

The regular meeting of the Greenville City Council was called to order by Mayor Hoppough, in the Council Chambers, in the Municipal Complex located at 415 S. Lafayette Street, Greenville, Michigan 48838 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Hoppough; Councilpersons Cunliffe, Linton, Lehman, Moss, Dora, and Warner; City Manager Bosanic; City Engineer Hinken; and Clerk Rasmussen.

Absent: None

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hoppough.
2. The Statement of Citizens consisted of the following: Shawnee Lenon – 500 N. Lafayette Street spoke about opening a medical dispensary. Matthew Farage – 8807 Lincoln Lake Road spoke about his desire to see the former Northland property by the river and trail turned into a park.
3. Councilperson Lehman MOVED: The Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Councilperson Warner seconded. Unanimously adopted.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of minutes for the regular City Council meeting held September 17, 2019.
- b. Approval of payroll report for the regular pay period ending September 07, 2019, in the amount of \$133,285.73, and accounts payable report for the period ending September 25, 2019, in the amount of \$230,875.44.
- c. Approval of minutes from the regular Planning Commission meeting held August 22, 2019.
- d. Approval of the 2020 proposed slate of officers for positions on the MML Liability and Property Pool.
- e. Approval of the Mayoral appointment of Mandy Lum to the Downtown Development Authority for the remainder of a four-year term ending December 31, 2021.

Public Hearing

4. To receive comment on potential amendments to the following Sections of the Greenville City Ordinance:
 - Section 42-94 – Municipal parking lot; authority to close and such other ordinances and resolutions that may be impacted in order to increase overnight parking.

- a. Mayor Hoppough opened the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.
- b. Mayor Hoppough closed the public hearing at 7:47 p.m. after receiving no comments.

New Business

5. Council considered the award of a contract in connection with the Flat River Water Trail Project.

Councilperson Lehman MOVED: To award a construction contract for Flat River Water Trail Launch Project to Katerberg-Verhage, Inc., of Grand Rapids, Michigan in the amount not to exceed \$181,007.22 with a contingency reduction to a total of \$135,707.22, if necessary, as presented. Councilperson Cunliffe seconded. Unanimously adopted.

6. Council considered the approval of a contract for professional services for Parks and Recreation planning for the City of Greenville.

Councilperson Moss MOVED: To approve a contract for professional services for Parks and Recreation Planning to PM Blough Inc. of Grand Haven, Michigan in the amount not to exceed \$10,850 as presented. Councilperson Warner seconded. Unanimously adopted.

7. Council considered the approval of Resolution No. 19-27, a resolution of response to the Montcalm Economic Alliance.

Councilperson Lehman RESOLVED: To approve proposed Resolution No. 19-27, a resolution of response to the Montcalm Economic Alliance.

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville, through its city manager, was instrumental in collaborating with other key stakeholders throughout the county in forming the Montcalm Economic Alliance and subsequently contracting with The Right Place Inc. The City of Greenville strongly supported the birth and the original mission of the MEA and followed through with a financial contribution in the first year of its existence.;

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville believes in a regional approach to economic development and supports genuine value-added service from the MEA;

WHEREAS, after the first year, the City has experienced several significant concerns with the performance of the MEA Executive Board;

WHEREAS, the consequence of which compelled the City of Greenville to re-evaluate its contribution, which was subsequently withheld;

WHEREAS, despite its claims, the MEA Executive Board has not inquired directly to the city the reason for the City's withholding of its contribution nor has it responded favorably to requests from the City, through its City Manager to have a dialogue regarding the City's concerns;

WHEREAS, in recent years, the city has invested millions of its taxpayer dollars in positioning itself to advance economic development thereby creating a return on its investment that has proven successful despite its significant losses suffered by the departure of Electrolux and other significant manufacturers. It is essential that any partner of the City demonstrate respect, appreciation, and transparency when pursuing mutual interests;

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville has always welcomed meaningful and respectful dialogue between its City Manager and the MEA regarding the City's concerns;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the City of Greenville welcomes meaningful dialogue between its City Manager and the MEA Executive Board to seek resolution to the City's concerns;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Greenville hereby contributes \$500 in good faith to the MEA and will consider a further contribution as meaningful and sustainable progress is demonstrated toward resolution of the City's concerns.

Councilperson Cunliffe seconded. Adopted with a vote of (7) Ayes: Hoppough, Lehman, Cunliffe, Moss, Linton, Dora, and Warner; (0) Nays; and (0) Absent.

Councilperson Lehman MOVED: The meeting be adjourned. Councilperson Moss seconded. Unanimously adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

John M. Hoppough
Mayor

Norice Rasmussen
Clerk-Finance Director