Event Application – 2023 Harvest and Wine Festival: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve the Special Event Application for the 2023 Harvest and Wine Festival:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Special Event Application- 2024 Wave 100 Regatta: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Price to approve the Special Event Application for the Special Event Application for the 2024 Wave 100 Regatta:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Price, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Discussion: The Council had brief discussions on the following topics: dissolution of the Parks/Harbor Commission and holding a City Council Workshop on boards and commissions.

Adjournment: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve adjourning the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

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John Humphrey, Mayor

Ann M. Fidler, City Clerk