



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
(ELECTRONIC MEETING PLATFORM)
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021
7:30 P.M.**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Ackley.

ROLL CALL Mayor Ackley, Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose, Council Member Fernandes, Council Member Lublin, Council Member Owsinek, Council Member Woods

There being a quorum present, the meeting was declared in session.

City Council members announcing their attendance for meeting within Oakland County and Alpena, Michigan.

OTHERS PRESENT City Manager Whitt, Confidential Assistant Jaquays, Assistant City Manager Pesta, Police Chief Shakinis, Fire Chief Coomer, City Attorney Vanerian, Deputy City Clerk Gross, and City Clerk Stuart

CM 8-1-21 MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER LOCH FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Lublin: UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To excuse Council Member Loch from tonight's meeting.

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting June 15, 2021

CM 8-2-21 MOTION TO APPROVE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2021

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Lublin, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve regular council meeting minutes of June 15, 2021.

COUNCIL REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose said at the recent DDA meeting discussion was had on the Jewish Ensemble Theater play, Grease being hosted at the Walled Lake event field where the Farmer's Market is held. Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose explained ticket sales have been very successful and he understood almost sold out. Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose said parking and incidentals are still being worked out for the August 27th, 28th, and 29th.

Council Member Lublin explained it is a full-on theater production of Grease. It is a musical it is not a children theater performance.

Confidential Assistant Jaquays explained the Farmers Market is hosted every Wednesday May through October. Ms. Jaquays said vendors have expressed appreciation of the site development for parking, along with improvements to ingress and egress. Ms. Jaquays said the city's community playhouse, Jet Theater is hosting a professional performance of Grease. Ms. Jaquays encouraged council members to visit the market, produce is readily available. Ms. Jaquays thanked the local farmers who take time to come and give Walled Lake their best and she said she is grateful for their participation. Ms. Jaquays said all information on the Farmers Market and Grease performance is on Facebook and Instagram.

Deputy City Clerk Gross provided an update on the summer concert series. Deputy Clerk Gross explained the most recent concert was on June 9th, the next concert in the series was rescheduled to August 25th and the final concert rescheduled to September 1st. Deputy Clerk Gross said turnout has been great and the city has received great response and support.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

1. Departmental / Divisional Statistical Reports

- a. Police
 - b. Fire
 - c. Finance
- Warrant

CM 8-3-21 **MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE
DEPARTMENTAL/ DIVISIONAL STATISTICAL
REPORTS**

Motion by Woods, seconded by Lublin, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To receive and file the departmental / divisional statistical reports.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (1) Loch
Abstain (0)

2. Report on Solid Waste and Recycling Collection

City Manager Whitt explained going back a few weeks he had ordered the DPW to assist in trash collections as GFL had missed items due to insufficient staffing. City Manager Whitt then deferred to DPW Team Lead Dan Ladd.

DPW Team Lead Mr. Ladd explained the northeast section of town did not have their trash picked up and the same for the following week. Mr. Ladd explained he and his crew took dump trucks over and picked up several items of missed trash. Mr. Ladd said he is proud of the team for the work he and his team did, it was a terrible gross mess. Mr. Ladd explained he and his crew were able to assist GFL in their missed pickup.

Mr. Ladd explained the recent heavy terrible storms caused poles to snap, downed wires were present all over, debris, etc. Mr. Ladd said this was the worst storm he had seen in his time here with the city. Mr. Ladd explained the storm caused several dangerous areas due to downed power lines that needed to be addressed by DTE. Mr. Ladd explained City Manager Whitt declared an emergency and gave permissions to DPW to bring in extra help. Mr. Ladd explained DPW began cleaning up debris however it is a slow methodical process and with permission granted, two outside agencies were brought in to assist the city with clean up. Mr. Ladd explained clean up is still occurring today. Mr. Ladd explained Annjo, and S. Eddie streets were hardest hit. Mr. Ladd explained the areas where the trees needed to be cleared was extensive.

