

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROGERS CITY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019

Mayor McLennan presided and called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with Council Member Adair leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT – Council Members Richard Adair, Kenneth Bielas, Larry Fuhrman, Gary Nowak and Mayor Scott McLennan.

OTHER CITY PERSONNEL PRESENT – City Atty. Michael Vogler, Police Chief Matthew Quaine, City Mgr. Joseph Hefele, and City Clerk/Treasurer Terri Koss.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Bielas, to approve the agenda with the addition of police chief's salary.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Council Member Adair, seconded by Council Member Fuhrman, that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 17, 2019 be approved as written.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:** None.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

**CHECK AND INVOICE APPROVAL:**

It was moved by Council Member Adair, seconded by Council Member Nowak, that the following total fund expenditures be recognized as payments made and payments to be made, in the amount of \$925,563.68 and the Mayor is authorized to sign the check register.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** None.

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:**

Included in the packet are the minutes of the **September 19, 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission** meeting.

**LIAISONS:**

Council Member Fuhrman stated the Rogers City Area Fire Department Authority is moving forward with the purchase of the fire truck and building a new fire hall.

**MAYOR:**

Mayor McLennan stated that Rogers City has had many years of planning, and it is now time to complete those plans.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Valerie Williams with Hope Shores Alliance addressed Council regarding Domestic Violence.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-119**

The following resolution was offered by Council Member Fuhrman, seconded by Council Member Nowak, **WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is widespread and affects over four million Americans each year; and

**WHEREAS**, one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we the Council Members of the City of Rogers City, Presque Isle County, Michigan

October 1, 2019

**DO HEREBY PROCLAIM: October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in Rogers City and urge the citizens to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

**FURTHER**, we reaffirm the commitment of the State of Michigan to reducing violence in our homes, as well as on our streets. We urge all citizens to participate in the activities planned by domestic violence agencies, programs and community organizations during this month. Citizens should also take this opportunity to educate themselves about the impact of domestic violence in Michigan and to become familiar with resources and programs available. This month let us remember the victims of domestic violence, celebrate the survivors, and work together to eliminate violence from our community.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

### **HURON PINE PRESENTATION**

Samantha Nellis with Huron Pines presented information regarding storm water in Rogers City.

### **COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN RESOLUTION NO. 2019-120**

A motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Adair, to establish a public review period of at least 30 days followed by a public hearing in consideration of adoption of the Community Recreation Plan on December 3, 2019 at 7 pm.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

### **BEACH GROOMER**

Consensus of Council was to continue to look for a beach groomer that would meet Rogers City's needs.

### **AGREEMENT – WELLHEAD PROTECTION RESOLUTION NO. 2019-121**

A motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Bielas, to authorize City Manager Hefele to sign the wellhead protection agreement with Fleis and Vandenbrink. If the cost goes over \$7,800 the Mayor and City Manager have the discretion to spend additional monies to complete the project.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

### **HARRY WHITELEY DAY RESOLUTION NO. 2019-122**

The following resolution was offered by Council Member Adair, seconded by Council Member Nowak at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City Rogers City conducted October 1, 2019:

**WHEREAS**, Harry Whiteley has made a name for himself in Rogers City and throughout Michigan, with a list of accomplishments that rivals any who have called this community home; and

**WHEREAS**, Harry for decades owned and operated the Presque Isle Advance, keeping a generation of citizens informed as to the goings on in his beloved hometown; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to guiding his newspaper operation, Harry devoted a tremendous amount of time to public service at the local, state, and federal levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Harry served as the first chairman of the Downtown Development Corporation in Rogers City, the chairperson of the Thompson Harbor State Park Advisory Commission, the president of the Presque Isle County Sportsmen's Club, and the president of the Rogers City Area Chamber of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, Harry served on the board of directors of the Greater Michigan Foundation, Alpena Community College Foundation, and Jesse Besser Museum board; and

**WHEREAS**, Harry is a past president of the Michigan Press Association, Michigan Outdoor Writers Association, and East Michigan Tourist Association, and served on the board of directors of both the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce and Michigan United Conservation Clubs; and

