



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022
7:30 P.M.**

Confidential Assistant Ms. Hana Jaquays welcomed everyone to the regularly scheduled October City Council meeting. Ms. Jaquays introduced City Officials, City Clerk Stuart, Finance Director Pesta, HR Administrator/Deputy City Clerk Gross, Assistant City Manager Schrader, Acting DPW Superintendent Menzies, Fire Chief Coomer, Police Chief Shakinias, and Deputy Chief Kolke.

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

PLEDGE TO FLAG & INVOCATION

Invocation by Mayor Pro Tem Lublin.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ackley, Mayor Pro Tem Lublin, Council Member Ambrose, Council Member Fernandes, Council Member Loch, Council Member Lublin, Council Member Owsinek*, and Council Member Woods

Those attending the meeting virtually attended from Alpena, Michigan.

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

OTHERS PRESENT

City Manager Whitt, Confidential Assistant Jaquays, Finance Director Pesta, HR Administrator/Deputy Clerk Gross, Police Chief Shakinias, Deputy Chief Kolke, Fire Chief Coomer, Acting DPW Superintendent Menzies, and City Clerk Stuart

PRESENTATION

1. Oath of Office Firefighter Engineer/EMT Kyle Murphy

Fire Chief Coomer stated Firefighter Murphy is not able to be here tonight. Fire Chief Coomer thanked the council for the opportunity to recognize the men and women of the Walled Lake Fire Department for their years of service and accomplishments. Fire Chief Coomer explained the fire department performs services such as fire suppression, ambulance transport, assistance during weather emergencies, gas and electric emergencies, vehicle extrication, etc. Fire Chief Coomer explained the department could not serve the community without its quality people and proper equipment. Fire Chief Coomer stated the city purchased a new engine to replace the 22-year-old engine. The new engine was paid for without any financing. Fire Chief Coomer explained that dependable equipment allows firefighters to do their job and assists with a positive insurance

ISO rating. Fire Chief Coomer explained he sees what these men and women do every day when responding to incidents and opined it is nothing less than commendable. Fire Chief Coomer explained there are two different accomplishments to be acknowledged this evening: promoting two firefighters who have earned driver/engineer status and recognizing the senior members of the department for their years of service. Fire Chief Coomer explained after successfully passing firefighter training, it is two to three years of additional training before a firefighter is promoted to driver/engineer. Fire Chief Coomer recognized Firefighter Devon Overbeck for earning his driver/engineer status and presented him with his badge. Fire Chief Coomer said Firefighter Overbeck has been with the department for three years and he is a firefighter 2 EMT. Fire Chief Coomer recognized Firefighter Julia Borgman. Fire Chief Coomer said Firefighter Borgman has been with the department for two years and she also has obtained her driver/engineer certification. Fire Chief Coomer presented Firefighter Borgman with her badge and also a new colored helmet for completing her probationary period. Fire Chief Coomer recognized Lieutenant Ron Menser who has 15 years of service and is a command officer in the department. Fire Chief Coomer presented Lieutenant Menser with a years of service ribbon and plaque. Fire Chief Coomer recognized Captain Karl Brown who has 25 years of service with Walled Lake and is a command officer with the department. Fire Chief Coomer explained Captain Brown also administers the training for the department. Fire Chief Coomer presented Captain Karl Brown with a years of service ribbon and plaque. Fire Chief Coomer recognized staff that could not attend, Firefighter Kyle Murphy who earned his driver/engineer certification, Firefighter Kevin Murley who holds 20 years of service, and Captain Matthew Salow for his 35 years of service.

*Council Member Owsinek joined the meeting via electronic means at 7:35 p.m.

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES

Finance Director Pesta requested to add an agenda item, a proposed resolution requesting approval to direct and authorize the auditors to file the financial statements timely with the State of Michigan.

City Manager Whitt explained the audit went well, this resolution will authorize the timely filing, and the auditor presentation will be in the new year in January. City Manager Whitt thanked Mrs. Pesta and Mr. Schrader for closing the books and completing the requirements of the audit.

CM 10-01-22 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-35 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE TO DIRECT AND AUTHORIZE THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO FILE TIMELY THE 2022 YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH THE STATE

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Loch, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2022-35 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Walled Lake to direct and authorize the independent auditors to file timely the 2022 year-end financial statements with the state.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting of September 20, 2022

**CM 10-02-22 MOTION TO APPROVE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

Motion by Loch, seconded by Woods, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve regular council meeting minutes of September 20, 2022.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Owsinek reported the Planning Commission did not meet this month there were no agenda items to address.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Departmental / Divisional Statistical Reports

- a. Police**
- b. Fire**
- c. Code Enforcement**
- d. Finance**
 - Warrant**

**CM 10-03-22 MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE DEPARTMENTAL
/ DIVISIONAL STATISTICAL REPORTS**

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

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Loch, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

City Manager Whitt explained DPW Superintendent Ladd is out on paid leave and Confidential Assistant Jaquays was appointed as interim DPW Superintendent.

Confidential Assistant Jaquays explained shortly thereafter she appointed DPW member Mr. Eric Menzies as acting DPW Superintendent while Mr. Ladd is out. Confidential Assistant Jaquays explained Mr. Menzies has been with the city for a few years now and will be the point of contact in the meantime and appreciates all his efforts. Confidential Assistant Jaquays reported on the Pontiac Trail resurfacing Tri-Party Funding project and explained the work is finally commencing in the Walled Lake section. The milling machines were out for about two weeks, and now we are awaiting the asphalt machine to resurface. Confidential Assistant Jaquays explained the Walled Lake section will start at E. West Maple Road and work towards the City of Wixom just outside of Beck Road.

Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said the city did receive the 85% grant for this, good work.

Confidential Assistant Jaquays reported the uninhabitable home on Bolton that was determined abandoned was demolished per the direction of the council and court actions. Confidential Assistant Jaquays reported the open hole inspection was approved, with the removal of the home and debris.

City Manager Whitt said he has spoken with some of the neighbors, and they are pleased this home was removed.

Confidential Assistant Jaquays explained the Farmer's Market is wrapping up with only two weeks remaining, it was a great season with an increase in patrons and vendors. Confidential Assistant Jaquays said there will be a Harvest Festival from 11 am to 1 pm on October 26th with live music, a bounce house, a petting zoo, and food vendors. Then in the afternoon, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony, opening the pedestrian bridge to begin promptly at 5 pm. Confidential Assistant Jaquays said there will also be activities and festivities running between 4 pm to 6 pm. Confidential Assistant Jaquays said this event is to celebrate the building of the city's multi-use facility. Ms. Jaquays thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission, the DDA, the City Council, etc. for making this happen.

City Manager Whitt said Mayor Ackley, Council Member and Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison Fernandes, DDA Chairman Blair, Council Member Ambrose, and others will be speaking at the event. City Manager Whitt explained as a further improvement to the public safety campus expansion the city will be placing a butterfly sanctuary near the bridge area. City Manager Whitt explained Ms. Loretta Whitt will be heading up the butterfly habitat

and its committee. City Manager Whitt said we expect this to become a great butterfly sanctuary. City Manager Whitt explained the beach area has also been improved, there is an open view now, keeping it simple and it looks good.

Mayor Ackley said this event is going to be a great ceremony and she is looking forward to it.

CORRESPONDENCE None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Second Reading C-363-22 Boards and Commission Ordinance Amendment
Chapter 26 Community Development, Article II
Chapter 54 Parks and Recreation, Article II
Chapter 58 Planning, Article II**

CM 10-04-22 MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING C-363-22 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26, "COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT", ARTICLE II "DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY" AND ARTICLE III "PLANNING COMMISSION"; CHAPTER 58 "PLANNING", ARTICLE II PLANNING COMMISSION"; CHAPTER 54 "PARKS AND RECREATION", ARTICLE II "PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION" AS PROVIDED IN THIS ORDINANCE

Motion by Fernandes seconded by Owsinek, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve second reading C-363-22 an ordinance to amend Chapter 26, "Community Development", Article II "Downtown Development Authority" and Article III "Planning Commission"; Chapter 58 "Planning", Article II Planning Commission", Chapter 54 "Parks and Recreation", Article II "Parks and Recreation Commission" as provided in this ordinance.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Resolution 2022-36 Delinquent Nuisance Receivables Winter 2022 Tax Roll

