

The regular meeting of the Clare City Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers by Mayor Pat Humphrey who led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Pat Humphrey, Carolyn (Gus) Murphy, Jean McConnell and Karla Swanson. Absent: None. Also present were Ken Hibl, City Manager; Steve Kingsbury, Treasurer; Brian Gregory, Police Chief; Dave Saad, Police Captain; Officers David and Kolhoff; and Diane Lyon, City Clerk.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner McConnell second by Commissioner Murphy to approve the items listed with an asterisk (*) (Amended Agenda-to include the First Reading and Hearing of Ordinance 2018-003, Minutes, Department Reports, Communications, and Bills) that are considered to be routine by the City Commission. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. *Motion Carried.*

3. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approved By Consent Agenda.

4. *APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA:

Approved By Consent Agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. AWARD OF LIFE SAVING PINS-SERGEANT GREG KOLHOFF AND OFFICER BRIAN DAVID

Sergeant Greg Kolhoff responded to an emergency dispatch to Walgreen's Drug Store in Clare, Michigan on February 26, 2018. Upon arrival they discovered a comatose male on the floor of a restroom within the store; the individual was not breathing, and the officers could not detect a pulse. They immediately administered an injection and Pharmacist Melissa Jackson commenced CPR, bringing the individual back to life. The City Commission is asked to formally recognize the quick actions of these officers and Ms. Jackson by presentation of Life Saving Pins.

Motion by Commissioner McConnell second by Commissioner Swanson to award Officers Kolhoff & David Life Saving Pins. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Carolyn (Gus) Murphy and Karla Swanson. Nays: None. Absent: None. *Motion Carried.*

Mayor Humphrey presented life saving pins to Officers Kolhoff & David; Ms. Jackson was unable to attend tonight's meeting and will therefore be presented a life saving pin at a later date.

B. ORDINANCE 2018-003-CHAPTER 52 (ZONING)

The City Planning Commission and City Commission will be asked to consider amending the City's Future Land Use Map by designating a significant portion of currently vacant commercial property in the north sector of the City as future industrial use. Consequently, the property could potentially be eligible for a licensed medical marijuana use. As we used in excess of \$2.5M in federal funds to construct the infrastructure to support this development area and marijuana in any form continues to be prohibited by federal law, it is deemed prudent that this site be restricted for that use. Consequently, we've asked our City Attorney to draft a proposed amendment to our existing ordinance codes that will prohibit licensed medical marijuana facilities north of M-115 in Clare; the proposed amendment is attached as Ordinance 2018-003.

As the proposal is a zoning ordinance change, the Planning Commission is required to review this proposed amendment and offer the City Commission a formal recommendation as to its disposition. The Planning Commission met on March 13th and unanimously recommended that the City Commission adopt the ordinance amendment.

All ordinance code changes or amendments require the approval of the Clare City Commission. And all ordinances require two readings and approval of the Clare City Commission subsequent to a public hearing. The required public notice announcing the hearing has been published. Subsequent to the conduct of the hearing, the Commission has the options of allowing a First Reading of the proposed Ordinance or denying the conduct of a First Reading, thereby rejecting the ordinance/zoning change.

The City Commission is asked to conduct the required public hearing, consider and discuss the proposed amendment, and direct a First Reading of the proposed Ordinance.

Motion by Commissioner Bonham second by Commissioner Murphy to open a public hearing. Voice vote: Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. *Motion Carried.*

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Commissioner Bonham second by Commissioner Swanson to close the public hearing. Voice vote: Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. *Motion Carried.*

C. ADOPTION OF WWI COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION

The cessation of hostilities associated with WWI are being commemorated nationally this year. Governor Snyder has appointed a WWI Centennial Commission to coordinate, plan, and oversee activities to recognize and pay tribute to Michigan's role in this war effort. The Commission has developed and is asking Michigan governmental entities to adopt a resolution to commemorate this event and to generate local awareness of the centennial. The resolutions adopted by local municipalities will then be posted on the Centennial Commission's website. The Clare City Commission is asked to adopt the resolution.

As a side bar: There is a WWI commemorative statue in Beaverton that is in need of restoration/rehabilitation. Approximately \$40K is needed to restore the statue; a local American Legion Post is coordinating the efforts to do so. They applied for and received a \$2K national grant (one allocation per state – Beaverton rec'd Michigan's allocation) as seed money for the restoration project. The Centennial Commission is assisting Beaverton in its fund-raising efforts.

Motion by Commissioner Bonham second by Commissioner Murphy to approve honoring and commemorating, and to generate local awareness of WWI Veterans by adoption of Resolution 2018-027. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Carolyn (Gus) Murphy and Karla Swanson. Nays: None. Absent: None. *Motion Carried.*

D. "CLARE MY HEART MY HOME"

Ireland holds an annual nation-wide musical event (Fleadh) to highlight the country's local musical talent. The Kilfenora Ceili Band showcased a new song, "Clare My Heart My Home," written by Mr. Tim Collins, one of the band's leaders, for the event last August and then released it as a single recording in January 2018. The song gained immediate interest and popularity (once you hear it, it's easy to understand why). The lyrics of the song refer to County Clare, Ireland, but segments of the song could also easily apply to our own Clare County and the City of Clare as a great marketing tool. Consequently, I ask for the City Commission's consideration and indulgence to play a video of the premier of the song at Monday's meeting. Then if you are in agreement, I'd like to work with a few other community members to reach out to the band and County Clare (and possibly Mr. Dave Lorenz with "Pure Michigan") to determine if they'd be amenable to having a discussion with us in that regard.