**WHEREAS**, Harry served for decades as a board member, and chairperson, of the Michigan Conservation Commission, later named the Natural Resources Commission, appointed by five governors: John Swainson, George Romney, William Milliken, James Blanchard, and John Engler; and

**WHEREAS**, Harry was appointed by President George HW Bush in 1992 to serve on the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Harry's many accomplishments and years of service earned him the title of "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" in 1969 and the role of grand marshal of the Nautical City Grand Parade in 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, Harry will celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 8, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, this occasion is the perfect time for the community to reflect upon, and recognize, his many years of service to the community;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that November 8, 2019 is now, and will forever be known as, "Harry Whiteley Day" in the City of Rogers City.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

### **CHIEF OF POLICE SALARY**

City Mgr. Hefele provided information regarding other police chief salaries in the area. Discussion was had by Council in regard to the starting salary for the police chief.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-123**

A motion was made by Council Member Adair, seconded by Council Member Bielas, to approve the offer to hire Sgt. Jamie Meyer as the Rogers City Police Chief with the salary to start at \$30.8967 per hour (effective November 30, 2019) with an increase consistent with other department heads plus \$1.0968/hour effective July 1, 2020 and on July 1, 2021 respectively.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further to come before Council, Mayor McLennan declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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SCOTT MCLENNAN, MAYOR

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TERRI L. KOSS, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROGERS CITY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019

Mayor McLennan presided and called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with Council Member Fuhrman leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT – Council Members Richard Adair, Kenneth Bielas, Larry Fuhrman, Gary Nowak and Mayor Scott McLennan.

OTHER CITY PERSONNEL PRESENT – City Atty. Michael Vogler, Police Officer Ryan Wiseley City Mgr. Joseph Hefele, and Clerk/Treasurer Terri Koss.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Adair, to approve the agenda with the addition of the change in time for the November 19, 2019 meeting.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

**Stuart Lamp** addressed Council regarding a safety issue on N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street and requested an explanation of a home business in an R2 residential district.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Council Member Bielas, seconded by Council Member Nowak, that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 1, 2019 be approved as written.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

**CHECK AND INVOICE APPROVAL:**

It was moved by Council Member Adair, seconded by Council Member Bielas, that the following total fund expenditures be recognized as payments made and payments to be made, in the amount of \$159,378.49 and the Mayor is authorized to sign the check register.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

City Atty. Vogler stated the Rogers City Area Fire Department Authority debt would be the responsibility of all authority member's should they default.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Mgr. Hefele reported on the zoning requirements of home based businesses.

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:** None.

**LIAISONS:**

Mayor McLennan stated that the new ambulance is in service.

**MAYOR:**

Mayor McLennan thanked Mr. & Mrs. Smythe for the pumpkins and Kim Margherio for her work on the pumpkin lighting. Donations have been received for the swing at Lakeside Park. McLennan commented on the current level of the City's revenue sharing.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**BEACH GROOMER**

Consensus of Council was to discuss the purchase of a beach groomer at budget time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FINANCE REPORT AND BUDGET AMENDMENT #2**

City Mgr. Hefele reviewed the year to date balance sheet and revenues and expenditures for the City.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-124**

A motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Fuhrman, to approve the financial reports as presented, and BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Rogers City, Michigan to amend the 2019-2020 Annual Budget as prepared by City Staff, presented to Council in writing, and reviewed at this October 15, 2019 meeting. A copy of said amendment to be placed on file in the City Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

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**TRICK OR TREAT HOURS**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-125**

A motion was made by Council Member Adair, seconded by Council Member Bielas, to set Trick or Treating hours on Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**NOVEMBER 19, 2019 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING START TIME**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-126**

A motion was made by Council member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Fuhrman, to change the November 19, 2019 Regular Council Meeting start time to 6 pm.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-127**

A motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Bielas, to send a letter to Corrigan Oil thanking them for their cleanup efforts.

