



July 12, 2021

Vassar City Council Meeting

7/12/2021 - 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 Armstrong to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

5. Adoption Of Regular Minutes

**Motion by Mecham; second by McTaggart to approve the June 7, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

6. Adoption Of Closed Minutes

**Motion by Fabbro; second by Mecham to approve the June 7, 2021 Closed City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

7. Presentation

Mayor Damm presented Gary Millerov - Retiring Vassar Fire Chief with the following Resolution:

Resolution #2021-08 - A Resolution Thanking FIRE CHIEF GARY MILLEROV for Fifty-one Years of Service to The City of Vassar, Congratulating Him on His Retirement and Wishing Him Well in His Future Endeavors.

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Oath of Office:

City Clerk/Treasurer Lemcke administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed:

- Michael Rogers - Chief, Vassar Fire Department
- Mark Dowe - Assistant Chief, Vassar Fire Department

8. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

9. Consent Agenda Items

**Motion by Fabbro; second by Armstrong to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

9.I. Vendor Listing

June 2021 Vendor Listing

9.II. Boards And Commission Minutes

- Parks & Rec - May 26, 2021
- VAAS - Annual Report

9.III. Riverfest Parade Road Closure Request

9.IV. Boards And Commission Appointments/Resignation

Appointments:

- Gary Kasper - Planning Commission - Term Expire 6/30/2024
- Buryl Binder - Planning Commission - Term Expire 6/30/2024
- Ben Kaiser - Parks & Recreation - Term Expire 6/30/2024
- Beth Ann Fall - Parks & Recreation - Term Expire 6/30/2024
- Sue Tolliver - Board of Review - Term Expire 6/30/2024
- Adam Barden - DDA - Term Expire 6/30/2025

Resignation:

- Ted Perreault - Board of Review

10. New Business

10.I. Consideration Of Athletic/Bourn Street Project Bid Award

City Manager Niedzinski stated that Fleis & Vandenbrink (F&V) held a bid opening on July 7, 2021 for the 2021 Street Improvements of Athletic and Bourn Streets. Two (2) bids were received - Pyramid Paving Co (\$182,709.10) and Astec Asphalt, Inc (\$193,216.30). It is the recommendation of F&V the project be awarded to Pyramid.

**Motion by Fabbro; second by Mecham to award the 2021 Street Improvement Project to Pyramid Paving & Contracting with the condition upon receiving the Notice to Proceed for the Michigan Department of Transportation. Motion carried.**

## 10.II. Consideration Of Fire And Police Department Radio Purchase

City Manager Niedzinski stated that Tuscola County has an opportunity to purchase new service radios at a reduced rate for all police and fire departments within the county. The radios that are currently in service are outdated and can no longer be serviced. The Fire and Police Chiefs are requesting to purchase 3 radios (with necessary equipment) for each department. The total cost commitment will be \$15,647.10. The plan is to expense these new radios from the equipment replacement fund.

**Motion by Armstrong; second by Mecham to approve the purchase of 6 new radios and necessary equipment in an amount not to exceed \$15,647.10. Motion carried.**

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

Council requested verbal updates on the following:

- Status of the City's building Codes Department - City Manager Niedzinski stated that the City is currently waiting on the State to approve our request and that BS&A are in the process of transferring our records and will be training staff soon.
- 475 Goodrich is slated for demolition as soon as the contractor can fit it in their schedule.

## 12. Public Comment

Ted Gamet - 326 Emerson, Vassar - Assistant Fire Chief Gamet wished to thank the Vassar City Council for the purchase of 3 new radios for each the Fire Department and the Police Department.

## 13. City Manager Announcements & Statements

City Manager Niedzinski provided the following updates:

- There is currently a part-time DPW position open.
- Updated information about the current water/sewer rates was given. The Council was provided a comparison of rates for nearby cities and villages. This increase was the second increase of a three (3) year plan. FY23 will also have the same percentage increase for residential water service.

## 14. Adjourn

**Motion by Fabbro; second by Mecham to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm. Motion carried.**