

**City of Olivet
Regular Council Minutes
October 14, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.**

Council Call to Order

Present: Mayor Laura Barlund-Maas

Commissioners: Don Walker, Joseph Davis, James Frohm, Joe Hoffdahl, and Gary Peterson.

Absent: Larry Marsh

Visitors' Section:

Jennifer Miller, an Olivet resident, informed the Council that the speed limit sign in front of her home on Spruce Street is hard to read and suggested it be cleaned or replaced. She also stated that the discussion regarding the fire station was lacking and asked if there were any revised plans. Mayor Laura Barlund-Maas noted that since the requested appropriation of funds was not approved, a fire committee of different backgrounds will be put in place to prepare and move forward toward applying for a grant next year.

Dan LaPoint, a local Olivet resident, said the repaving of East Street from the Fire Department to Main Street was well done.

Jamie Kita, president of the Olivet Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Oli-Ween event will be Saturday, October 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She said local businesses will have activities for the kids. Kita said Dean Transportation would again like to participate in Oli-Ween by offering haunted buses. She stated Dean Transportation did this in 2022 in the City parking lot behind City Hall, and she is asking the Council's permission for them to use the back parking lot again this year.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Barlund-Maas said the request for the haunted buses space and sidewalk bids on Cottage Street in front of Blair Hall would need to be added to the agenda. Clerk/Treasurer Amy Huepenbecker suggested replacing item A., which is no longer needed, with the Oli-Ween Haunted Bus approval in the City parking lot behind City Hall and adding item K. Sidewalk Bids.

MOTION by Frohm, supported by Hoffdahl, to approve the agenda as amended by replacing item A. with the Oli-Ween Haunted Bus and adding item K. Sidewalk Bids. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Commissioner Don Walker asked for corrections to be made to the September 9 meeting minutes on page 4 under item C to read: Harton Farms owner Jeremy Harton **and D&J Excavating owner Dan LaPoint offered to split the water bill** for the car wash water.

Commissioner Joe Davis asked for the following corrections to also be made:

The visitors' section on page 2 under Heidi Kirchen's comments should read: Heidi Kirchen said she is an Eaton County employee **who works in the Controller's Office** but is speaking to the Council this evening as an Eaton County resident.

Item E. Lexipol on page 4 should read: He said now the Police Department will have a set of policies **that they own even if they were not to renew their subscription** and enact those policies and they won't be lost.

Item J. Eaton County Controller's Office on page 6 should read: Davis stated that **he thinks it's great** that the County is being as transparent as possible, and he asked Bailey why he was present.

Item J. Eaton County Controller's Office on page 6 under Logan Bailey should read: Bailey stated that **he is here because he cares about it and wants the word to get out as it's his job to get that information out** to the local government and the public, but it's also his job to find resources.

Item J. Eaton County Controller's Office on page 7 under Tom Reich should read: Lloyd **described his department's low staff and high workload. Lloyd stated he would like to add paralegals and having more office space for his department** would benefit the County and Community.

Item J. Eaton County Controller's Office on page 8 under the last paragraph should read: He said he understands he is the "Chief" of Police, but he still has the right **when communicating publicly to voice his concerns as a Walton Township, Eaton County** resident and has never voiced his concerns as a representative of the City of Olivet.

Item J. Eaton County Controller's Office on page 8 under the last paragraph should read: Lloyd disagreed with Garcia stating that Garcia is known as "Olivet Chief of Police," and **because of that** he doesn't get to post his opinion against the Sheriff and comment as just a "homeowner" **you have responsibilities.**

End of Corrections – Discussion took place on future minutes as follows:

Mayor Barlund-Maas stated that you can't eliminate "you have responsibilities" because that is what Lloyd said and the meaning is that you always have the responsibility of your position. Davis asked if the sentence could be reworded differently to make more sense as it is confusing in that sentence. Mayor Barlund-Maas read the sentence again stating that he (meaning Garcia) will always have a responsibility as the "Chief of Police" just like I will always have a responsibility as the "Mayor". She added that according to Robert's Rules of Order for minutes, most of this text could be eliminated, so the minutes would read "discussion took place" in several sections.