City Manager Whitt commended the whole team at Public Works. City Manager Whitt said DPW had not had to pick up residential garbage before as the city has a contract for waste pick up. City Manager Whitt said he is proud of the public works team for stepping in and helping.

City Manager Whitt explained the city's multipurpose facility is moving along with electrical changes and some areas that had to be regraded.

DPW Team Lead Dan Ladd explained the public safety campus expansion has had the parking lot installed and traffic flow is working well. Mr. Ladd said all the infrastructure has been placed and operating successfully, watermain and hydrant included. Mr. Ladd explained the electrical has been relocated, a new meter was installed with additional services if needed for use. Mr. Ladd explained some stakes and pond items went missing at the time the detention pond was being shaped and the pond had to be reshaped. Mr.

Ladd explained after the parking lot and curb were placed, topsoil, and hydro seed were also placed but the storm came in and washed it away, reseeded took place yesterday.

City Manager Whitt explained the city is still on track to redo Riley Park's recreational equipment.

DPW Team Lead Dan Ladd explained earlier in the year council made decisions and commitment to update the parks and their equipment. Mr. Ladd explained the Riley Park play structure is scheduled to be replaced. Its current structure is made of wood and has rotted out. Mr. Ladd explained he needs an approval for the purchase and installation of new equipment. Mr. Ladd explained the Parks and Recreation Board has seen the proposed equipment. Mr. Ladd explained it is the same equipment in some of the Novi parks. Mr. Ladd explained the new equipment has a good life expectancy and is very well accepted in the parks it is within in other communities.

City Manager Whitt explained the plans to open the pedestrian bridge to public safety campus will come later after events and grass has grown in. City Manager Whitt explained there will be a separate discussion on the bridge and trailhead. City Manager Whitt explained if council is inclined to move ahead on new park equipment they may do so tonight or next council meeting.

Police Chief Shakinis explained on July 24th at 8pm the worst storm seen to date hit pouring three to five inches of rain and blowing sixty mph winds. Chief Shakinis explained there was a confirmed tornado in White Lake. Chief Shakinis said the storm's path hit Walled Lake, Novi, White Lake, Commerce, and Wolverine Lake. Chief Shakinis said the police department ran on sixty calls for service from 8pm to 1am on the morning. Chief Shakinis said he is proud of the men and women that came in to take care of business. Chief Shakinis explained staff assisted in clearing trees, checking on residents, caution taping areas with lines on fences and heavy deep-water areas. Chief Shakinis said it was incredible the amount of damage and yet everyone came together police, fire and public works. Police Chief Shakinis said on August 11th at 4 am another set of localized storms hit affecting the area north end of Walled Lake on Eddie, N. Eddie and Quinif, with downed power lines, broken poles, etc. Chief Shakinis explained crews worked with some of the senior residents to ensure they had emergency power for oxygen tanks and such.

Fire Chief Coomer explained his department is working on preparing the new fire truck and even utilized it in recent storms. Chief Coomer explained there were two fires one at Lake Village and another at Eagle Pond. Chief Coomer said his department responded to several calls during the storms, trees over roads and houses, emergency removal of branches and trees, identification of power lines that were down and with efforts to keep the public safe. Chief Coomer explained his crew marked down lines and knocked on doors asking people to stay away and be cautious.

Chief Coomer explained the fire department dispatched their crews because 911 lines were overloaded on July 24th with the volume of calls from the storm. Chief Coomer explained on August 11th the fire department responded to twenty-three calls, similar to July 24th but more centralized, Eddie, N. Eddie, Quinif, snapped lines, hot wires, etc. Chief Coomer explained elderly people who were on oxygen were provided service calls to help refill oxygen and taking some residents to hospital for treatment.

