



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 01, 2021 at 7:00 PM

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### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Mayor Culpepper

### PRESENT

Mayor Mike Culpepper  
Mayor Pro Tem Brian Fredline  
Council Member Alan Ducastel  
Council Member Gail Geasler  
Council Member Dena Judd  
Council Member Marcie Nickols  
Council Member David Rhodabeck

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) - Brief Presentation by Edward Woods III

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of February 1, 2021 minutes

Motion made by Council Member Rhodabeck, Seconded by Council Member Ducastel.

Voting Yea: Mayor Culpepper, Mayor Pro Tem Fredline, Council Member Ducastel, Council Member Geasler, Council Member Judd, Council Member Nickols, Council Member Rhodabeck

### TREASURER'S REPORT

3. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Council Member Judd, Seconded by Council Member Nickols.

Voting Yea: Mayor Culpepper, Mayor Pro Tem Fredline, Council Member Ducastel, Council Member Geasler, Council Member Judd, Council Member Nickols, Council Member Rhodabeck

### ITEMS OF BUSINESS

4. Resolution 2102 to amend Ordinance 02-2019 (Adult Use Marihuana facility), Section II(1): Change available permits for microbusinesses from two to zero.

Motion to open the floor for discussion made by Council Member Rhodabeck, Seconded by Council Member Judd. There was a brief discussion regarding why this was back on the agenda. Ducastel thought it had already been decided last month to keep the ordinance authorizing two micro business licenses. Judd and Rhodabeck mentioned that they were not clear on what the vote meant last month. They have since asked questions and asked to have the Resolution put back on the agenda. The Planning Commission and the DDA both made recommendations that the City Council prohibit the Micro Retail Business and any operations that would allow the growing of Marihuana. The LBCA connected with the businesses and nineteen businesses signed a letter requesting that the City Council limit the number of retail marihuana licenses as well as voicing concerns regarding businesses that would grow marihuana.

Motion to approve Resolution 2102 made by Council Member Geasler, Seconded by Council Member Judd.

Voting Yea: Mayor Culpepper, Council Member Geasler, Council Member Judd, Council Member Nickols, Council Member Rhodabeck

Voting Nay: Mayor Pro Tem Fredline, Council Member Ducastel. Resolution Passed.

5. Resolution 2103 to to adopt the updated Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2021

Motion to approve made by Council Member Nickols, Seconded by Council Member Geasler.

Voting Yea: Mayor Culpepper, Mayor Pro Tem Fredline, Council Member Ducastel, Council Member Geasler, Council Member Judd, Council Member Nickols, Council Member Rhodabeck

6. Approval of Lease Agreement

Motion to approve with changes in section 7 restating that the Library staff will perform the custodial duties in the Library, keeping the Library clean and taking out the trash.

made by Council Member Rhodabeck, Seconded by Council Member Nickols.

Voting Yea: Mayor Culpepper, Mayor Pro Tem Fredline, Council Member Ducastel, Council Member Geasler, Council Member Judd, Council Member Nickols, Council Member Rhodabeck

7. 2021-2022 Budget Discussion

Motion to include funds in the proposed budget to survey the City owned property on Laingsburg Road. Asking Dave Casler to check with EGLE on the process to make improvements to this property.

Made by Council Member Rhodabeck, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fredline.

Voting Yea: Mayor Culpepper, Mayor Pro Tem Fredline, Council Member Ducastel, Council Member Geasler, Council Member Judd, Council Member Nickols, Council Member Rhodabeck

8. Approval of Street Closure Springtime Festival May 26th -31st

Cindy Arthur was present representing the Laingsburg Lions Club. They are requesting to close the streets for the Springtime Festival. There was a brief discussion regarding closing the street in front of the ECEC for dancers on Friday night. The City was hopeful the Lions Club would use the Amphitheater for their event.

Motion made by Council Member Ducastel, Seconded by Council Member Geasler.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Culpepper, Mayor Pro Tem Fredline, Council Member Ducastel, Council Member Geasler, Council Member Judd, Council Member Nickols, Council Member Rhodabeck

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. Committee Reports

Motion to seek bond counsel to fund street projects made by Mayor Pro Tem Fredline, Seconded by Council Member Rhodabeck.

Voting Yea: Mayor Culpepper, Mayor Pro Tem Fredline, Council Member Ducastel, Council Member Geasler, Council Member Judd, Council Member Nickols, Council Member Rhodabeck

## BILLS

10. Approval of Bills

Approve payment of bills as follows: Checks 41472— 41499 in the amount of \$216,630.34 dated 2/02/2021-2/25/2021 EFT-Checks dated 2/1/2021 - 2/25/202 1 in the amount of \$30,941.34. Tax Distributions paid \$199,329.77.

Motion made by Council Member Judd, Seconded by Council Member Nickols.

Voting Yea: Mayor Culpepper, Mayor Pro Tem Fredline, Council Member Ducastel, Council Member Geasler, Council Member Judd, Council Member Nickols, Council Member Rhodabeck

## OTHER ITEMS

Close Roosevelt Row from June 2, 2021 through October 30, 2021 on Wednesdays from 3pm until 8pm for the Farmers Market.

Motion made by Council Member Judd, Seconded by Council Member Nickols.

Voting Yea: Mayor Culpepper, Mayor Pro Tem Fredline, Council Member Ducastel, Council Member Geasler, Council Member Judd, Council Member Nickols, Council Member Rhodabeck

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm

Paula Willoughby  
Clerk/Treasurer