Commissioner Gary Peterson agreed with Mayor Barlund-Maas and stated that the minutes could be summarized. Davis stated he feels differently about summarizing the minutes. Mayor Barlund-Maas stated that in her opinion she agrees that there are times when it is important to say more explicitly what happens because the "discussion took place" may not provide all the detail desired. Davis asked what the benefit of making it general is. Peterson stated that it's important to include everything when making the motions and anything legal, but the other areas could say "discussion took place." Peterson said the minutes are long and had they been summarized, the Council would not have to pick them apart. Davis disagreed stating the Council would normally only spend 60 seconds on this step of correcting minutes with this meeting being a little different and he thinks it's worth it. He said we could do the minimum to save time, but when we look back at the records that the City has, there would not be enough to look at. When referencing the meeting minutes, Davis stated his belief that they must be relevant, accurate records and as detailed as possible in case we need to look back at the minutes to get an answer for information we are looking for. Davis stated he does not see a benefit more than saving us a few minutes a month to make the minutes any less detailed. He said even now this will have to be typed up and the Council will have to review it and say yes or no to this discussion. Davis confirmed he has been reviewing other municipal meeting minutes lately and he even looked at Bellevue's minutes and a reader gets almost nothing from them.

Peterson stated the Bellevue minutes are legal. Mayor Barlund-Maas stated she agreed with Davis that it's more effective to have a little more so that as you look back you have more information. Peterson said when you look back for information it's more legal items we're looking for. Walker asked for clarification regarding whether the meeting minutes are being recorded for Deputy Clerk Drema Emerson and if the recordings are saved. He stated if the recordings are saved then we have word-for-word recordings. Huepenbecker said the recordings are not saved forever but saved according to the retention schedule. Walker asked what the retention schedule for minutes is. Huepenbecker stated she was told that once the meeting minutes are approved the recording could then be deleted. Walker asked if they could be saved. Mayor Barlund-Maas and Huepenbecker said they could be saved. Walker stated if it's not inconvenient, we could save the meeting recordings so the minutes would not have to be in such detail. Davis stated that he would like to save the meeting recordings. Davis said that he feels that the changes in the meeting minutes are very important. Some of the conversations at the last meeting were very important and should be important to all of us, but they are certainly important to some people and should be documented somewhere if we can do so. Davis said that when we talk about other changes like fixing sentence wording and small things we're not talking about someone not knowing how to do their job of preparing the minutes; we are we asking them to provide a little more clarification.

Mayor Barlund-Maas suggested amending the sentence to say: Lloyd disagreed with Garcia stating that Garcia is known as the "Chief of Police" and does not get to post his opinion against the Sheriff and comment as "just a homeowner" when you have **official** responsibilities. She said this is true for everyone who is sitting at this table. Commissioner James Frohm asked Chief of Police Shawn Garcia if he had any comments. Garcia answered he did not think that he should or could. Davis stated who knows maybe he has responsibility and can't comment on it. Mayor Barlund-Maas said that was what she was thinking. Davis stated that he would like that sentence to reflect accurately what was said, he just thought it sounded funny. Davis said the only thing he would like to add is: Lloyd disagreed with Garcia stating that Garcia is known as the "Chief of Police" and **because of that** you don't get to post your opinion against the Sheriff and comment as "just a "homeowner," he has responsibilities. Mayor Barlund-Maas agreed with Davis that this would clarify the sentence.

MOTION by Walker, supported by Davis, to approve the September 9, 2024, minutes as amended in multiple places as referenced above. Motion carried 6-0.

After the motion was approved, Walker suggested reducing the minutes and keeping the meeting recordings in perpetuity. Peterson clarified that the Council agrees to shortened meeting minutes as long as the recordings are kept for review when necessary. All Council members agreed.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Oli-Ween Haunted Bus Approval in the City Parking Lot behind City Hall – Action Item

Jamie Kita, President of the Olivet Chamber of Commerce, stated that Dean Transportation would like to participate in Oli-Ween by offering two haunted buses for the event. She asked the Council's permission for the school buses to be in the City parking lot behind City Hall for the Oli-Ween activities. Davis verified the event will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Walker asked what day the event will take place. Kita said it's planned for Saturday, October 26, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MOTION by Walker, supported by Peterson to allow Dean Transportation to have two haunted buses in the City parking lot behind City Hall for the Oli-Ween activities on Saturday, October 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Charlotte Library Board Approval – Action Item

Mayor Barlund-Maas stated that the Charlotte Community Library millage passed, and she is nominating Sarah Thomson to be the Olivet representative on the Charlotte Community Library Board for a partial term through June 30, 2025. Frohm asked Thomson if she was accepting the volunteer position and Thomson said she accepts.