City Manager Whitt thanked all three departments on behalf of the city, they did very well coordinating efforts. City Manager Whitt explained the night of the storm, public works slept at the city that evening and started early again the next morning. City Manager Whitt asked for patience from the public and council on clean up. City Manager Whitt explained he has authorized and directed overtime for improvements and clean up from the storm while allowing weekend work by DPW to address routine items such as grass cutting and maintenance on city items. City Manager Whitt explained DPW Team Lead Dan Ladd has been coordinating with his crew. City Manager Whitt explained people are still cleaning up their yards, we need patience, any public safety issues will be addressed timely. City Manager Whitt said now is the time to clean up yards from the damage, if it is on the curb, it will be picked up, but it will take time.

City Manager Whitt explained the lack of trash services is believed to be an issue due to lack of employees, this could even be statewide. City Manager Whitt explained if council wishes to have copies of contracts they will be provided. City Manager Whitt explained there is a high turnover with these services and as new people are brought on every week, items get missed as they are learning the route.

City Manager Whitt explained the three resolutions on tonight's agenda are for a grant providing approximately a quarter of a million dollars. City Manager Whitt explained the city has applied for this grant. City Manager Whitt explained the final regulations have not been determined yet however, approximately \$400,000 will be unfretted and could be used for many things with the remaining grant monies to be used with specific restrictions.

CORRESPONDENCE None

Council Member Owsinek asked for a motion to accept recommendation of Mr. Ladd to purchase new playground equipment for Riley Park.

**CM 8-4-21 MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION FROM
THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR
NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT
RILEY PARK**

Motion by Fernandes, seconded by Woods,

Discussion

Council Member Lublin asked for pricing and such.

Council Member Owsinek explained he has attended the parks and recreation meeting and options with cost were provided at that time.

Council Member Fernandes explained Mr. Ladd attended several Parks and Recreation Commission meetings explaining options and this option is a very solid plan.

DPW Team Lead Ladd explained the play structure cost is approximately \$180,000 to include fall safe material and cement border to help with weed control. Mr. Ladd explained a site visit was conducted by the vendor for assessment and equipment is age appropriate.

**CM 8-5-21 MOTION TO AMEND TO ADD PURCHASE OF
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT TO NOT
EXCEED \$250,000**

Moton by Lublin, seconded by Fernandes

Discussion

Council Member Woods said he has seen the proposal and asked what will go on with the remaining parks such as Marshall Taylor Park.

City Manager Whitt explained the goal is to address and be equitable to all the park facilities.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Lublin, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (1) Loch
Abstain (0)

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

**1. Confidential Attorney Client Communications Memo Status Update
Regarding BDS Medical Growers, LLC v City of Walled Lake**

City Attorney Vanerian explained he has two items, one was submitted via confidential attorney client communications, and he is not at liberty to discuss in an open meeting.

City Attorney Vanerian explained the second item pertains to the three charter amendment proposals approved by council for the November 2021 ballot. Attorney

Vanerian explained the attorney general and governor have completed their reviews and both have approved the ballot proposals for the three charter amendments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Proposed Resolution 2021-75 Authorizing the Submittal of Federal Grant Application for the American Rescue Plan and Accepting the Recovery Funds**

CM 8-6-21 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2021-75 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FISCAL RECOVERY FUND AND WILL COMPLY WITH FEDERAL RULES AND POLICIES FOR THE PLAN IN REGARD TO ACCEPTANCE, COMPLIANCE AND ASSURANCE

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Fernandes, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2021-75 a resolution authorizing the submittal of federal grant application for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fiscal Recovery Fund and will comply with federal rules and policies for the plan in regard to acceptance, compliance, and assurance.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Lublin, Owsinek, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (1) Loch
Abstain (0)

- 2. Proposed Resolution 2021-76 Establishing Policy Regarding Grant Accounting and Administrative Policy for Acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act Funds**

CM 8-7-21 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2021-76 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY REGARDING GRANT ACCOUNTING AND ADMINISTRATION POLICY FOR ACCEPTANCE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS (ARPA)

Motion by Woods, seconded by Lublin, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2021-76 a resolution establishing a policy regarding grant accounting and administration policy for acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA).

