
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
August 10, 2020
7:30 PM

Call to Order: President Farber called this Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Village Hall. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was present.

Roll Call: Members Present: Dan Herin, Joyce McDonald, Jackie Slocum, Jim Smith, Sara Walker, Mike Farber
Members Absent: Mike Maynard

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Chief Herremans, Doug Vigna, Donna Vigna, Rick Roberson, Jim Draper, Terry Beardsley and others not listed.

Set/Amend the Agenda:

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Walker **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to amend the agenda to add fire hydrant replacement
Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker, Farber
Nays:
Absent: Mike Maynard

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only: Rick Roberson of Angelo and Riccardo spoke on the Cruise In Night and how it is negatively effecting his business and disagrees with it being held on Main Street. Suggested the event be held down at the pavilion. Jim Draper of Hesperia Antique and Curio said that their goal was to bring in new business to the down town district and he had not intended to bother other businesses.

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve the minutes of special council meeting held on July 13, 2020
Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays: Walker
Absent: Mike Maynard

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Smith **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve the minutes of public hearing held on July 13, 2020
Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker, Farber
Nays:
Absent: Mike Maynard

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Walker **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve the minutes of the regular council meetings held on July 13, 2020
Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker, Farber
Nays:
Absent: Mike Maynard

Motion by Walker **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)

Motion to approve the minutes of special council meeting held on July 22, 2020

Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker, Farber

Nays:

Absent: Mike Maynard

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)

Motion to approve invoices for the month of July 2020 in the amount of \$21,096.88

Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker, Farber

Nays:

Absent: Mike Maynard

Announcements/Correspondence:

Committee Reports:

Ambulance:

Buildings and Grounds:

Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation:

Finance, Budget & Insurance:

Grants, Fund Raising, Chamber-Interact:

Ordinance

Personnel:

Streets and Sidewalks: Chairperson Smith reported that they marked some of the sidewalks that need to be replaced. He mentioned that the curbing in front of the bank needed to be repaired in a timely manner. He also mentioned the sidewalk near Daniel's restaurant needed to be repaired.

Technology: The committee is waiting on more information from NCATS and will report at a later time

Water & Sewer:

Police and Zoning: Chief Herremans reported that it had been a busy month. There were 6 zoning requests, had 61 complaints, 123 traffic contacts, 2 traffic accidents and 12 arrests. Reported that he offered Jonathan Vanderwall a conditional offer of employment. He is working on two grants; one is for COVID Pandemic wages and the other is for replacing the modems and docking station in the patrol vehicles.

DPW/President's Report: President Farber reported that he would picking up a new fire hydrant. Smith asked when the streets would be swept. President Farber said that they would be purchasing batteries for it. Walker asked about weed whipping the sidewalk and bridges. They will be added to the work list. Slocum asked who takes care of the drains and weeds on South Avenue. President Farber said that Newaygo County did. Herin asked when the new employee would start. President Farber said that he would start in September.

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 30-30, 20-04 Vacancies in Office

Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker, Farber

Nays:

Absent: Mike Maynard

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to accept the proposal from Gelder and Sons in the amount of \$8,378.28 to repair the Mihranda tractor

Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker, Farber

Nays:

Absent: Mike Maynard

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Smith **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to accept the proposals from Hydro Corp to perform cross connection inspections for Interior and Non-Residential in the amount of \$28,800.00.

Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker, Farber

Nays:

Absent: Mike Maynard

Motion by Farber **Seconded** NO SECOND

Motion to make an exception to Ordinance #93-01 Animals

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Herin **(motion FAILED)**

Motion to make adjustment to utility invoices in the amount of 50% due to the meters not being read, repaired or replaced in a timely manner due to high employee turnover in the DPW Department.

Discussion: McDonald said that she thought the percentage should be changed to 75% on the village's portion instead of 50%. Walker inquired if the payment plan would still apply; yes it would.

Yeas: Herin, Farber

Nays: McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker

Absent: Mike Maynard

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by McDonald **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to make adjustment to utility invoices in the amount of 75% due to the meters not being read, repaired or replaced in a timely manner due to high employee turnover in the DPW Department.

Yeas: McDonald, Slocum, Walker, Farber

Nays: Herin, Smith

Absent: Mike Maynard

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Walker

Motion to allow Cruise In Night to close Main Street on Mondays from 4:30 to 7:30 PM

After much discussion President Farber rescinded his motion and will send it back to the committee.

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to solicit bids to repair curbing and sidewalks

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Mike Maynard

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Walker **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to purchase a fire hydrant from E.J. Iron Works in the amount of \$3,496.00

Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker, Farber

Nays:

Absent: Mike Maynard

Public Comment: David Huntley mentioned that he thought the Cruise In was a great idea and hopefully a compromise can be obtained. Jim Draper said that by having the Cruise In, it would breathe life into the down town area. Rick Roberson said that he loves the idea of bringing new business into town but not on the main street.

Miscellaneous:

Motion by Smith **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Mike Maynard

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk