

# City of Olivet

## Regular Session Minutes

### November 14, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

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#### **Council Call to Order**

Present: Peterson, Marsh, Penny, Gavitt, Barkley, Hoffdahl

Absent: None.

#### **Visitor Section Welcome**

David Stahly, Eagle Scout for Troop 647, said he finished his scout project putting flowers and flower boxes around the City's "Welcome to Olivet" signs. He thanked everyone for their help on the project and thanked Council for the opportunity.

Ian Boyce commented his water issues are improving now that the City is flushing the nearby hydrant every 2 to 3 weeks. He also asked the City about advertising for the open Deputy Clerk/Treasurer position.

Jackie Looser asked about getting a Special Use Permit for the houses on Shipherd Street.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

MOTION by Marsh, supported by Penny, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

#### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

MOTION by Penny, supported by Gavitt, to approve the Previous Minutes. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **A. Zoning Issues**

Mayor Peterson advised he read through the Zoning Ordinance book and there needs to be changes to how the City handles Zoning. There are several requests for Special Use Permits that need to be tabled for now. He will refer these changes and requests to the Attorney and will provide an update at the next meeting.

## **B. Parking Issues**

Mayor Peterson indicated a need to revisit the overnight parking ordinance since there is confusion on the issue and does not allow for adequate parking options for residents. No motion.

## **Approval of the Bills**

MOTION by Penny, supported by Barkley, to approve the monthly bills. There were no late additions. Motion carried.

## **Employee Reports**

Clerk Bierly and Mayor Peterson stated with the ongoing BS&A conversion requirements and the work Plante-Moran is doing to update the City's financial statements, the office is under a mound of paperwork that is time consuming and overwhelming. The Winter Taxes are coming due and we just came off a big election. The projected conversion date is December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Director Smith gave a written report. He has been working on getting the salt truck repaired, trees removed and replaced, and the truck tires bid out and replaced.

Police Chief Garcia gave a written report. He told Council he was in favor of removing the overnight parking restriction.

Fire Chief Collins gave a written report. He was not present.

## **Commissioner Comments**

Penny thanked the employees and visitors for coming. He commended the work done on the Eagle Scout project and thanked David Stahly for thinking of the City for his project. He appreciated the hard work done by the Police and Fire departments during Halloween. He reminded everyone about the Christmas dinner after the December meeting, and he and his family would be providing the meat for the festivities.

Gavitt reiterated the office has been very busy and the progress should be noticeable in the coming months. He commended the leaf pickup crew for a great job. He congratulated Olivet College on winning the football title.

Hoffdahl thanked everyone for a job well done, and to Danny LaPoint for all his help and contributions.

Marsh gave a big thanks to Danny as well for his hard work and commitment. He also thanked the departments on doing a great job while being short-handed.

Barkley thanked the leaf pickup crew for a job well done. He indicated the new Firehouse Lights should be done soon.

Mayor Peterson thanked the visitors for coming to the meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 p.m.**



**Gary L. Peterson, Mayor**



**Erin Bierly, Clerk/Treasurer**