ROLL CALL: Ayes all the motion carried.

Council Member Nowak inquired why Mr. Zolnerick was brought in to consult on the City Hall damage.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further to come before Council, Mayor McLennan declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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SCOTT MCLENNAN, MAYOR

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TERRI L. KOSS, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROGERS CITY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Mayor McLennan presided and called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with Council Member Adair leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT – Council Members Richard Adair, Kenneth Bielas, Larry Fuhrman, Gary Nowak and Mayor Scott McLennan.

OTHER CITY PERSONNEL PRESENT – Police Chief Matthew Quaine, City Mgr. Joseph Hefele, and Clerk/Treasurer Terri Koss.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Fuhrman, to approve the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

Gary Rickard addressed Council regarding an RV Park in Rogers City. Mary Lamb addressed Council regarding the rental ordinance. Chief Quaine introduced new RCPD officer John Alley to the City Council.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Council Member Adair, seconded by Council Member Bielas, that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 15, 2019 be approved as written.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

**CHECK AND INVOICE APPROVAL:**

It was moved by Council Member Adair, seconded by Council Member Fuhrman, that the following total fund expenditures be recognized as payments made and payments to be made, in the amount of \$172,406.98 and the Mayor is authorized to sign the check register.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

City Mgr. Vogler reported on the status of the boat left in the harbor. The library tax tribunal case will be heard in January (amended November 9, 2019 to remove January and amend to February).

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Mgr. Hefele provided information regarding the Planning Commission's activity regarding an RV park in Rogers City.

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:**

Included in the packet were the minutes of the October 23, 2019 Downtown Development Authority meeting and October 24, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.

**LIAISONS:**

Council Member Bielas reported on the recent HUNT meeting he attended. Council Member Fuhrman reported on the Rogers City Area Fire Department Authority. City Mgr. Hefele stated he spoke with the Authority's Treasurer and encouraged a meeting for all the members of the authority.

**MAYOR:**

Mayor McLennan reported on the Chamber dinner and the Economic Development Plan will be revealed at the theater on November 6, 2019 at 6 pm.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RENTAL INSPECTION CHARGES**

City Mgr. Hefele stated he recently received a request regarding the fee schedule for the rental ordinance based on the size of the unit. Consensus of Council was to not change the fee schedule.

**TAX FORECLOSURE – SECOND RIGHT OF REFUSAL  
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-128**

The foregoing motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Adair, WHEREAS, the City of Rogers City, has received a list of tax foreclosed parcels from the County Treasurer on October 14, 2019 and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Michigan Compiled Law 211.78 (m) 6 of the General Property Tax Act, property not previously sold will be transferred to your city on or before December 30 unless we receive an objection in writing and

WHEREAS, the City of Rogers City, has reviewed the list of tax foreclosed properties not previously sold at auctions provided to them by the County Treasurer, during a regular board meeting dated November 19, 2019,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rogers City Council elect to waive our second right of refusal to all tax-foreclosed parcels that were acquired by the County Treasurer that remain unsold after both auctions held on August, 1, 2019 and October 1, 2019, in accordance with the city's Right of Second Refusal.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**MDOT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-129**

A motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Fuhrman, to approve the Michigan Department of Transportation State Trunkline Maintenance Contract between MDOT and the City of Rogers City and appoint City Clerk/Treasurer Terri Koss as the Contract Administrator along with authorization to sign said contact.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-130**

A motion was made by Council Member Bielas, seconded by Council Member Nowak, to approve that Mayor Scott McLennan and City Clerk/Treasurer Terri Koss be authorized to sign the Ameritas Application and Agreement for Recordkeeping Services TPA.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**TRANSFER STATION GARAGE DOORS**

City Mgr. Hefele stated that the door replacement was missed at budget time. Council Member Nowak requested that spending limits on what can be spent with the mayor's approval in an emergency be added to the next agenda.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-131**

A motion was made by Council Member Fuhrman, seconded by Council Member Adair, to spend up to \$2,000 for replacement of the damaged door at the transfer station.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mayor McLennan inquired about the damage done at the harbor due to the high water and wind.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further to come before Council, Mayor McLennan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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SCOTT MCLENNAN, MAYOR

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TERRI L. KOSS, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROGERS CITY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019

Mayor McLennan presided and called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with Council Member Nowak leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT – Council Members Richard Adair, Kenneth Bielas, Larry Fuhrman, Gary Nowak and Mayor Scott McLennan.

