

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**Regular Meeting
February 26, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Lewis on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Bahmer, Johnston, Russo, Ridge, Baker, Mayor Lewis, City Clerk Terpstra and City Manager Guetschow.

The invocation was offered by Pastor Tim Olson, First Lutheran Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Pack 46.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2018: Mayor Pro-Tem Baker moved, supported by Johnston to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 12, 2018 as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No. 1 Absent (Mitchell)

ABSENT: Council member Mitchell.

Council member Johnston moved, supported by Baker to excuse Council member Mitchell due to illness. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
DAIRY QUEEN- APPEAL OF CONDITION ESTABLISHED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR DAIRY QUEEN CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

Public Hearing Opened: 7:04 P.M.

Brett Roberts, 3494 Sherman Rd., Charlotte, MI, owner of Dariy Queen, addressed the council regarding the need for a speaker in the drive thru lane for Dairy Queen. He stated that no other businesses in the city have been denied a speaker in their drive thru in the past. He stated that he has an 8' fence to stop the noise from the speaker. He stated this is critical to his business and is concerned with the wait time without the speaker.

Council member Johnston asked where the speaker was in relation to the north property line.

Mr. Roberts stated that the speaker would be located to the east of the property towards the garage area.

Council member Baker stated that he thought this was all settled at a former meeting and doesn't understand why this is coming back to this meeting again.

Mr. Roberts stated that he feels this is critical for the speed of service and the health of the business. He is concerned that there could be traffic issues without the speaker system.

Council member Baker stated that he felt this should have been dealt with at the previous meeting when everyone was present. He stated that the neighborhood felt these decisions had been agreed upon.

Mr. Roberts stated that after the public hearing there was not a chance to debate the decisions that were made at that meeting.

Council member Bahmer asked if the decibal level is known for the speaker, what the distance of the speaker was from the property line and if the effect of the fencing on the sound was known.

Mr. Roberts stated that he did not know the decibal level. He stated the speaker would be around 30' from the north fence and 50' from the east jog in the fence. He stated that the fence would not have an effect on the sound. He stated that he can no longer see the eaves on the houses next door.

Council member Bahmer asked how many vehicles per 10 minutes were expected.

Mr. Roberts stated that the time would be three minutes per vehicle with a speaker and he has no idea without a speaker.

Chris Laverty, 403 S. Cochran, along with his wife Debra Angel, spoke in opposition of any changes that were decided on October 3, 2017. He stated they had previously spoke of their objections to both the Planning Commission and the City Council. He stated that he did not see what the appeal is based on. He can see no error in any of the process or procedure. There is no undue hardship on the Dairy Queen. He stated that they are in support of the Planning Commission conditions.

Sandy Osborn, 414 S. Cochran, stated that the Planning Commission set the conditions and he needs to show a hardship. She stated that the other places that he speaks of that have speakers were probably already zoned B-1. She would like council to uphold the Planning Commission's decision and not allow a speaker.

Brian Osborn, 414 S. Cochran, stated he would like council to vote against the speaker. Often times people feel they need to yell into the speakers. He does not want to see, hear or smell the Dairy Queen. He feels the fencing will create a barrier to bounce the sound off.

Carol Monroe, 414 Horatio, lives directly behind the Dairy Queen. She does not want to see or hear the speaker. She stated that they tried to come to a compromise and she does not understand why they have to look at this again.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Christine Barnes, County Commissioner for District 1, announced she will be running for State Representative District 71.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Council member Ridge moved, supported by Russo to approve the agenda as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None.

EXPEDITED RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-15 REGARDING APPEAL OF A CONDITION ESTABLISHED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR DAIRY QUEEN CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-15

A RESOLUTION REGARDING AN APPEAL OF A CONDITION ESTABLISHED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION

FOR THE DAIRY QUEEN CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

WHEREAS, the City Council has held a public hearing pursuant to an application for administrative review of a decision by the Planning Commission during its meeting of October 3, 2017 to establish a condition prohibiting the use of an order speaker when approving the conditional use permit for Dairy Queen; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined as follows:

____ no error of fact, judgment, procedure or interpretation was found to have been made

____ an error of ____ fact ____ judgment ____ procedure ____ interpretation was found to have been made in this matter, specifically _____

_____ ;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby

____ affirm the decision or determination of the Planning Commission.

____ reverse the decision or determination of the Planning Commission and permit the use of an order speaker.

____ set aside the decision or determination of the Planning Commission and return the matter to the Planning Commission for further deliberations.