MOTION by Frohm, supported by Peterson, to appoint Sarah Thomson as the Olivet representative to the Charlotte Community Library Board from now until June 30, 2025. Motion carried 6-0.

After the motion was made and supported, Davis asked Thomson to tell the Council a little about her background. Thomson stated her parents were Olivet College students in the 40s and in the 70s her parents returned to Olivet where her father taught at the College and her mother worked in the library. She said that she is a retired librarian who moved back to Olivet in April of 2023 and joined the Friends of the Library in Charlotte. She stated that she helped the millage committee and worked to help pass the millage. She looks forward to being on the library board and keeping the City informed.

C. Election Emergency Plan – Action Item

Huepenbecker stated that she attended an election security meeting held at Delta Township last Thursday. She said that the Eaton County Sheriff's Department and Delta Township Clerk Mary Clark presented information regarding an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). Huepenbecker stated that every jurisdiction is supposed to have an EOP. The EOP covers what to do in case of bad weather, medical emergencies, fires, disturbances at the polling location, and evacuations. Huepenbecker stated that she is on-site during the election and would have a shortened version of the EOP at the polling location to review with the election chairperson. Walker asked if the plan was the same for each jurisdiction. Huepenbecker stated that each jurisdiction will have its similar EOP. Davis asked if the Department Heads had an opportunity to review the plan. Huepenbecker said they did not, but she would get a copy to them.

MOTION by Walker, supported by Peterson, to accept the election Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) as proposed. Motion carried 6-0.

D. New Assessor Contract – Action Item

Huepenbecker reiterated from last month's meeting that the current City Assessor Randy Jewell is stepping down as the City Assessor for Olivet. She stated she ran an ad for the position in the County Journal and received just one application from Jason Kohagen, who was recommended by Jewell. Huepenbecker said that Jewell had informed her that anyone who applied would probably ask for a higher wage than what he charged, so she had called other municipalities to inquire about their assessing costs for comparison. Huepenbecker stated that Kohagen works as an assessor in other locations as well as works for BS&A in Assessing. She asked the Council if they wanted to place an ad on the Michigan Assessor Magazine website for \$450.00 to seek other applicants or take Jewell's recommendation regarding Kohagen. She said Jewell also pointed out that most assessors do not want to take on small communities as the pay is better with large communities. Walker asked what the City is currently paying Jewell for assessing services. Huepenbecker said approximately \$6,000.00 per year. Peterson stated that Jewell is also paid to inspect 20% of the properties. Huepenbecker said approximately \$8,000.00 in total. Walker asked how much more the City would be paying Kohagen. Huepenbecker said Kohagen is asking for \$835.00 per month. Walker

questioned why the assessor contract uses the word Board instead of Council. Huepenbecker stated a lot of people call it a Board rather than a Council. Walker would like to have the contract changed to read the City of Olivet Council to distinguish it from the City of Olivet Board of Review. Mayor Barlund-Maas asked if Huepenbecker had interviewed Kohagen. Huepenbecker stated she had not, and would, but first she wanted to ask if the Council would want to place an ad on the website to see if others apply, but the City has to get someone hired soon. Walker stated that Jewell has highly recommended Kohagen and Kohagen is local and willing to take on a small community. Walker said he does not see the need to spend more money to place another ad but recommends the City interview Kohagen to make sure he would be a good fit. Huepenbecker wanted to clarify that the Council wants to hire Kohagen as long as the interview goes well. Walker recommends hiring Kohagen as the pay is not that much more and as long as the Mayor and Huepenbecker do not see any problem with the contract or the interview. Frohm suggested having Kohagen come to our next Council meeting. Mayor stated if Kohagen is hired, he would be invited to a Council meeting.

MOTION by Walker, supported by Davis, to hire Jason Kohagen as the new City Assessor pending approval after the Mayor and Clerk interview him. Motion carried 6-0.

E. Parking Space Removal – Action Item

Police Commissioner Davis stated that Garcia provided the Council with a map showing The University of Olivet parking spaces near crosswalks that should be eliminated. Davis explained the map, the crosswalks, and the different parking spaces as it is currently. He explained the other picture shows the proposed changes to the parking spaces. Discussion took place regarding parking near a fire hydrant and in an intersection. Discussion followed regarding dedicated parking spaces in front of the Cutler Student Center for the Olivet Police Department and Campus Safety. Garcia suggested that Campus Safety parking be located behind the Cutler Student Center to avoid issues with seasonal parking restrictions. Davis feels speaking with The University would give the City a resolution to the problem if The University told the City where they would like to have their Campus Safety parking space. Mayor Barlund-Maas agreed. Peterson asked Davis if this issue was something he wanted done tonight. Davis responded yes. Peterson mentioned to Garcia about other areas around town where parking spaces should be removed.

