

Those citizens wishing to speak on agenda and non-agenda items will be allowed a maximum of four minutes each to address their concerns. This is the only time during the Council meeting that citizens are allowed to address the Council. Please state your name and address for the record.

Ken Yonker Kent County Drain Commissioner- stated that he has been made aware that the drain running through the town is unsafe and a danger to the public. He stated that it is over 100 years old and currently has illegal easements. The drain has potential for an explosion and because it is over 100 years old it must be replaced. He hopes to have the board of determination within the next 1-2 months, schedule a public hearing, release to engineers (2-3 months), send out the bid and then begin project the fall of 2018.

Joel Frank stated that he is in support of allowing bees within the city.

Jerry Gross Friends of Skinner Field yearly report-.stated that the Friends of Skinner Field will be hosting the Grand Rapids Thunder this season. They are also looking into the repairs for the locker room and sprinkler system. Powell stated that the Friends of Skinner Field have done a great job with the field.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

- A. Sign Ordinance An Amendment To Chapter 40-ZONING, Article VII SIGNS, Sections 40-540 Through 40-557

Motion by **Hopkins** supported by **Powell** to open the public hearing on the Sign Ordinance An Amendment To Chapter 40-ZONING, Article VII SIGNS, Sections 40-540 Through 40-557 at 7:31 p.m.

Voice Call Vote

5-0

Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None

Powell said that she was thankful for all the hard work from the Planning Commission.

Motion by **Hopkins** supported by **Atchison** to close the public hearing on the Sign Ordinance An Amendment To Chapter 40-ZONING, Article VII SIGNS, Sections 40-540 Through 40-557 at 7:33 p.m.

Voice Call Vote

5-0

Motion Carried.

- B. Bee Ordinance An Amendment To Chapter 8 To Add An Article 3 “Beekeeping,” Sections 8-73 To 8-79.

Motion by **Atchison** supported by **Gross** to open the public hearing on the Bee Ordinance An Amendment To Chapter 8 To Add An Article 3 “Beekeeping,” Sections 8-73 To 8-79 at 7:34 p.m.

Voice Call Vote

5-0

Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None

Powell stated that the board has worked hard to protect both the city and the bees. **Gross** was able to see both sides and likes that it will be reviewed in 2 years.

Motion by **Hopkins** supported by **Atchison** to close the public hearing on the Bee Ordinance An Amendment To Chapter 8 To Add An Article 3 “Beekeeping,” Sections 8-73 To 8-79 at 7:42 p.m.

Voice Call Vote

5-0

Motion Carried.

C. Ordinance 194 Revision To Amend Chapter 40 Sec. 40-133. – Table Of Uses And To Amend Chapter 24 - Peddlers, Solicitors And Transient Merchants Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Cedar Springs, Michigan

Motion by **Hopkins** supported by **Atchison** to open the public hearing on the Ordinance 194 Revision To Amend Chapter 40 Sec. 40-133. – Table Of Uses And To Amend Chapter 24 - Peddlers, Solicitors And Transient Merchants at 7:42 p.m.

Voice Call Vote

5-0

Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None

Motion by **Hopkins** supported by **Powell** to close the public hearing on the Ordinance 194 Revision To Amend Chapter 40 Sec. 40-133. – Table Of Uses And To Amend Chapter 24 - Peddlers, Solicitors And Transient Merchants at 7:44 p.m.

Voice Call Vote

5-0

Motion Carried.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

Motion by **Hopkins** supported by **Powell** to approve the agenda with the addition of tem 6N Motion to revise City Manager’s Contract to provide a city issued cell phone and remove cell phone stipend.

Roll Call Vote

5-0

Motion Carried.

6. CONSENT AGENDA.

M. Motion to approve resolution 2018-03 A Resolution To Declare The Donation Of Certain City-Owned Real Properties To The Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION) For The Purpose Of Developing Affordable Housing and to approve the execution of the real estate purchase agreement.

N. Motion to approve the to revise City Manager's Contract to provide a city issued cell phone and remove cell phone stipend.

Motion by **Hopkins** supported by **Powell** to approve the consent agenda.