Council member Russo moved to approve Resolution 2018-15.

Discussion was held.

Council member Russo withdrew his motion.

Council member Russo moved that no error had been made by the Planning Commission but to reverse the decision or determination of the Planning Commission and permit the use of an order speaker. Motion dies for lack of support.

Council member Bahmer moved, supported by Russo to consider Resolution No. 2018-15 to then amend.

Discussion was held by council members.

Council member Bahmer discussed the errors interpretation. He concluded that there was no error in the procedure as all notices and procedures for advertising were done properly. He concluded that regarding fact or judgment that the speaker would create noise, however without the decibal and effect of the fence that they would not know the answer. Regarding the error of judgment he feels that there is a concern with eliminating the speaker as it relates to traffic back-up becoming a safety issue and feels that this may have been

overlooked. Therefore, he would conclude that may be a potential error of judgment.

Council member Russo stated that as Council member Bahmer's conclusion was more scientific, he has been in many drive thru lanes not far behind other vehicles and he could not hear what is coming out of the speaker. He would think the truck traffic on Cochran would be more of a problem.

Council member Ridge asked if this appeal was lost could it be appealed again.

City Manager Guetschow stated that it would have to be appealed to the Circuit Court.

Council member Bahmer moved, supported by Russo that Resolution No. 2018-15 be amended to reflect an error in judgment was made at the hearing due to not considering the potential for traffic back-up with not having a speaker for the drive thru. Denied. 4 No. (Johnston, Ridge, Baker, Lewis) 2 Yes. (Bahmer, Russo)

Council member Ridge moved, supported by Baker that Resolution No. 2018-15 be amended to reflect that no error of fact was found to have been made and that the City Council affirm the decision of the Planning Commission as amended above. 4 Yes. (Ridge, Lewis, Johnston, Baker) 2 No. (Bahmer, Russo)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-15 (AMENDED)
A RESOLUTION REGARDING AN APPEAL
OF A CONDITION ESTABLISHED BY THE PLANNING
COMMISSION**

FOR THE DAIRY QUEEN CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

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WHEREAS, the City Council has determined as follows:

 x no error of fact, judgment, procedure or interpretation was found to have been made;;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby

 x affirm the decision or determination of the Planning Commission.

Roll call on main motion. Carried. 4 Yes. (Ridge, Lewis, Johnston, Baker) 2 No. (Bahmer, Russo)

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-12 REGARDING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS \$295,663.26 (LESS CHARLOTTE INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,278.00):

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-12

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY

FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2018

WHEREAS, Section 7.7 (B) of the City Charter requires Council approval for the expenditure of city funds; and

WHEREAS, the February 16, 2018 payroll totaled \$152,569.61; and

WHEREAS, the January 2018 Bank of America credit card charges totaled \$11,217.90; and

WHEREAS, the February 26, 2018 claims total \$137,153.75;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves claims and accounts for February 26, 2018 in the amount of \$300,941.26.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS BY ROLL CALL

VOTE: Council member Ridge moved, supported by Baker to approve Resolution 2018-12 for expenditures of the City for February 26, 2018 \$295,663.26 (less Charlotte Insurance in the amount of \$5,278.00) as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No.

C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INVOICE FOR CHARLOTTE INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,278.00:

APPROVAL OF INVOICE FOR CHARLOTTE INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,278.00 BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council member Ridge moved, supported by Johnston to approve invoice for Charlotte Insurance in the amount of \$5,278.00. 5 Yes. 0 No. 1 Abstain (Baker)

ACTION ITEMS – RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-08 TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH BIOTECH

AGRONOMICS, INC. FOR BIO-SOLID INJECTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-08

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH BIOTECH AGRONOMICS, INC. FOR BIO-SOLIDS INJECTION

WHEREAS, the wastewater treatment plant continually produces bio-solids as part of the treatment process; and

WHEREAS, each year \$25,000 is allocated for the disposal of bio-solids; and

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 for the land application of the bio-solids; and