Garcia stated that he and DPW Director Jerry Staggs have reached out to Fleis & Vandenbrink and Wolverine Engineers for proposals on traffic engineering for the City as a whole. Staggs stated that this is a starting point, and they are focusing on one area at this time. Davis reiterated that this is just a starting point as he hopes this will trickle out into other areas and the proposals from the engineers are not cheap. Mayor Barlund-Maas said we should not discuss the proposal from Fleis & Vandenbrink as we are waiting for the proposal from Wolverine.

Staggs stated that it would take time to obtain the right signage for the parking spots which would be placed in the concrete. He said by having the correct signage, Garcia would be able to enforce the parking changes. Staggs said he and Garcia discussed painting black squares over the current parking spot markers, but his concern is that it's getting too cold to paint and have the paint stick.

MOTION by Davis, supported by Hoffdahl, to allow the DPW to alter the parking spaces as presented above including a parking space for the Olivet Police Department. The University of Olivet will be asked for their opinion about where they may want a Campus Safety parking space during the day hours not to be kept overnight from November 1 to April 1. Motion carried 6-0.

After the motion was made Peterson asked if The University was aware of the parking space changes. Mayor Barlund-Maas stated that The University does not have a person over the physical plant at this time. Discussion took place regarding speaking with Mark DeRuiter, Vice President &

Chief Financial Officer, Ryan Shockey, Vice President & Chief of Staff, and Brad Baker, Assistant Director of Public Safety at The University of Olivet to make them aware. Staggs volunteered to make the call. Walker asked where the Campus Safety parking spot would come from. Davis stated that if the City has a preference for the Campus Safety parking space, we should bring that information to The University. Mayor Barlund-Maas said she would get The University's opinion and see if the City can abide by that. Staggs asked if The University has a designated parking space, who is responsible for their signage. Mayor Barlund-Maas will talk with The University about the signage.

F. Fire Department Purchase - PPE – Action Item

Fire Commissioner Walker stated the Fire Department would like to purchase personal protection equipment (PPE) which includes a coat, helmet, and boots for a total of \$9,677.89. He stated the money was available in their budget to make the purchase.

MOTION by Walker, supported by Hoffdahl, to allow the Fire Department to purchase PPE for the Fire Department personnel at a cost not to exceed \$9,677.89. Motion carried 6-0.

G. Fire Department Purchase - Lightbar – Action Item

Fire Commissioner Walker stated the Fire Department would like to purchase a lightbar and a fully programmable controller for the grass truck for a total of \$2,626.86. He said the money was available in their budget to make the purchase. Davis asked if the price difference between the price shown for the lightbar of \$1,299.00 and the price shown for the controller of \$449.00 is for installation. Huepenbecker stated the lightbar is listed at the base price. She said Captain Tom Owen had the lightbar customized to meet their needs.

MOTION by Walker, supported by Davis, to allow the Fire Department to purchase a lightbar and a programable controller for the grass truck at a cost not to exceed \$2,626.86. Motion carried 6-0.

H. Fire Department - Nozzle – Action Item

Fire Commissioner Walker stated the Fire Department would like to purchase a 1” nozzle for a total of \$770.14. He said the money was available in their budget to make the purchase.

MOTION by Walker, supported by Davis, to allow the Fire Department to purchase a 1” nozzle at a cost not to exceed \$770.14. Motion carried 6-0.

I. Lexipol Fire Truck Grant – Informational Item

Fire Chief John Collins stated the Fire Department had used Lexipol to apply one year ago for a Federal Grant for a new fire truck. They recently found out they did not receive the grant. He said that Lexipol had given the City a proposal offering their services for three options for reapplying. A no-cost option, an application assembly-only option, and a full application/assembly option to resubmit the grant. Collins stated that Justin Southern, President of the Olivet Firefighters Association, has reached out to his contacts at Lexipol and discussions are taking place regarding the narrative of the grant and how much to apply for. Collins reminded the Council that the grant is a 10% match.

