

The regular meeting of the Greenville City Council was called to order by Mayor Scoby, in the Council Chambers, in the Municipal Complex located at 415 S. Lafayette Street, Greenville, Michigan 48838 at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Mayor Scoby; Councilpersons Barrus, Moss, Lehman, Cunliffe, and Linton; City Manager Bosanic, Assistant City Manager Feazel, Clerk Finance Director Rasmussen, and City Engineer Hinken. Councilperson Johnson joined at 7:26 p.m.

Absent: None.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Scoby.
2. The Statement of Citizens: None.
3. Councilperson Moss MOVED: The Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Councilperson Lehman seconded. Unanimously adopted.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of the minutes for the regular City Council meeting held February 21, 2023.
- b. Approval of the payroll report for the regular pay period ending February 18, 2023, in the amount of \$142,994.06.
- c. Approval of the accounts payable report for the period ending February 27, 2023, in the amount of \$272,630.06.
- d. Approval of the February Financial Report.
- e. Information on the training opportunities provided.
- f. Approval to set a public hearing for March 21, 2023, on a proposed amendment to Chapter 42, Article III "Stopping, Standing and Parking" of the code of the City of Greenville in order to revise certain overnight parking restrictions.
- g. Approval to set a public hearing for March 21, 2023, to receive comment on an application for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption from AIG Taurus, LLC.
- h. Approval of the Mayoral appointment of Susan Hoppough to the Historic District Commission for a three-year term ending December 31, 2025.

Public Hearing: None

New Business:

4. Council considered Resolution No. 23-06, a resolution for Poverty Exemptions for 2023.

Councilperson Lehman RESOLVED: To approve Resolution No. 23-06, a resolution establishing poverty exemptions for 2023 as presented:

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, the City of Greenville, Montcalm County adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

1. Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
2. File a claim with the Assessor or Board of Review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year or a signed State Tax Commission Form 4988, Poverty Exemption Affidavit.
3. File a claim reporting that the combined assets, using asset test, of all persons do not exceed the current guidelines in accordance with MCL 211.7u. Assets include but are not limited to:
  - a. One motor vehicle for each licensed driver residing full time at the property in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 in value for each.
  - b. One recreational vehicle or boat per property not to exceed \$10,000 in value.
  - c. No second residence or vacation home.
  - d. No additional real estate owned.
  - e. No ownership interest in buildings other than the residence.
  - f. Checking and savings accounts, exclusive of investments and IRA's not to exceed \$8,000.00.

- g. Additional valuable assets may be considered by the Board of Review in determining whether to grant a full or partial exemption for properties whose owners meet the poverty income guidelines.
- 4. Produce a valid driver’s license or other form of identification if requested.
- 5. Produce, if requested, a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 6. Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body providing the alternative guidelines do not provide eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines.
- 7. The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but one day prior to the last day of the December Board of Review. The filing of this claim constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

The following are the 2023 federal poverty income guidelines which are updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence.

Federal Poverty Guidelines Used in the Determination of Poverty Exemptions

Size of Family Unit	2023 Poverty Guidelines
1	\$13,590
2	\$18,310
3	\$23,030
4	\$27,750
5	\$32,470
6	\$37,190
7	\$41,910
8	\$46,630
For each additional person	\$4,720

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the assessor and Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial

and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these reasons are communicated in writing to the claimant.

Councilperson Barrus seconded. Adopted with a vote of (6) Ayes: Lehman, Scoby, Barrus, Moss, Cunliffe, and Linton; (0) Nays; and (0) Absent.

5. Council considered a request to close certain streets and a portion of the Fred Meijer Flat River Trail for the 2023 Greenville Triathlon.

Councilperson Lehman MOVED: To approve the request to close the following streets and trail portions for the upcoming Tri-Greenville Triathlon event to be held June 3, 2023, as amended:

1. Closure for Event Set-up / Tear Down:

- a. Road closed on W. Baldwin Lake Drive from Mills Park to the west City Limits. This includes Baldwin Lake Beach. The closure shall be in effect on Friday, June 2, 2023, from 2:00 a.m. until Saturday, June 3, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

*We will post an advance warning on W. Baldwin Drive at Marvel with a detour to the east for Friday to direct traffic away from the Beach.*

2. The following roads are requested to be closed on Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 5:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

- a. Road closed on Baldwin Street from South Street to Merritt Drive.
- b. Road closed on Manoka Lake Boulevard from Merritt to E. Baldwin Lake Drive.
- c. Road closed on W. Baldwin Lake Drive from Marvel to Mills Park.
- d. Road closed on E. Baldwin Lake Drive from Marvel to the west city limit.
- e. Road closed on Marvel Drive from South Street to W. Baldwin Lake Drive.
- f. Road closed on Mills Park Drive from W. Baldwin Lake Drive to Pine Drive.
- g. Road closed on Pine Drive from W. Baldwin Lake Drive to Mills Park.
- h. Road closed on Como Lake Drive from E. Baldwin Lake Drive to the end of the street.
- i. The Fred Meijer Flat River Trail is recommended to be closed between Baldwin Street and Lafayette Street.

3. South Street Closures from Marvel Drive to Lafayette Street:

- a. No parking on either side, Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 5:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
  - b. Road closed, Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.
4. Closures for Parking, Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 5:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
- a. Meijer Drive from the eastern-most drive of Meadow Ridge Apartments to the new driveway to Crescent View Apartments.
  - b. Marvel Drive from Judd Street to South Street.

Councilperson Moss seconded. Unanimously adopted.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Jeff Scoby  
Mayor

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Norice Rasmussen  
Clerk-Finance Director