OTHER CITY PERSONNEL PRESENT – City Atty. Michael Vogler, Police Chief Matthew Quaine, City Mgr. Joseph Hefele, and Clerk/Treasurer Terri Koss.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Council Member Bielas, seconded by Council Member Fuhrman, to approve the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Adair, that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 5, 2019 be approved as amended under the title **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT** to read "February" not January .

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:** None.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

**CHECK AND INVOICE APPROVAL:**

It was moved by Council Member Adair, seconded by Council Member Nowak, that the following total fund expenditures be recognized as payments made and payments to be made, in the amount of \$160,189.45 and the Mayor is authorized to sign the check register.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** None.

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:** None.

**LIAISONS:** None.

**MAYOR:**

Mayor McLennan invited Council to the library for a webinar on visioning a dynamic chamber of commerce on November 20, 2019 at 11:30 am. Team Rogers City is Friday, November 22, 2019 at 9 am at Up North 23.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AUDIT REPORT**

Dave Gwizdala with Quast, Janke presented information regarding the FY2018/2019 audit.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-132**

A motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Fuhrman, that the City's Fiscal Year 2018-2019 audited financial statements be accepted and that a copy of the audit document be kept on file in the office of the City Clerk/Treasurer.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**CITY HALL REPAIRS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-133**

A motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Adair, to approve the replacement of the City Hall front entry door with the cost not to exceed \$6,500.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

Consensus of council was to take out the ceiling tiles so we can hear what the acoustics sounds like and then reevaluate at that time.



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**BUDGET AMENDMENT # 4**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-134**

A motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Bielas, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Rogers City, Michigan to amend the FY2019-2020 Annual Budget as prepared by City Staff, presented to Council in writing, and reviewed at this November 19, 2019 meeting. A copy of said amendment to be placed on file in the City Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**MERS AGREEMENT**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-135**

A motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Adair, to approve the Administrative Services Agreement as included in the meeting packet with the Mayor and City Clerk/Treasurer to sign said agreement.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**  
**MATT QUAIN DAY 11.27.19**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-136**

The following motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Bielas, WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rogers City wishes to honor an outstanding employee who is set to retire; and

WHEREAS, Matt Quaine grew up in Rogers City, graduated from Rogers City High School, and served his Country in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, after six years of military service, Mr. Quaine returned to his hometown and was hired as a police officer by the City of Rogers City in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Quaine's exemplary performance as an officer led to his promotion by the City to Chief of Police in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Quaine has served the citizens of his hometown as its Chief of Police for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, during that tenure Mr. Quaine has been dedicated to his profession, a role model to his officers, and a pillar of the community; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Quaine's leadership, the Rogers City Police Department has been widely respected and embraced by the citizenry for its integrity and consistency; and

WHEREAS, neighboring agencies and others who work with the department have continuously praised the way in which Mr. Quaine has conducted himself and operated the RCPD; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Quaine's career with the City is nearing its end, with his final day behind his desk and in a patrol car November 27, 2019;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in honor of Mr. Quaine's service to the people of Rogers City, its City Council proclaims November 27, 2019 as Matt Quaine Day in the City of Rogers City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council wishes Chief Quaine the best as he leaves the employment of the City and enters the next stage of his life.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further to come before Council, Mayor McLennan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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SCOTT MCLENNAN, MAYOR

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TERRI L. KOSS, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROGERS CITY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019

Mayor McLennan presided and called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with Council Member Bielas leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT – Council Members Richard Adair, Kenneth Bielas, Larry Fuhrman, Gary Nowak and Mayor Scott McLennan.