J. Insurance Renewal – Action Item

Huepenbecker stated that Jason Orton, our insurance agent with the David Chapman Agency, could not attend the meeting tonight, but will attend the November meeting. Walker asked if the Council needs to take action tonight regarding this renewal. Huepenbecker said tonight is the second-year renewal of our three-year insurance policies approved in October 2023. She stated the Council would have to take action as the policy cost did have an inflationary increase. Walker said the 24-hour accidental death and dismemberment benefit does not make sense to him and he would like clarification. Mayor Barlund-Maas stated that Orton will be at the November meeting and can address this and any other questions we may have. She asked Huepenbecker if it is required that the renewal be voted on this evening. Huepenbecker reiterated that tonight's vote is just for the inflationary increase as the policy itself was approved for the three-year policy last year. Huepenbecker agreed to email Orton regarding Walker's question and assured the Council that the vote tonight is for the small increase, not coverage changes.

MOTION by Peterson, supported by Hoffdahl, to renew insurance with the David Chapman Insurance Agency by November 1, 2024, with the inflationary increase. Motion carried 6-0.

K. The University of Olivet Sidewalk Replacement – Action Item

Staggs stated that at the Mayor's recommendation, he obtained an updated quote of \$1,900.00 from Xact Excavating that includes two additional slabs of concrete for the sidewalk replacement on Cottage Street in front of Blair Hall. He said Dan LaPoint, owner of D&J Excavating also provided a quote of \$2,116.00. Peterson asked if the City pays up-front for a job or at the end of a job. Mayor Barlund-Maas stated the City pays at the end of the job. Peterson said Xact is asking for half at signing. Walker asked if the work to be performed was the same. Commissioner Joe Hoffdahl said the work to be performed is the same. Peterson asked if the sidewalk would be 6 or 5 feet wide. Staggs stated the sidewalk will be 6 feet wide in front of Blair Hall. Mayor Barlund-Maas stated The University would pay half within three years as charged to any property owner. Mayor Barlund-Maas asked if The University is aware that the sidewalk will be replaced and they are responsible for paying half. Staggs said he had spoken with Mark DeRuiter, vice president for finance and chief financial officer. Walker stated that the quote from D&J included topsoil, seed, and straw and asked if Xact was also including those items. Gino Costello, owner of Xact Excavating, said he would include the topsoil, seed, and straw.

MOTION by Hoffdahl, supported by Davis, to hire Xact Excavating to replace the sidewalk on Cottage Street in front of Blair Hall at a cost not to exceed \$1,900.00 including topsoil, seed, and straw. The University of Olivet will be responsible for paying half within three years. Motion carried 6-0.

After the motion was made and supported, Peterson asked Staggs to look at the sidewalk on each side of the driveway at the Main Street Dentist office. He said the sidewalk had sunk causing a trip hazard. Staggs stated he would look at it and see what could be done to fix it. Davis asked at what height difference is it legal for the City to step in and address a sidewalk. Staggs is not aware of any legal height differences.

Approval of the Bills

MOTION by Peterson, supported by Hoffdahl, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Department Head Reports

Police Chief Shawn Garcia – Garcia stated he had nothing to add.

DPW Director Jerry Staggs – Staggs reported that the repaving of East Street is complete and the millings from that project will be used in the cemetery drive, around the sewer lagoons, and at the compost site. He said the DPW will be flushing the hydrants this week. He stated the fire hydrants that the Eagle Scouts Troup 373 painted look awesome. Staggs stated that his Complete Distribution System Materials Inventory (CDSMI) report which he has been working on for over three months has been submitted to The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) and he can now resume focusing on other projects.

Fire Chief John Collins – Collins thanked the Council for allowing the Fire Department to purchase the PPE, light bar with the controller, and nozzle. He said it has been a busy month with multiple medical calls and doing public education in the Olivet Community Schools. He stated that department personnel currently looks good and two firefighters will attend Medical First Responder (MFR) school in Marshall. He said the department has attended some great training using a dollhouse prop to educate and they took two trucks to the Eaton Rapids 150th year parade celebration. Collins informed the Council that firefighter Alyssa Fuentes passed away in a tragic accident, which has been hard on the department. He reminded the Council that the Halloween Open House at the fire station is on Thursday, October 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Collins thanked Staggs for allowing Eagle Scout Troup 373 to paint the hydrants.