WHEREAS, Biotech Agronomics, Inc. submitted the lowest per gallon price of \$0.038 per gallon to dispose of the bio-solids and \$425/ hour for digester cleaning services; and

WHEREAS, the contract is for one year with the option of 2- one year renewals based on performance for a total a three year contract; and

WHEREAS, BioTech Agronomics was awarded the last City contract for bio-solids removal, and their work was satisfactory; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City enter into a contract with Biotech Agronomics, Inc. for the injection disposal of bio-solids in the amount of \$0.038 per gallon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City enter into a contract with Biotech Agronomics, Inc. for the cleaning of the digesters on an as needed basis at the rate of \$425/ hour.

Council member Bahmer asked if the renewal of years two and three would come before council again.

Department of Public Works Director Gilson stated that she would prefer that it was approved for all three years, however, it would give staff the option of not renewing if there was an issue.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker moved, supported by Johnston to approve Resolution No. 2018-08 to authorize contract with Biotech Agronomics, Inc. for Bio-Solid Injection as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-09 AUTHORIZING AWESOME 5K & KIDS FUN RUN: RESOLUTION NO. 2018 –09

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWESOME 5K

WHEREAS, the Springport FFA is hosting a 5K race and Kids Fun Run on Sunday, May 27, 2018 to raise funds for the Springport FFA Chapter, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the proceeds from the run will benefit the Springport FFA Citizens of the World program that teaches global agriculture and citizenship to its FFA members; and

WHEREAS, the event setup and program will be held at the County Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the Springport FFA is asking that the Charlotte City Council approve the use of the trails in Bennett Park for part of the race course; and

WHEREAS, the Springport FFA is not asking that the City Council provide any barricades or assistance for the event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springport FFA be granted the right to use the trails of Bennett Park for their 5K run.

Council member Johnston moved, supported by Russo to approve Resolution No. 2018-09 authorizing Awesome 5K & Kids Fun Run as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No.

C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-10 TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF SECURITY DOOR ACCESS CONTROL LOCKS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-10

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF SECURITY DOOR ACCESS CONTROL LOCKS AND SOFTWARE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the security door locking systems for the Police Department have become obsolete and are failing, replacement parts and hardware/software upgrades that are no longer available for the existing equipment; and

WHEREAS, the traditional keyed access to the Police Department offices is not in accordance with our security upgrades or the required 24 hour monitoring of access; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2017-2018 budget can be adjusted to accommodate this unforeseen expenditure and appropriate the previously approved Capital Improvements expense to cover a portion of this need, with the remainder, if needed, coming from the Materials and Supplies line item; and

WHEREAS, CPD staff has received quotes from three (3) access control providers; **Mid-State Security** (Grand Rapids) - \$5,764.59 (no monthly service agreement, but will charge mileage per service request), **EPS, Inc.** (Grand Rapids) - \$6420.00 (Monthly service agreement of \$60.00/mo. this

goes up with expansion of additional doors), and **VidCom Solutions** (Lansing and the provider for other City owner facilities) - \$6,650.68 to \$7,150.68 (\$500.00 difference if they can use existing wiring); and

WHEREAS, VidCom Solutions offers a more local response without mileage and monthly service agreement charges and currently services City facilities, recommendation would be to enter into an agreement with VidCom Solutions for necessary access control upgrades.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the city council authorizes the purchase of the police department access control system from VidCom Solutions of Lansing in the maximum amount of \$7,150.68.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker moved, supported by Russo to approve Resolution No. 2018-10 to authorize purchase of security door access control locks for Police Department as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No.

D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-11 TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM VIRIDIS DESIGN GROUP FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR POCKET PARK PROJECT:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018 -11

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM VIRIDIS DESIGN GROUP FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES
WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte requested proposals for engineering services for the Downtown Pocket Park Project at 108 & 110 E. Lawrence Ave; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing proposals and interviewing candidates, city staff is recommending the proposal from VIRIDIS Design Group be accepted; and

WHEREAS, VIRIDIS Design Group is the low bidder with a not-to-exceed cost of \$21,020.00; and

WHEREAS, the final agreement between VIRIDIS and the City of Charlotte will need to be reviewed by City Attorney Tom Hitch.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Charlotte hereby accepts the proposal for Downtown Pocket Park Project engineering services from VIRIDIS Design Group in the amount of \$21,020.00, subject to City Attorney review of the contract associated with this work.