OTHER CITY PERSONNEL PRESENT – City Atty. Michael Vogler, Sgt. Jamie Meyer, City Mgr. Joseph Hefele, and Clerk/Treasurer Terri Koss.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Council Member Fuhrman, seconded by Council Member Adair, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the state or federal disaster aid and poverty exemption.  
ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Council Member Bielas, seconded by Council Member Nowak, that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 19, 2019 be approved as written.  
ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:** None.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

**CHECK AND INVOICE APPROVAL:**

It was moved by Council Member Adair, seconded by Council Member Nowak, that the following total fund expenditures be recognized as payments made and payments to be made, in the amount of \$111,706.90 and the Mayor is authorized to sign the check register.  
ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

City Atty. Vogler reported on a publicity tax. The City would have the ability to levy up to 4 mills with the total collected not to exceed \$50,000, which would be less than one mill.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Mgr. Hefele reported on the status of the Inn on the old Vogelheim property, The Brook construction and the installation of an electric charging station that could coincide with a matching grant with MEDC for the 4<sup>th</sup> and Erie parking lot.

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:** None.

**LIAISONS:**

Council Member Fuhrman reported on the Rogers City Area Fire Department Authority's plan to build a new fire hall.

**MAYOR:**

Mayor McLennan commended the City Staff for their support of local businesses and hopes the Small Business Saturday momentum continues. Council Member Nowak requested that representatives Rogers City Area Chamber of Commerce attend a meeting during budget preparation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN**

Mayor McLennan opened the public hearing at 7:31 pm with City Mgr. Hefele reporting on the plan. No one in attendance commented and no written comments were received. The public hearing was closed at 7:35 pm by Mayor McLennan.

**COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF ROGERS CITY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-137**

The following resolution was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Bielas,  
WHEREAS, the City of Rogers City has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation

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and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2020 through 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Rogers City Parks and Recreation Commission began the process of developing a community recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Rogers City were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on December 3, 2019 at Rogers City Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Rogers City Parks and Recreation Commission has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Rogers City, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Rogers City Council voted to adopt said Community Recreation Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Rogers City Council hereby adopts the Community Recreation Plan for the City of Rogers City.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

### **CITY HALL IMPROVEMENTS**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-138**

A motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Bielas, to approve the installation of new ceiling tiles and can lighting in the City Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

### **STATE OR FEDERAL DISASTER AID**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-139**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rogers City, conducted at Rogers City Hall on, December 3, 2019 at 7 PM, the following resolution was offered in the form of a motion made by Council Member Adair and seconded by Council Member Fuhrman:

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes, and the 3,288 miles of Great Lakes shoreline that border the State, are Michigan's most vital and precious resource, and;

WHEREAS, record high water levels in the Great Lakes as well as the bay and rivers connected to them, have contributed to major erosion and extensive damage on that shoreline, and;

WHEREAS, a combination of storms and wind-driven wave action have coupled with these high water levels to cause severe problems to public infrastructure, and;

WHEREAS, the Michigan winter, and the extensive ice it will bring, will inevitably worsen the already dire situation along the shoreline, and;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes drive the economy, tax base, and property values, not only of Michigan's coastal communities, but of the entire State; and

WHEREAS, the loss of public property along the shoreline directly affects Pure Michigan tourism efforts and the State's overall economic wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the local units of government responsible for repairing the damage caused by Mother Nature will be unable to do so adequately without some form of financial assistance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rogers City asks the State of Michigan to seek federal disaster relief for its shoreline.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

### **POVERTY EXEMPTION**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-140**

The following resolution was offered by City Council Member Bielas and supported by City Council Member Nowak.

