



Vassar City Council Regular Meeting

7/5/2022 - 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 McTaggart; Councilor Armstrong and Councilor Meham

Members Absent: Mayor Damm

Motion by Meham; second by McTaggart to excuse Mayor Damm. Motion carried.

4. Approval/Adjustment To The Agenda

City Manager Niedzinski presented 2 additions to the Agenda for Council's consideration:

1. Item 9.I.ii - Vassar Corkpine Fair request to reduce rental charges at IMH
2. Item 9.I.iii - Vassar Corkpine Fair Request to use Bleachers

Motion by Armstrong; second by McTaggart to approve the Agenda with these changes. Motion carried.

5. Adoption Of Regular Minutes

Motion by Meham; second by McTaggart to approve the June 6, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

5.I. Adoption Of Special Meeting Minutes

Motion by Armstrong; second by Meham to approve the June 27, 2022 Special City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

6. Public Comment

Carson Atkins - 133 N Cass, Vassar - Mr. Atkins sent gratitude to both the DPW and the Vassar Police Department for recent events. He also questioned the need for doors on the Dumpster boxes in the North Parking lot as they are never closed and pose a risk to damage cars when it is windy.

7. Presentation

Tuscola County Drain Commissioner - Bob Montey

Mr. Montey requested to address to Council because he had not attended a meeting since 2016 and he thought it was a good time to update the current Council on the Flood Mitigation/Moore Drain project that was completed in 2006. Mr. Montey also stated that this project did exactly as it was designed to do but that there is a need for more detention areas up stream or possibly installing temporary pumping stations within the City. In 2016, an Operating/Maintenance Agreement was drawn between the City of Vassar and the Drain Commissioner's Office. This agreement specifically stated which party was responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the berm along the west bank of the Cass River.

Mr. Montey then stated that he had been in contact with the owners of Syvek's Rentals at 200 N Cass, Vassar. The Syvek's have recently installed a floating launch/dock along the bank of the river. According to Mr. Montey, the launch cannot be located in the easement of the berm, but is working along with the Syvek's to draft a use agreement between the Syvek's and the Drain Commissioner's Office.

Mr. Montey plans to meet with City Officials March or April annually.

8. Consent Agenda Items

It was the consensus of Council to remove the Riverfest Parade Road Closure request from the Consent Agenda and add it to New Business in tonight's meeting.

Motion by Armstrong; second by Mecham to approve the Consent Agenda with the change noted. Motion carried.

8.I. Vendor Listing

June 2022 Vendor Listing

8.II. Boards And Commission Minutes

DDA - May 11, 2022

Planning Comm - May 16, 2022

8.III. Road Closure Requests

Vassar Chamber of Commerce - Riverfest Parade - August 5, 2022

Shifters of Vassar - Annual Car Show - August 6, 2022

9. New Business

9.I. Corkpine Fair Rental Agreement

Cindy and Steve Waterman of the Corkpine Fair were present to answer any questions that the Council may have had. Corkpine Fair is to be held August 3 - 6, 2022 at the fairgrounds.

Motion by McTaggart; second by Armstrong to approve the Rental Agreement between the City and Corkpine Fair Committee as presented. Motion carried.

9.I.i. Consideration To Waive Camping Ordinance In Parks

Corkpine Fair Committee has requested that the City waive the City's Ordinance 54-82 - Camping - Prohibited Acts to allow Carnival workers to camp at the Fairgrounds from August 1-7, 2022.

Motion by Mecham; second by Armstrong to waive Ordinance 54-82 - Camping from August 1 -7, 2022 and allow camping at the fairgrounds.

9.I.ii. Consideration Of IMH Rental

Corkpine Fair Committee has requested that the City consider a reduced rental fee of \$100 for Ivan Middleton Hall. The Fair Committee would like to rental the hall as part of the Corkpine Fair to house Bingo daily.

Motion by Mecham; second by McTaggart to lower the rental fee of IMH for the Corkpine Fair Committee to \$100 to the event. Motion carried.

9.I.iii. Consideration Of Bleacher Usage

Corkpine Fair Committee is requesting to use any bleachers owned by the City for the duration of the Corkpine Fair August 3 -6, 2022.

It was the consensus of Council that the Corkpine Fair Committee could use bleachers owned by the City.

9.II. MudRunners Fairground Rental Agreement

Thumb Area Mud Runners have requested the use of the Fairgrounds August 12 -13, 2022 to hold a Mud Bog.

Motion by McTaggart; second by Armstrong to approve the Facility Use Agreement between the City and Thumb Area Mud Runners as presented. Motion carried.

9.III. Approval Of WWTP Purchases

City Manager Niedzinski stated that Carl Miller, Operator In Charge (OIC) of the WWTP has requested that City purchase two (2) sets of replacement parts for the UV lighting system. One set would be used now and the other set would be shelved for replacement. The total cost of both sets would be \$9051.20.

Motion by Armstrong; second by McTaggart to authorize the purchase from Aquionics in the amount of \$9051.20. Motion carried.

9.IV. Consideration Of Sewer Repair Saginaw Street

City Manager Niedzinski stated that there is a existing flooding issue in the Norman St/E Huron area. With the new construction being built on that corner, it was the right time to address the flooding issue. The corrective plan would extend the storm drain down the vacated portion of Edgar Street off of E Huron. Cooper Excavating provided a quote of \$10,300 to install the new Storm Sewer.

Motion by McTaggart; second by Mecham to authorize Cooper Excavating to install a new storm sewer just off E Huron and Norman Street. Motion carried.

9.V. Consideration Of Riverfest Parade Route

There was much discussion by all of Council as to the route of the RiverFest Parade on Friday, August 5, 2022. The original plan was to run the parade the same route as last year and end at the

Fairgrounds. Councilor Mecham voiced concern that the parade ending at the fairgrounds this year may be problematic with the CorkPine Fair also at the fairgrounds. Councilor McTaggart, who is also a representative of the Chamber, stated that it would be no problem to change the parade route to end on Lincoln St instead.

Motion by Fabbro; second by Armstrong to approve the Street Closure for the RiverFest Parade with the alternate route suggested by Councilor McTaggart. Motion carried.

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

Councilor Mecham requested the Council consider a new ordinance that would address the issues that have plagued the RV Park on Cass Ave. City Manager Niedzinski stated that he and Chief Guile are working on a new ordinance and will bring it to a future council meeting for consideration.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fabbro stated that the VPS Robotic State Championship signs have been ordered and will be installed at the City Limits.

11. Public Comment

Carson Atkins - 133 N Cass, Vassar - Mr. Atkins questioned a lack of communication for getting blighted properties mowed and questioned why the RV Park ordinance cannot be enforced.

Cindy Waterman - Vassar - Questioned blighted properties on Goodrich St. that have tall grass.

12. City Manager Announcements & Statements

There were no updates given.

13. Adjourn

Motion by Mecham; second by McTaggart to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Motion carried.