

City of Olivet

Regular Session Minutes

August 14, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Council Call to Order

Present: Peterson, Marsh, Maxwell, Penny, Barkley
Absent: Bess, Hoffdahl

Visitor Section Welcome

Visitors Present:

Jennifer Miller	Laura Barlund-Maas	OC President Corey
Jeff Bierly	Breina Pugh	Mike Stevens
Holly Thoms	Kent Austin	B.J. Hull

Holly Thoms, from the Eaton County Humane Society, requested changes to their Special Use Permit to increase the number of cats and dogs being housed within the facility. The current Special Use Permit allows for 10 cats and 10 dogs. Council stated the request must go through the Planning Commission. Thoms also indicated volunteers have been issued new yellow vests and leashes for greater visibility in the community. Thoms asked if there were any additional grassy areas where dogs could be taken to run around and play. Mayor Peterson advised of an undeveloped area of land on Washington St. behind the AT&T building that could be used.

DPW Director asked that two items be added under New Business: The Main Lift Station and Streetlights. Mayor Peterson added Items D and E respectively to the Agenda.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Marsh, supported by Barkley, to approve the Agenda with additions.
Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes

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

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Olivet College – Hosford House – Special Use Permit

Mike Stevens, Hosford House architect, explained the renovation details of the project, including the addition of an archival center to the existing structure.

MOTION by Marsh, supported by Penny, to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Special Use Permit for the Hosford House renovation. Motion carried.

B. Olivet College – Gillette Phase II

Olivet College President Steven Corey addressed the Council about existing concerns that still need to be addressed regarding Gillette Phase II. Discussion followed.

Mayor Peterson indicated an informational meeting was scheduled for August 15, and a Work Session meeting was scheduled for August 21, to continue discussions regarding Gillette Phase II. No motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. \$.50 Wage Increase for Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Amy Huepenbecker

MOTION by Marsh, supported by Maxwell, to approve the \$.50 per hour raise for Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Amy Huepenbecker. Motion carried.

B. Olivet College Service Day

Clerk Bierly and DPW Director Phil Smith brought up ideas and opportunities within the City that students could work on to fulfill their College Service Day requirements. Olivet College Service Day is Wednesday, September 27th. No motion.

C. Resolution: New Voting Equipment

MOTION by Marsh, supported by Penny, to adopt said Resolution for new voting equipment per the State of Michigan grant. Motion carried.

D. Main Lift Station Bids for Valve Replacement

Bid #1: Eifert - \$20,980 firm bid

Bid #2: Harper Construction - \$25,000+ ballpark bid

Bid #3: Jet Pump - \$25,000 firm bid

MOTION by Marsh, supported by Penny, to accept Eifert's bid to replace the valve at the main lift station at a cost not to exceed \$20,980.00. Motion carried.

E. Streetlight Quotes

DPW Director Smith explained Consumers Energy recommended replacing our current streetlight bulbs from mercury vapor to LED.

Proposal: Use \$5,000 of our existing credit with Consumers Energy to purchase LED lights.

MOTION by Penny, supported by Barkley, to approve DPW hiring Consumers Energy to replace 53 streetlights with LED lights at a cost of \$75.00 per light, using \$5,000 of our existing credit with Consumers Energy. Motion carried.

F. Fire Department Roof Quotes

Bid #1: J&L - \$37,880 Steel pitched roof

Bid #2: Kingdom Builders - \$16,900 Steel pitched roof

Council asked DPW Director Smith to obtain further roof quotes with the addition of a storage room at the back of the Fire building. Tabled until September, 2017 meeting.

Approval of the Bills

MOTION by Penny, supported by Barkley, to approve the monthly bills with additions. Motion carried.

Employee Reports

Clerk Bierly provided a written report. Bierly advised Council she accepted a teaching position at Olivet College for the Fall semester using lunchtime on Tuesdays and Fridays to teach classes.

DPW Director Smith provided a written report. Smith said the water tower project was going smoothly and should be back online next Monday the 21st pending positive test results. Smith said the VFD at Well #6 is working great.

Police Chief Garcia provided a written report. Garcia said the traffic during Firefest went great. He had many volunteers during parade duty. He will meet quarterly with the Firemen's Association about upcoming Firefest issues. Chief Garcia introduced Deputy Dave Thompson as the new night officer, along with his wife, Kelly. Thompson retired from the Wyoming, MI police department.

Fire Chief Collins provided a written report. Collins said this month had an average number of fire runs and only 3 EMS runs. There will be a 9-1-1 rep at next month's Council meeting to discuss the cost of the new 9-1-1 system which will be on the upcoming ballot.

Commissioner Comments

Marsh said the City looks good.

Barkley said Firefest went well, and thanked the Police Dept. for their part.

Penny thanked the visitors and said it was a great Firefest, and thanked the Fire and Police departments. He welcomed Dave and Kelly Thompson to the City. He noticed the Park was being well used, although there was some recent vandalism. Penny shared that resident Geno Czubenko passed away, who was a neighbor and friend.

Hoffdahl – Absent.

Bess – Absent.

Maxwell said thank you to all departments.

Mayor Peterson said "Ditto."

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Gary L. Peterson, Mayor

Erin Bierly, Clerk/Treasurer