

Mayor Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:31p.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 addition of New Business item Special Use Permit -30 W. Buffalo, and discussion item color of the lighthouse:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

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

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Price, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Public Comment:

Debbie Schmidt

Robert Kemper

Chad Gradowski

Deborah Britton

Nora Howe

Unfinished Business

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Labor Agreement: Motion by Council member Price, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the AFSCME Labor Agreement terms for the represented employees:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Lijewski, Robertson, Humphrey

NAYES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

New Business

Special Event Application – 2023 New Buffalo Halloween Parade: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the Special Event Application for the New Buffalo Community Halloween Parade to be held on Sunday, October 29, 2023, beginning at 3:00 PM. Additionally, it is requested that Trick-or-Treat hours be set from 3:30 – 5:30 PM on October 29, 2023:

Roll Call Vote:
AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Flanagan, Price, Humphrey
NAYES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Awarding of Contract – Hostetler Lawn & Landscaping, Inc. (Oselka Park Ball Fields): Motion by Council member Lijewski, seconded by Council member Price to approve awarding the reconditioning of the infield of Field #2 and maintenance for fields 1 & 4 at Oselka Park to Hostetler Lawn & Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$16,400:

Roll Call Vote:
AYES: Robertson, Price, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey
NAYES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

New Buffalo Area Recreational Authority Amended Articles of Incorporation: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve the First Amendment to the New Buffalo Area Recreational Authority’s Articles of Incorporation:

Roll Call Vote:
AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey
NAYES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Municipal Marina Utilities Project Scope Modification: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the scope modification for the Municipal Marina Utilities Project Modification:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Planning Commission Meeting Resolution: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Price to approve a resolution to encourage the Planning Commission to hold regular monthly meeting:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Price, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Addition to City's Code of Ordinances (Chapter 7) – First Reading: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Price to approve the first reading of the addition of Article VI to Chapter 7 of the New Buffalo Code of Ordinances to regulate water entry from public property in certain circumstances:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Price, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Addition to City's Code of Ordinances (Chapter 10) – First Reading: Motion by Council member Robertson, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the first reading of the addition of Article VI to Chapter 10 of the New Buffalo Code of Ordinances to establish golf cart operation practices in the city:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Special Use Permit – 30 W. Buffalo: Motion by Council member Robertson seconded by Council member Price to approve the special use permit for massage services at 30 W. Buffalo:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Price, Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Lighthouse recommendation from Downtown Development Authority: City Council discussed the recommendation of the DDA related to the colors of the beach lighthouse.

Discussion: The council discussed a potential vending machine business in the city and a sewer issue at 425 S. Whittaker Street.

Adjournment: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve adjourning the meeting at 8:00 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