



## April 5, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting

4/5/2021 - Minutes

1. Call To Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Fabbro called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. Pledge Of Allegiance/Invocation

3. Roll Call

Members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Fabbro; Councilor Armstrong; Councilor McTaggart and Councilor Mecham.

Members Absent: Mayor Damm

**Motion by Armstrong; second by Mecham to excuse Mayor Damm from the meeting. Motion carried**

4. Approval/Adjustment To The Agenda

**Motion by Mecham; second by Armstrong to approve the presented Agenda with the addition of Item 10.VI - Amendment to a Professional Service Agreement. Motion carried.**

5. Adoption Of Regular Minutes

**Motion by Mecham; second by Armstrong to approve the March 1, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

6. Adoption Of Closed Minutes

**Motion by McTaggart; second by Mecham to approve the March 1, 2021 City Council Closed Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

7. Presentation

Vassar Assistant Fire Chief Ted Gamet presented Vassar Fire Chief Gary Millerov with a plaque to commemorate Fire Chief Millerov's 50 years of service with the Vassar Fire Department.

Vassar Fire Chief Millerov also announced his retirement from the Vassar Fire Department effective July 1, 2021.

8. Public Comment

Carson Atkins - 133 N Cass Ave, Vassar - Mr. Atkins spoke about several blight issues within the City.

Mark Cooper - 425 E Huron Ave, Vassar - Mr. Cooper spoke that he was opposed to Rental Property Inspections within the City of Vassar.

Travis Cooper - 117 S Main St, Vassar - Mr. Cooper spoke that he also was opposed to Rental Property Inspections within the City of Vassar.

Robert McKay - 995 W Saginaw, Tuscola Township - Mr. McKay stated that the flood of 1986 wiped out several rental properties within the City and suggested that the City keep a rental property map to track the availability of rental housing in Vassar.

9. Consent Agenda Items

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

9.I. Vendor Listing

March 2021 Vendor Listing

9.II. Boards And Commission Minutes

Vassar DDA - Dec 9, 2020

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10. New Business

10.I. First Reading Of FY22 Budget

City Manager Niedzinski presented a draft of the FY2022 Budget to Council. The Council will hold a public workshop on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6pm to discuss the draft budget.

**Motion by Mecham; second by Armstrong to hold a public hearing along with the second read of the FY2022 budget during the May 3, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting. Motion carried.**

10.II. Consideration Of City Manager's Employment Contract Addendum

Mayor Pro-Tem Fabbro stated that the Ad Hoc committee - Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem - that was charged to meet with the City Manager concerning his employment contract - came to agreement with the following items:

- Base salary to be \$71,978 with annual step increases set forth in the employee handbook
- City agrees to pay for OSHA Trainer Authorization
- Updated duration of agreement to June 30, 2025

**Motion by Armstrong; second by McTaggart to approve the Addendum to the City Manager Employment Agreement as presented. Motion carried.**

10.III. Request To Waive Ordinance 54-8: Rules Of Conduct

VAA - Reverse Raffle - TNorth Pavilion - July 17, 2021

Mud Runners - Beer Tent - Fairgrounds - August 6 & 7, 2021

City Manager Niedzinski stated that these two area Non-Profit organizations are requesting the City Council waive Ordinance 54-8: Rules Of Conduct that prohibits alcohol use in City parks. These organizations each have fund-raising events planned for the days listed above.

**Motion by Mecham; second by Armstrong to waive Ordinance 54-8: Rules Of Conduct for July 17, 2021 at T North Pavilion (VAA) and August 6 and 7, 2021 at Vassar Fairgrounds (Mud Runners). Motion carried.**

10.IV. Consideration To Authorize Baker Tilly As Investment Broker

City Manager Niedzinski stated that the City has approximately \$2 Million in investments (CD's and savings accounts) and was requesting guidance from Baker Tilly to maximize the return on investment. Baker Tilly has provided a comprehensive investment plan that requires authorization from Council to direct the City Manager to sign the Engagement Letter between Baker Tilly Investment Services and the City of Vassar for investment servicing.

**Motion by Armstrong; second by McTaggart to authorize the City Manger to accept and sign the agreement between Baker Tilly Investment Services and the City of Vassar as presented. Motion carried.**

10.V. Consideration Of 200 N Cass Ave Purchase Agreement

City Manager Niedzinski stated that the City has come to an agreement for the purchase of 200 N Cass Ave, Vassar. This agreement is between The City of Vassar and Sivak's Cass River Boat and Tube Rental. The purchase price is set to be \$1.00 with no deed restrictions in place.

**Motion by McTaggart; second by Mecham to authorize the City Manager to accept and sign the purchase agreement between the City of Vassar and Sivak's Cass River Boat and Tube Rental for 200 N Cass Ave, Vassar as presented. Motion carried.**

10.VI. Consideration Of Amendment To A Professional Service Agreement

City Manager Niedzinski stated that the Bourn Street reconstruction project will have storm sewer placement during the construction project. Therefore it was be necessary to request the current project engineering firm (Fleis & Vandenbrink) to expand their engineering services to include new storm sewer placement. The engineering firm has provided an amendment to the already approved agreement in the amount of \$5,700 for the additional engineering.

**Motion by Mecham; second by Armstrong to approve the Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Fleis & Vandenbrink in the amount of \$5,700 for storm sewer engineering of Bourn Street. Motion carried.**

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Fabbro stated that the City has made progress toward eliminating blight. He stated that residents are being held accountable but complete elimination will take time.

12. Public Comment

Carson Atkins - 133 N Cass Ave, Vassar - Mr. Atkins spoke about a vacant blighted structure on Cass Ave and if the City could remove the blighted structures if the owner does not take responsibility for it.

13. City Manager Announcements & Statements

City Manager Niedzinski stated that he has been contacted about the possibility of providing sewer and water to a parcel located at the corner of Dubois Rd and State Rd (Vassar Township). He stated that a possible 425 Agreement would have to be reached in order for the City to provide services to this parcel.

14. Adjourn

**Motion by Mecham; second by Armstrong to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Motion carried.**