Clerk/Treasurer Amy Huepenbecker – Huepenbecker informed the Council that the election is in three weeks. She said she has sent out 100 absentee ballots, and early voting starts October 26 through November 3 at Carmel Township. Huepenbecker stated water bills are due next Monday, so the office has been busy. She stated that the initial introductory meeting with Lexipol for the City policies and updated handbook is on Thursday.

Mayor Barlund-Maas called on Eaton County Commissioner Jim Mott for Eaton County updates. Mott informed the Council that he decided to meet with all the departments, unions, and union reps to come up with a plan and budget on what each department would look like in case the millage doesn't pass. Davis asked what are the notable services that will be gone or under significant delays if the millage does not pass. Mott stated Animal Control and Road Patrol would be gone. Other services will have to cut back on hours or the number of days to be open, and space will be combined and utilized differently. Mott stated there are a lot of decisions that will have to be made. Peterson asked Mott if Delta Township would continue their plan to build a new police station before knowing if the millage would pass. He also asked Mott if the millage does not pass would Eaton County be able to staff Delta Township with road patrol. Mott stated Eaton County would not be able to staff Delta Township and he had meetings with Delta Township before Eaton County decided to pursue the millage and Delta Township proceeded with their plans to build their new police station and that is their choice. Mott explained that Delta Township has to use the millage for police because it's bonded that way, it can't be used for administration or anything else.

Commissioner Comments

Joe Hoffdahl – Hoffdahl said leaf pick-up is underway. He stated the paving of East Street and the newly painted hydrants look great. Hoffdahl thanked all employees for the work they do. He said he has retired and is looking forward to it.

Joseph Davis – Davis stated the email migration from on-premise to Microsoft 365 went very well, and in this capacity, VC3 was pleasant to work with and very responsive. He said he still needs to meet with a few people to transfer accounts and get the Multi-Factor Authentication working.

Davis informed the Council that there were a few hiccups with the fraternity Phi Beta Lambda

(PBL) car wash that took place at City Hall regarding PBL not using the space that was designated for them to use. He said that the Council was very explicit in the September meeting regarding the area they were to use for the car wash. Mayor Barlund-Maas stated that both Garcia and Emerson had communicated to her the issues from the car wash and she has a meeting with PBL student leader Roderic Yelding regarding this issue.

Davis stated that they had their second Parks Board meeting and it went as well as the first meeting. He said they set a goal to have a template for the Parks Master Plan by the October meeting and now they can use that template to start building out the Parks Master Plan that will be inclusive and get us to a place that we are happy with as a city. Davis feels the template will serve them well for the lifespan of the Parks Plan. He stated that Dan Hayes, Coordinator of Recreational Programs with The University of Olivet, attended the meeting to discuss what future relationships could look like for the City regarding recreation, parks, and The University. Hayes mentioned software that he is putting together. Davis said he was not sure how the software would play out, but it was nice to hear Hayes mention the software. Davis said there was nothing notable about the software, but they did discuss what The University provides to Olivet. Davis said if The University is providing something, or residents heard The University is providing something, how do the residents find that information out? Davis emphasized the need for a system to maintain communication with The University. Mayor Barlund-Maas said that she was aware of this discussion, and she and Hayes are putting together a list. He stated the 2025 Parks Board meeting dates are January 7, April 1, July 1, and October 7. The meetings are held at Olivet City Hall at 1:00 p.m. and Davis invited all to attend.

Davis inquired about the Off Road Vehicle (ORV) ordinance that was passed without the MCL Amendments that were discussed, but the MCL still states incorrect verbiage. He asked why this was not on tonight's agenda and what had been the holdup. Mayor Barlund-Maas stated that the ordinance will be amended next month. Peterson asked if the ordinance was in effect. Huepenbecker stated the ordinance was published in the paper and it is in effect now, but the MCL needs to be updated. Peterson stated that he has seen the ORVs on the roads and they are driving right down the middle of the lane. Garcia said the ordinance states they must drive the ORV closer to the right-hand side of the road and the police will be pulling them over to remind the ORV drivers how the ordinance reads.

Don Walker – Walker stated he had nothing to add.

Larry Marsh – Marsh was absent.

Gary Peterson – Peterson stated he had nothing to add.

James Frohm – Frohm stated he appreciates Chief Collins, Chief Garcia, DPW Director Staggs, and Clerk Huepenbecker for all they do for the City of Olivet.

Laura Barlund-Maas – Barlund-Maas stated she had nothing to add.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Laura Barlund-Maas, Mayor

Amy Huepenbecker, Clerk/Treasurer