Council member Bahmer stated concerns over the price of the project going up since the original plan.

Council member Russo agreed that it has quickly got out of hand on cost. He would like to seal the surface, put out some benches and call it good.

Mayor Pro Tem Baker stated that he feels it was done in conjunction with Charlotte Rising and would support as a Pocket Park.

Council member Ridge would like to move forward with the engineering costs but feels it may have to be done in segments if the cost is too much.

Council member Russo feels that the land would be worth something down the road and that the City may want to sell it.

Council member Ridge moved, supported by Johnston to approve Resolution No. 2018-11 to accept proposal from VIRIDIS Design Group for engineering services for Pocket Park Project as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

A. CONSIDER FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-13 TO ADOPT CHANGE TO MERS HEALTH CARE SAVINGS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-13
A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE MANDATORY LEAVE
CONVERSION OPTIONS ON HEALTH CARE SAVINGS
PLANS**

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte entered into several different Health Care Savings Plans for different groups of employees; and

WHEREAS, it has come to our attention that each group was set up differently for the Mandatory Leave Conversion Contribution options; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte would like to change these four plans to remove all mandatory leave conversion contributions; and

WHEREAS, this will bring all plans into compliance with the IRS rules; and

WHEREAS, this will affect plan #300135, plan #300684, plan #300685 and plan #300686; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Charlotte is required to take official action for the change to these plans; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the four plans listed above will be changed to reflect the removal of the mandatory leave conversion contributions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker moved, supported by Johnston to approve first reading of Resolution No. 2018-13 to adopt change to MERS Care Savings Program Participation agreement as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-14 TO AWARD AIRPORT LOBBY RENOVATION PROJECT:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-14

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH HOME PROFESSIONALS FOR THE AIRPORT LOBBY RENOVATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Airport Lobby Renovation Project was approved in the FY 17-18 City budget; and

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on Wednesday, February 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Home Professionals submitted the lowest not to exceed bid in the amount of \$19,940.00 to complete the project per the specifications prepared by the City Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the project costs over \$10,000.00 will be paid for by a group of donors who have pledged their support; and

WHEREAS, references for Home Professionals have been checked and indicate that they have performed work satisfactorily on other projects.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City enter into a contract with Home Professionals to provide the services for the airport lobby renovation subject to securing donations from the group of donors, and that the Mayor and Clerk be directed to sign said contract on behalf of the City.

Council member Bahmer stated that he would be voting no on this as he had attempted to have it removed from the budget in the past. He does not feel that \$10,000 should be used to support a select few of the community.

Council member Ridge moved, supported by Johnston to approve first reading of Resolution No. 2018-14 authorizing the award of Airport Lobby Renovation Bid as presented. Carried. 4 Yes. (Baker, Johnston, Ridge, Lewis) 2 No. (Bahmer, Russo)

C. CONSIDER FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-16 TO AWARD CONTRACT TO FTCH FOR LOCAL LIMIT REVIEW AND ORDINANCE UPDATES:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-16

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH FISHBECK, THOMPSON, CARR & HUBER FOR

ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO SEWER LOCAL LIMITS AND SEWER USE ORDINANCE UPDATES

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) requires permit holders to review their local limits and make any necessary modifications to their ordinances to meet current regulations; and

WHEREAS, Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber (FTCH) has provided these same services for the City and is familiar with our wastewater plant and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, FTCH has submitted a proposal to complete the necessary work for a lump sum amount of \$9,500.00, and

WHEREAS, funding for the professional services related to review of local limits and ordinance updates will be charged to the Water and Sewer Fund.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council enter into a contract with FTCH to provide the above mentioned services and that the mayor or clerk be directed to sign said contract on behalf of the City.

Council member Bahmer is concerned with only one proposal. With anything over \$5,000 he would like to see at least one other quote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker stated that since this company has the data it would make sense to have them do the work.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker moved, supported by Ridge to approve Resolution No. 2018-16 to award contract to FTCH for local

limit review and ordinance updates as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No.

