



## Vassar City Council Regular Meeting

4/4/2022 - 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; and Councilor McTaggart  
Members Absent: Councilor Mecham.

**Motion by Fabbro; second by Armstrong to excuse Councilor Mecham. Motion carried.**

4. Approval/Adjustment To The Agenda

**Motion by Fabbro; second by McTaggart to approve the Agenda with the addition of 8.III - Consideration of Vac Truck Equipment Purchase. All else as presented. Motion carried.**

5. Adoption Of Regular Minutes

**Motion by Armstrong; second by McTaggart to approve the March 7, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

5.I. Adoption Of Closed Minutes

**Motion by Fabbro; second by Armstrong to approve the March 7, 2022 Closed City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

6. Public Comment

Carson Atkins - 133 N Cass Ave, Vassar - Mr. Atkins requested that the City blight the vacant/abandoned house at the end of East Maple Street. He also suggested that the City hire youth in the Community to help maintain City Hall properties this summer.

7. Consent Agenda Items

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

carried.

7.I. Vendor Listing

March 2022 Vendor Listing

7.II. Boards And Commission Minutes

DDA - February 9, 2022

Parks & Rec - February 23, 2022

ZBA - November 9, 2021

VAAS - February 17, 2022

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8. New Business

8.I. Consideration Of Water Reliability Study Proposals

City Manager Niedzinski stated that last January, a representative from EGLE, completed an inspection of our water department. It was determined that the City was not in compliance with a current Reliability Study and General plan. It is required that this document be completed every 5 years. The last study was completed in 2016. The City solicited and received proposals from the following: Spicer Group - \$12,000; Wade Trim - \$12,000; and Fleis & Vandenbrink - \$14,800.

**Motion by Armstrong; second by McTaggart to accept the proposal for a Water Reliability Study to be conducted by Spicer Group Engineering in the amount of \$12,000. Motion carried.**

8.II. Consideration Of Dog Park Fencing

City Manager Niedzinski stated that in the current budget it was planned on the creation of a Dog Park in the area of Water St. and Arch St. The amount budgeted was \$10,000 for supplies and that Staff would install the fencing. It has been determined that it is actually more cost effective to have a professional fence company install the fencing. The City had contacted a few companies and received one proposal from Sullivan Fence in the amount of \$13,186.

**Motion by Fabbro; second by Armstrong to accept the quote from Sullivan Fence Company in the amount of \$13,186 for construction of Dog Park fencing. Motion carried.**

8.III. Consideration Of Vac Truck Equipment Purchase

DPW Director Stein has been working with EGLE to ensure that the City is in compliance with the State's lead and copper rules. It has been determined that the City is behind on is a full inventory of the Water System and replacement of any lead or galvanized pipes. The State has set yearly benchmarks for replacement of lead or galvanized pipes and must be completed within 20 years. The City has about 1,200 curb stops within the Water System that must be inspected. The City has received an estimate from a local company to perform the inspections at a cost of \$200/stop or approximately \$240,000.

Stein believes that with the proper equipment the Staff at the Department of Public Works could perform the inspections. The City has located a used vacuum truck for \$215,000 that would be used to complete the inspections and keep the City in compliance with the State's mandates. The cost of this equipment would be paid by ARPA funds as well as the Water and Sewer funds.

**Motion by Fabbro; second by McTaggart to approve the purchase of a 2015 Vector 2100 Plus Vacuum Truck from MTECH in an amount not to exceed \$215,000. Motion carried.**

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Fabbro stated that the Substance Abuse Coalition that he is a part of will be at City Hall on Friday, April 8 at 10am to create scripted PSA's to run on Social Media. He is encouraging any City Staff to participate if possible.

9.I. Budget Workshop

Monday, April 18, 2022 at 6pm

10. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

11. City Manager Announcements & Statements

City Manager Niedzinski stated that he recently attended an open house for IRD Homes, 164 E Huron Ave, Vassar.

12. Adjourn

**Motion by Fabbro; second by McTaggart to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm. Motion carried**