The Commission was in favor of contacting the band to find out if they would be amenable to the City and perhaps the County using this song as a marketing tool here.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer presented his report.

9. *DEPARTMETN REPORTS:
Approved By Consent Agenda

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Planning Commission. The Planning Commission held its monthly scheduled meeting on March 14th. The Commission approved a site plan application of Mr. Mark Bolle to construct a new 9,600sf industrial building on his property at 401 East Fourth Street in Clare to replace his previous, much smaller building on this site – which was destroyed by fire late last year. The primary purpose of the Commission's next-scheduled meeting on April 11th is to review and approve the City's 2018/2019 Capital Improvement Schedule – usually a two-to-three hour meeting, thus the start time is adjusted to 5:30pm vs. the regular 6:30pm. The Commission was also informed that we will tentatively ask them to meet in special session next month to consider a site plan request of Mr. & Mrs. Matt Burton, the new owners of the bowling alley in Clare. The Burton's have plans to add a significant addition to the building this year to allow them to incorporate a full-service restaurant at this site.

CULA fit FOODS. As outlined in the attached email correspondence from Mrs. Kim Denton, the owner of Clare Family Fitness, she is expanding her business by adding "fitness-focused food" to the fitness facility.

ZBA Meeting. The ZBA heard the appeal of Ms. Hovey's attorney to reverse the City's decision regarding a neighborhood sign at a scheduled meeting on March 9th; the ZBA unanimously voted to uphold the City's decision but also directed that the City to commence work on renewing its sign ordinance to comply with the U.S. Supreme Court ruling pertaining to signage.

Clare Depot Update. We received news last week that we have been awarded \$25K by the Consumers Energy Foundation for a grant application we submitted two years ago. This good-news announcement provides us sufficient funding to complete Phase 1 (interior & exterior rehab and occupancy of the building by our tenants, Clare Arts Council and Chamber of Commerce). We still have significant work to complete (flooring, installation of wainscot, HVAC, etc.), but we now have funds to purchase all the needed materials to complete the remaining work. We will now order all the engraved bricks depot supporters have purchases so we have them available once we commence the landscaping phase of our project. We anticipate a May/June ribbon-cutting and recognition event with doors open to the public in conjunction with that event. MidMichigan Community Action Agency will continue acting as our project fiduciary until June 30th, 2018. MMCAA will then transfer all remaining available funds to the City to be used to complete Phases 2 & 3 (landscaping and trailhead), and the City will assume fiduciary duties for depot maintenance and operations. We will hold one last full Depot Committee meeting, which will be held in conjunction with the ribbon-cutting/recognition event, and will now use much smaller, focus committee groups, e.g., landscaping, to oversee the remaining elements of work that need to be completed. We will also ask the Commission to appoint a governing board comprised of representatives of the depot's tenants and appropriate City staff members to oversee the day-to-day operations of the depot once the tenants have occupied the building and the depot is open to the public. As a side bar, Buccilli's depot fund-raising event that was held last Friday (Mar 9th) was an immense success and far exceeded our expectations...Shari Buccilli sold nearly 1,000 pizzas and donated a dollar for every pizza sold to the Depot Committee; she gave us a check for \$1,000. That's a lot of pizza!!

MML Capital Conference. I will be in Lansing attending this conference on March 20th and 21st.

11. *COMMUNICATIONS

MAMC Newsletter. The Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks newsletter provides information on pending legislation related to online voter registration.

Horse Progress Days. Clare is again on the rotational slate to host the Horse Progress Days held at Yoder Farms on June 29 & 30.

FOIA Requests. The most recent FOIA requests & responses are attached for your information. Open the Books Request & Response; Attorneys Title Agency Request & Response; Marketsphere Request.

SOS Express. The Secretary of State newsletter announces a 30 day grace period for placing tabs on license plates and in a media release the SOS announces that boaters can renew their registrations online.

Representative Roger Hauck Spring 2018 Newsletter. Representative Hauck announces local office hours; provides information on the Governors tax cut plan; announces the repeal of the driver responsibility fees; provides information on local road repair allocations; discusses pending child sexual abuse & assault crime legislation; and provides information on other topics of local interest.

Lieutenant Governor News Release: Lieutenant Governor Calley announces assistance for low-income residents impacted by flooding.

Four Leaf Brewing Outdoor Seating & Service: The City provided approval of a Temporary Authorization Application and provided an authorization letter to the MLCC to allow the proprietor of Four Leaf Brewing to use a portion of sidewalk for outdoor food & drink service during specific events. March 2018 Meeting Calendar: The March meetings calendar was provided.

12. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

13. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TOPICS: None.

14. *APPROVAL OF BILLS
Approved By Consent Agenda.

15. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Commissioner Swanson second by Commissioner McConnell to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent:None. *Motion Carried.* Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Pat Humphrey, Mayor

Diane Lyon, City Clerk