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the City Council; and **WHEREAS**, the principal residence of persons, who the Supervisor/Assessor and 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 Rogers City, Presque Isle 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;

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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 supervisor/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.
- 3) File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed the current guidelines. Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc.
- 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 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 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 for the 2020 Assessment Year***

**Number of Persons Residing in the Principal Residence Annual allowable income**

1 person	\$12,490
2 persons	\$16,910
3 persons	\$21,330
4 persons	\$25,750
5 persons	\$30,170
6 persons	\$34,590
7 persons	\$39,010
8 persons	\$43,430

Each additional person, additional \$4,420

The following is a limit on the amount of assets an applicant can have (see policy):

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED*** that the supervisor/assessor and Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the supervisor/assessor and 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.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mayor McLennan stated that the Christmas parade is on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 6 pm.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further to come before Council, Mayor McLennan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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SCOTT MCLENNAN, MAYOR

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TERRI L. KOSS, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROGERS CITY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019

Mayor McLennan presided and called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with Council Member Fuhrman leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT – Council Members Richard Adair, Kenneth Bielas, Larry Fuhrman, Gary Nowak and Mayor Scott McLennan.

OTHER CITY PERSONNEL PRESENT – City Atty. Michael Vogler, Police Chief Jamie Meyer, City Mgr. Joseph Hefele, and City Clerk/Treasurer Terri Koss.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Council Member Fuhrman, seconded by Council Member Nowak, to approve the agenda with the addition of Street Sweeper purchase.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Council Member Adair, seconded by Council Member Bielas, that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 3, 2019 be approved as written.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:** None.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

**CHECK AND INVOICE APPROVAL:**

It was moved by Council Member Adair, seconded by Council Member Nowak, that the following total fund expenditures be recognized as payments made and payments to be made, in the amount of \$118,647.62 and the Mayor is authorized to sign the check register.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

City Atty. Vogler requested tabling Agenda item C. Policy - City Mgr. Spending until he can review the City Charter.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Mgr. Hefele updated Council on the Redevelopment Ready Communities process.

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:** None.

**LIAISONS:**

There will be openings on the Planning Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission in 2020.

**MAYOR:**

Mayor McLennan stated that Huron Pines will have grants available for storm water management. The DNR will be planting 25,000 Atlantic salmon in the coming year. He congratulated Chief Meyer on his new role, and stated that the Fishing University shows will be aired in January. McLennan also met with Senator Stamas regarding shoreline erosion.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2020 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-140**

A motion was made by Council Member Adair, seconded by Council Member Bielas, to approve the meeting schedule as presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**MAYOR PRO TEM**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-141**

A motion was made by Council Member Bielas, seconded by Council Member Adair, to appoint Gary Nowak as Mayor Pro Tem.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**POLICY – CITY MANAGER SPENDING**

Tabled to the next meeting.

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**MARINA – RATES AND DISCOUNTS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-142**

A motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Fuhrman, to approve the 2020 Marina rates and discounts as included in the meeting packet.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**MARINA – RULES & REGULATIONS/SLIP CONTRACT/STORAGE & SERVICE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-143**

A motion was made by Council Member Adair, seconded by Council Member Nowak, to approve the Marina rules and regulations/slip contract/storage & service contract as presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**NEW CHIEFS' SCHOOL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-144**

A motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Bielas, to approve Police Chief Jamie Meyer's attendance to the New Chiefs' School.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING - AFSCME**

City Mgr. Hefele reviewed the proposed letter of agreement in regard to Mike Bowden becoming full time in the Water Department.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-145**

A motion was made by Council Member Nowak, seconded by Council Member Adair, to approve the Letter of Understanding in regard to Mike Bowden becoming a full time AFSCME Water Department union employee which includes being enrolled in the City's 401a plan.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**EQUIPMENT PURCHASE**

City Mgr. Hefele reviewed DPW Supt. Roger Wenzel's research regarding a used street sweeper and the current equipment budget.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-146**

A motion was made by Council Member Bielas, seconded by Council Member Adair, to approve the purchase of a Johnson 2011 VT651 street sweeper from Big Truck and Equipment Sales for \$85,000 plus an additional \$3,500 delivery fee.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Council Member Nowak requested the PEG channel be placed on the next agenda.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further to come before Council, Mayor McLennan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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SCOTT MCLENNAN, MAYOR

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TERRI L. KOSS, CITY CLERK/TREASURER