CM 10-05-22 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-36 A RESOLUTION FOR THE 2022 DELINQUENT NUISANCE RECEIVABLES TO BE PLACED ON THE 2022 DECEMBER CITY OF WALLED LAKE TAX ROLL

Motion by Loch, seconded by Ambrose, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2022-36 a resolution for the 2022 delinquent nuisance receivables to be placed on the 2022 December City of Walled Lake tax roll.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

2. Proposed Resolution 2022-37 Drain Special Assessments Winter 2022 Tax Roll

CM 10-06-22 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-37 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2022 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF THE GREENAWAY DRAIN, LEON DRAIN, AND TAYLOR-LADD DRAIN TO BE PLACED ON THE DECEMBER 2022 TAX ROLL

Motion by Woods, seconded by Fernandes, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2022-37 a resolution approving the 2022 Special Assessments for the repair and maintenance of the Greenaway Drain, Leon Drain, and Taylor-Ladd drain to be placed on the December 2022 tax roll.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Ambrose, Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

2. First Reading C-365-22 Amendment to Chapter 18, Article XII, Section 407

CM 10-07-22 MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING C-365-22 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR

**THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR
DISTRICT (C-3) AUTHORIZING RETAILERS TO OPERATE
FROM 8 A.M. TO 11 P.M. SEVEN DAYS A WEEK**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Loch, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve first reading C-365-22 an ordinance amending the code of ordinances for the Downtown Development Authority for District (C-3) authorizing retailers to operate from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week.

Discussion

Confidential Assistant Jaquays explained this proposed amendment originated at the DDA board meeting and her memo outlines the proposed changes. Confidential Assistant Jaquays explained the DDA board was in unanimous support of this.

Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said he was at the last DDA meeting and the businesses would appreciate this.

Mayor Ackley explained the city is trying to promote and revitalize the old downtown, by approving this ordinance amendment we are supporting the businesses there.

Council Member Fernandes asked if this only pertains to the old downtown areas.

City Manager Whitt explained it is only for the C-3 district.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Loch said she would like to thank all of our men and women in blue, and she really appreciates all that they do. Council Member Loch thanked city staff for their efforts. Council Member Loch said she attended the Farmer's Market; the crowd is really nice and thanked Ms. Jaquays. Council Member Loch said she is looking forward to the 26th ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Council Member Fernandes said November 8th is election day and encouraged all to please review the ballot. Council Member Fernandes said Walled Lake has one of the best city clerks and support staff for elections. Council Member Fernandes encouraged everyone to do their due diligence, know who is on the ballot and review the proposals on the ballot.

Council Member Woods said he echoes the statements of his fellow council members and commended the efforts of the public safety members year in and out. Council Member Woods said he attended the Walled Lake Elementary Color Run and between them and Mary Helen Guest Elementary, they raised \$20,000 each. Council Member Woods said he is looking forward to the Bikes, Bridges, and Butterflies event next week.

Council Member Ambrose thanked the police and fire and said they keep this city afloat; we know you have our backs. Council Member Ambrose said city staff is strong and thanked Ms. Jaquays for her efforts with the Farmer's Market. Council Member Ambrose said 100% of the ingredients for his family's restaurant weekly soup come from the Farmer's Market.

Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said the public safety campus expansion, is truly a real beautiful peace for the City of Walled Lake. Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said the city did not incur any debt to accomplish this. Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said the city continues to do projects without borrowing money.

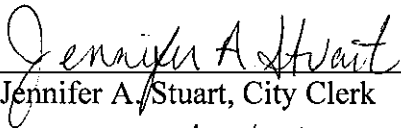
MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Ackley said she also echoes her fellow council members; the city is looking great. We have come so far. Mayor Ackley asked City Manager Whitt if the November and December council meetings were going to be canceled.

City Manager Whitt explained we will host a November meeting on the 15th. There will possibly be action to cancel the December meeting and it will come before the council next month.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Jennifer A. Stuart, City Clerk
approved 11/15/22

Linda S. Ackley, Mayor