Roll Call Vote

5-0

Motion Carried.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion to deny the recommended changes suggested in the Abilita Report and approve transferring the WWTP POTS Lines to Access One.

a. Abilita Report- AT&T (3 Year Estimate \$10,339)

b. Access One (3 Year Estimate \$7,768)

c. MCI (3 Year Estimate \$7,848)

Motion by **Powell** supported by **Hopkins** to deny the recommended changes suggested in the Abilita Report and approve transferring the WWTP POTS Lines to Access One.

Roll Call Vote

5-0

Motion Carried.

B. Motion to approve the purchase of 250 new Radio Read Water Meters from Water Fund.

Motion by **Hopkins** supported by **Gross** to approve the purchase of 250 new Radio Read Water Meters from Water Fund.

Roll Call Vote

5-0

Motion Carried.

C. Motion to not extend the Holiday Lighting contract with Hometown Décor.

a. Hometown Décor.

Motion by **Gross** supported by **Powell** to not extend the Holiday Lighting contract with Hometown Décor.

Roll Call Vote

5-0

Motion Carried.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Electronic Recycling Day: Date Reserved April 28th, 2018.

- a. Begin Promotion/decide if we are going to host this event and how it will be funded.
 - i. Valley City will provide a tractor/trailer 14ft Semi with a forklift, packaging supplies, driver and 2 additional personnel for a collection at the Cedar Springs City Hall. 9am to 1pm
 - ii. Cost \$760.00 plus \$0.15 per pound for the CRT devices (tv's and monitors).
 - iii. Regular Recycling location: 2908 Ten Mile Rd. Rockford, MI 49341
 - iv. Electronics Recycling location: Advanced Technology Recycling 355 Cottage Grove SE, Grand Rapids MI 49507 616.452.7779

Womack stated that he originally wanted to recycle City Hall electronics and then open recycling up for the community. At this time City Hall has utilized other free recycling options and would like to encourage others to utilize the community resources. **Conley** would like to see some information regarding recycling services since the

- B. Finalized Citizen Survey 1-23-18 revision
 - a. Renter/Homeowner fix- Combined Utility Billing and Tax Data bases total of 1,082 mailing addresses
 - b. Send Date: 2-14-2018
 - c. Return Date: 4-2-2018
 - d. Analysis Date: 5-15-2018

Womack will work to get advertisements for the citizen survey in the Bugle and The Cedar Springs Post.

- C. Campers plugged in yard.
 - a. Sec. 40_455. ___Outdoor_storage_in_residential_districts
 - b. Outdoor vehicle storage in general

Gross stated that having a camper plugged into electrical for a 2-3 period in the side or backyard would be agreeable. **Conley** stated that she would like the Planning Commission to review it and make a suggestion to City Council.

- D. Drain Commissioner Resolution/Public Hearing.

Gross stated that it is not an option we must do the necessary repairs. **Conley** wants to make public safety the first priority and prevent the city from being liable in the event of an accident.

9. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. MIIAMP Newsletter
- B. GVMC Newsletter

C. Nelson Township Sidewalk Project

City Council would like the City Manager write a letter in for the Nelson Township sidewalk project.

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. City Manager- is working on the West Street Extension, Sidewalk Grant, Fire Department. He is also going to Hawaii March 5-15th and recently purchased a house.

B. Department of Public Works.

- a. Infrastructure Alternative's operational and maintenance report.
- b. West Street Extension information

C. Police Department- Made note that the top call location was not in the trailer park and that the city was 7th highest in detective hours.

D. Fire Department.

E. City Clerk.

- a. Website Biographies
- b. Cemetery Map

F. Finance Director/Treasurer.

- a. Cash Summary Report.
- b. Revenue/Expenditure Report.
- c. Balance Sheet

G. Code Enforcement.

H. Building Inspection.

I. Board and Commission Minutes:

- a. Library Board Minutes 12-18-2017

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Atchison appreciated all of the answers to her questions.

Powell appreciates all of the hard work and loves this town.

Gross thanked the DPW department for all of the extra hours working on plowing snow.

Hopkins was surprised to see the sidewalks plowed on Sunday.

Conley was glad to have the drain commissioner at the meeting and she will continue to work towards making the community safe.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Conley adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Rebecca Newland, City Clerk

Pamela Conley, Mayor Pro Tem