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) Ambrose, Fernandes, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (1) Loch
Abstain (0)

3. Proposed Resolution 2021-77 Establishing a Supplemental Policy Regarding Conflict of Interest for City Employees and Officials Adopting Federal Procurement Funded Acquisitions of Property or Services

CM 8-8-21 MOTON TO APPROVE 2021-77 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SUPPLEMENTAL POLICY REGARDING CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS AND ADOPTING FEDERAL PROCUREMENT STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO FEDERALLY FUNDED ACQUISITIONS OF PROPERTY OR SERVICES

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Woods, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2021-77 a resolution establishing a supplemental policy regarding conflict of interest for city employees and officials and adopting federal procurement standards applicable to federally funded acquisitions of property or services.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) Fernandes, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (1) Loch
Abstain (0)

4. Proposed Resolution 2021-78 Public Safety Department – Police Division Vehicle Division

Police Chief Shakinas explained his department is seeking council approval for the purchase of two new Dodge Durango police package vehicles. Chief Shakinas explained the Dodge Durango's were the most cost effective. Chief Shakinas explained of the three bids solicited Szott M-59 Dodge in White Lake was the most cost effective. Chief Shakinas explained the department will replace two 2015 Dodge Chargers. Chief

Shakinas explained this is a little earlier than normal rotation as it is the understanding that with what developed through the covid shut down, vehicle purchases could be delayed. Chief Shakinas explained there is a window coming in October and he would prefer to seize it now.

**CM 8-9-21 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2021-78 A
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO
NEW 2022 DODGE DURANGO POLICE PACKAGE
PATROL VEHICLES FROM LOWEST BIDDER OF SZOTT
M-59 DODGE**

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Ambrose, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2021-78 a resolution approving the purchase of two new 2022 Dodge Durango Police Package Patrol Vehicles from lowest bidder of Szott M-59 Dodge.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) Lublin, Owsinek, Wood, Ambrose, Fernandes, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (1) Loch
Abstain (0)

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Woods asked for follow up on GFL and their pickups, the trucks are leaking hydraulic stains on the roads, what is going to be done to address this. Council Member Woods said the storms were a big deal. Council Member Woods said the fire department had 271 calls between June and July. Council Member Woods said the DPW crew clean up after the storm was amazing, great job, police responded to sixty calls alone on July 24th and they also did an amazing job. Council Member Woods thanked the city crews and their departments.

Council Member Lublin said he would like to reiterate what Council Member Woods said, the way the departments work together, he is proud of the team, well done.

Council Member Fernandes explained she went around and spoke to residents affected by the storm, and she said residents were appreciative of the efforts of the DPW, police and fire.

Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose thanked the team of the City of Walled Lake and for going above and beyond the call of duty. Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose said the teams pulled together and achieved outstanding results. Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose said the areas hit during the August 11th storm, DTE was so overwhelmed by damage of the area that according to DTE quadrants were shut down within the city.


Council Member Owsinek explained the DPW, fire and police working through to 3am in the morning clearing trees and branches, shows what we can do when we all pull together.

MAYOR'S REPORT

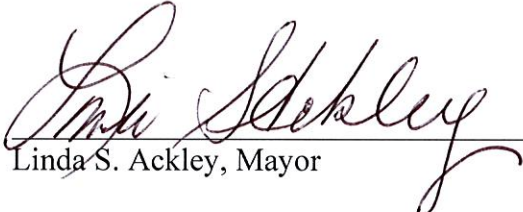
Mayor Ackley said she apologizes for her connectivity to tonight's meeting and thanked Council Member Owsinek for chairing the meeting. Mayor Ackley explained the feedback she has received was positive and thanked city staff and departments.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Jennifer A. Stuart, City Clerk
approved 9/21/21



Linda S. Ackley, Mayor