

**City of Olivet
Special Council Minutes
July 25, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.**

Council Call to Order

Present: Mayor Laura Barlund-Maas, Gary Peterson, James Frohm, Don Walker, and Larry Marsh.

Absent: Steve Penny and Joe Hoffdahl

Visitors' Section: No visitor comments

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Marsh, supported by Peterson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution to approve Eaton County Parks Community Grant Application – Action Item

Mayor Barlund-Maas stated that the Eaton County Parks Community Grant Program has grant funds available within Eaton County. She said the City of Olivet is interested in applying for this Parks Grant to replace the fencing on the walking bridge over the State and Indian Creek Drain (Kedron). Mayor Barlund-Maas informed the Council that the City currently has an estimate of \$6,700.00 for the funds from the fencing, and a \$5,000.00 grant would leave a minimal amount for the City to cover. Clerk/Treasurer Huepenbecker recommends establishing a Parks and Recreation Board for making long-range park plans that can be submitted for future grants.

MOTION by Marsh, supported by Peterson, to approve the resolution to apply for the Eaton County Parks Grant to replace the fencing over the Indian Creek State (Kedron) Drain. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Comments

Don Walker – Walker read Item D. Employee Hourly Raises FY 23/24 from the June 12, 2023, Council meeting that stated there is a 5% raise for all hourly employees. The 5% raise did not include the Fire Department Officer salaries. The officer salaries will be evaluated every five years. Walker stated the Fire Department employees are hourly and asked if they would be receiving the 5% raise. Huepenbecker stated they will receive a 5% raise on their City runs, but they are under contracts for the township runs.

Laura Barlund-Maas – Barlund-Maas informed the Council that she spoke with Olivet College Assistant Director of Campus Safety Brad Baker and preliminarily approved road closures for student move-in day. She said Baker is requesting to close East Street in front of the Mott Building and close

Cottage Street from Main Street to Church Street. Barlund-Maas stated that Baker will attend the August 14 Council meeting for approval.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Laura Barlund-Maas, Mayor

Amy Huepenbecker, Clerk/Treasurer