



Vassar City Council

6/7/2021 - Minutes

1. Call To Order
Mayor Damm called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. Pledge Of Allegiance/Invocation
3. Roll Call
Members present: Mayor Damm; Mayor Pro-Tem Fabbro; Councilor Armstrong; Councilor McTaggart and Councilor Mecham.
Members Absent: None
4. Approval/Adjustment To The Agenda
Motion by Fabbro; second by Mecham to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried
5. Adoption Of Regular Minutes
Motion by Mecham; second by Armstrong to approve the May 3, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.
6. Public Comment
Carson Atkins - 133 N Cass, Vassar - Mr Atkins was grateful for the improvements that have been made at 200 N Cass Ave, Vassar.
7. Consent Agenda Items
Motion by Fabbro; second by McTaggart to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
 - 7.I. Vendor Listing
May 2021 Vendor Listing
 - 7.II. Boards And Commission Minutes
Planning Comm - April 19, 2021
EDC - October 15, 2020
Parks & Rec Comm - April 28, 2021
 - 7.III. Street Closure Request
Street Closure for August 7, 2021 - 40th Annual Car Show
8. New Business
 - 8.I. Consideration Of Wellhead Grant Implementation

Proposal from Fleis & Vandenbrink for Wellhead Protection Grant Program Implementation Service

City Manager Niedzinski stated that the City has had a service agreement with Fleis & Vandenbrink for several years to administer the Wellhead Protection Grant from the State of Michigan. The State requires that a new agreement be signed annually.

Motion by Mecham; second by Armstrong to authorize the City Manager to sign the proposal from Fleis & Vandenbrink for Wellhead Protection Grant Program Implementation Service as presented. Motion carried.

8.II. Consideration Of Resolution #2021-06

Resolution #2021-06 - Authorizing Assessment of Liens to City Taxes

City Manager Niedzinski stated that Council has been provided with a listing of delinquent Utility Accounts. These account balances will be placed on the July 2021 City tax bill as a lien.

Motion by Fabbro; second by Mecham to approve Resolution #2021-06 - Authorizing Assessment of Liens to City Taxes as presented. Motion carried.

8.III. Consideration Of Resolution #2021-07

Resolution #2021-07 - To Approve Contract #21-5192 with Michigan Department of Transportation for Street Project

City Manager Niedzinski stated that the State of Michigan requires that the City Council approve by resolution authorized signers for the upcoming Bourn and Athletic Street resurfacing projects. This resolution will name the Mayor and City Clerk as authorized signers for these projects.

Motion by Fabbro; second by Armstrong to approve Resolution #2021-07 - To Approve Contract #21-5192 with Michigan Department of Transportation for Street Project as presented. Motion carried.

8.IV. Consideration Of FY21 Year-End Budget Amendments

Listing of requested FY21 year-end budget amendments

City Manager Niedzinski stated that the requested budget amendments will bring the budget inline with revenues and expenses this fiscal year.

Motion by McTaggart; second by Mecham to approve the FY21 year-end budgets as requested. Motion carried.

8.V. Consideration Of Engineering Services - Safe Routes To Schools Program

Proposals from Fleis & Vandenbrink and Spicer Engineering

City Manager Niedzinski stated that a request for Engineering services was requested from these two Engineering Firms for Design Engineering for the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Project. There is a sizeable difference in the costs estimated by each firm. City Manager Niedzinski stated that there is no apparent reason for the difference as the two proposals are similar. F&V proposed \$43,500 and Spicer proposed \$120,000.

Motion by Fabbro; second by McTaggart to authorize City Manager Niedzinski to sign the proposal from Fleis & Vandenbrink for the Design Engineering Services for the Safe Routes to Schools Program in the amount of \$43,500. Motion carried.

9. Council Discussion, Direction To City Manager & Future Agenda Items

Mayor Pro-Tem Fabbro -

- People are enjoying the new swings that have been installed along the Cass River bank.
- Vassar EDC is considering a new social media platform to promote business within the City

Councilor Mecham-

- There appears to be an improvement in the amount of trouble a group of kids have been creating
- Requested that the Council put a plan together for Fairgrounds improvements prior to starting the football field addition.

10. Public Comment

Carson Atkins - 133 N Cass, Vassar - Mr. Atkins stated that the Fairgrounds were well kept this season but requested improvements for the dugouts and concession stand.

11. City Manager Announcements & Statements

City Manager Niedzinski announced that Michael Rogers has accepted the promotion to Fire Chief for the Vassar Fire Department. He will be officially sworn in at the July 2021 City Council Meeting.

12. Motion To Go Into Closed Session

Closed Session

15.268 Closed Sessions; Permissible Purposes

c) For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiation party requests a closed hearing

Motion by Fabbro; second by Mecham to go into a Closed Session with the Permissible Purposes: c) For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiation party requests a closed hearing at 7:33pm. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Yae: Mayor Damm; Mayor Pro Tem Fabbro; Councilor McTaggart; Councilor Armstrong; Councilor Mecham

Nay: None

Motion carried

Motion by Fabbro; second by Armstrong to reconvene a Regular Session at 8:06pm.

Roll Call Vote:

Yae: Councilor Mecham; Councilor Armstrong; Mayor Damm; Mayor Pro Tem Fabbro; Councilor McTaggart

Nay: None

Motion carried

Motion by Fabbro; second by McTaggart to approve the Tentative Agreement between the City of Vassar and IUOE Local 324 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mecham; second by Armstrong to approve the Tentative Agreement between the City of

Vassar and POAM as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Fabbro; second by Mecham to approve the MERS 457 Employer Contribution Addendum as presented. Motion carried.

13. Adjourn

Motion by Fabbro; second by Mecham to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. Motion carried.