D. CONSIDER FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-17 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A COMBINED SEWER CLEANING TRUCK:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-17

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A TRUCK MOUNTED COMBINATION SEWER CLEANER

WHEREAS, the City's FY 17/18 budget has appropriated \$400,000 for the purchase of a truck mounted combination sewer cleaner; and

WHEREAS, the DPW staff has been researching, demoing and gathering quotes for various truck mounted combination sewer cleaner models that were consistent with the needs of the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works staff has determined that the fan blower configuration is the best model for our application; and

WHEREAS, quotes were taken and reviewed based on price, features, reliability, long term maintenance costs, parts availability, dealer location and other various factors; and

WHEREAS, a quote of \$375,841.00 was received for a 2016 Vactor Model 2100 PLUS from Jack Doheny Companies; and

WHEREAS, a quote was received from Jack Doheny Companies for trade-in value on the trailer mounted jetter in the amount of \$32,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the DPW staff is requesting the purchase of the 2016 Vactor Model 2100 PLUS truck mounted combination sewer cleaner at a cost of \$375,841.00; and

WHEREAS, the DPW staff is requesting additional options on the truck at a cost of \$2,975.00 making the total purchase price \$378,816.00; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-178 of the City Ordinances allows for the waiver of sealed bids.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the purchase of the 2016 Vactor Model 2100 PLUS Truck Mounted Combination Sewer Cleaner from Jack Doheny Companies with additional options in amount of \$378,816.00 and agrees to waive the sealed bid process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the trade-in of the trailer mounted jetter in the amount of \$32,000.00 to offset the cost of the purchase of the truck mounted combination sewer cleaner.

Council member Bahmer stated that by not approving the purchase of this truck earlier the City saved \$15,000.00

Director Gilson explained the options on the truck.

Council member Johnston moved, supported by Baker to approve first reading of Resolution No. 2018-17 for the purchase of a combined sewer cleaning truck as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Guetschow reported that DPW Director Amy Gilson gave testimony before the Transportation Subcommittee regarding the need for additional funding to improve street and road infrastructure. He stated that the fire dog, Calie, belonging to Tyger Fullerton had passed. He stated that proposals have been received for the City's property and liability insurance coverage and a proposal will be presented to council in the near future. The Nordic Fire Festival was well attended and growing in its third year. He invited everyone to attend the CanDo! meeting on Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 A.M. where Joan Nelson, Executive Director of Allen Neighborhood Center in Lansing will be giving a presentation. He announced the MML Conference registration that will be due on Wednesday for any council members wishing to attend.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joe Pray, 316 W. Seminary, stated that the donors did intend for the money to go as a pocket park. He stated that this will not work as a parking lot as they are all aware of the environmental concerns with the property. He agrees it may have to be done in parts. There are also grants that will be included. He stated that the benefits will exceed. He stated as far as the airport the FAA statements show the numbers. He stated that the airport is for a great group of people and is not just for the wealthy. He stated that

there were many donors lined up on the project and a number of people who use their own checkbook to support the community.

Justin Brummette, 340 High, stated that their decision will be welcomed by the Planning Commission. He stated that without the speaker you will have the personal touch that was there before where you are actually speaking to a person. He appreciates their decision. He stated in regards to the water plant issue and shopping around he feels that it could equate to diesel mechanics work on diesels and others work on regular cars. He stated he is the new Planning Commission Chairman. He welcomes the challenge and looks forward to working with the City Council.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Council member Johnston thanked everyone for coming. He thanked Boy Scout Pack 46 for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Council member Russo no comment.
- Council member Ridge thanked everyone for their comments. She congratulated the cheerleaders for winning the Regionals over the weekend for the second year in a row. She stated that they will be going to the State Finals next weekend and hopes to finish in the top 3.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Baker appreciates everyone coming out. He stated that council can't please everyone but they try their best to meet the challenges and keep the community moving forward.

- Council member Bahmer stated he would like to revisit reestablishing a Zoning Board of Appeals at the next council meeting.
- Mayor Lewis stated the Nordic Fire Festival was well attended and growing each year. He thanked Council member Johnston for bringing in the Boy Scouts to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. He enjoyed speaking with them before the meeting about his roles in government. He thanked everyone for being there and appreciates the audience and the city council's civility.

Council member Johnston moved, second by Ridge to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No

Mayor Tim Lewis

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk, CMMC