

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor & City Commissioners
FROM: Ken Hibl, City Manager
DATE: March 17, 2016
RE: Meeting Excusal – Commissioner Jean McConnell

For the Agenda of March 21, 2016

Background. The City Charter stipulates "...that if a commissioner shall miss five consecutive regular meetings of the commission or twenty-five percent or more of such meetings in any fiscal year of the city, unless such absence shall be excused by the commission and the reason therefore entered in the proceedings, his office shall become vacant."

Commissioner Jean McConnell became ill and was hospitalized in early March and consequently missed the scheduled City Commission meeting of March 7, 2016 and is expected to miss a minimum of three subsequent meetings during the months of March and April 2016 due to extended-term rehabilitation. The Commission has a long-standing history to excuse commissioners in otherwise good standing from attendance at scheduled meetings for good cause. The illness and consequential absence of Commissioner McConnell seems to warrant excusal. The City Commission is asked to formally approve the excusal of Commissioner McConnell.

Issues & Questions Specified. Should the City Commission excuse the absence of Commissioner Jean McConnell at scheduled Commission meetings?

Alternatives.

1. Excuse the absences.
2. Do not excuse the absences. .
3. Set aside decision regarding this matter to a subsequently scheduled public meeting.

Financial Impact. There is no direct fiscal impact for the City.

Recommendation. I recommend that the City Commission excuse the absence of Commissioner McConnell by adoption of Resolution 2016-033 (*copy att'd*).

Attachment. Resolution 2016-033.

RESOLUTION 2016-033

A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARE CITY COMMISSION EXCUSING COMMISSIONER JEAN MCCONNELL FROM SCHEDULED REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE CLARE CITY COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Clare, Counties of Clare and Isabella, State of Michigan (the "City") specifies within Chapter 6, Section 6.6 "...that if a commissioner shall miss five consecutive regular meetings of the commission or twenty-five percent or more of such meetings in any fiscal year of the city, unless such absence shall be excused by the commission and the reason therefore entered in the proceedings, his office shall become vacant."; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jean McConnell became ill and was hospitalized in early March and consequently missed the scheduled City Commission meeting of March 7, 2016 and is expected to miss a minimum of four subsequent meetings during the months of March and April 2016 due to extended-term rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has historically made it a practice to excuse commissioners in otherwise good standing from attendance at scheduled meetings for good cause and desires to continue said practice and deems the current illness of Commissioner McConnell clearly warrants a continuation of said practice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clare City Commission hereby approves the excusal of Commissioner Jean McConnell from its scheduled meetings of February 16 and March 7, 2016.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INsofar AS THEY CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY RESCINDED.

The Resolution was introduced by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____. The Resolution declared adopted by the following roll call vote:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Resolution approved for adoption on this 21st day of March 2016.

Diane Lyon, City Clerk