

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
MONDAY  
MARCH 2, 2020**

The Common Council of Sandusky, Michigan held their regular meeting on March 2, 2020 in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 26 West Speaker Street in Sandusky, Michigan. Mayor Lukshaitis presided and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Mayor Lukshaitis, Council Members: Barr, Bissett, Harris, Mitchell, Schramm and Williamson

**Absent:** None

**Administration:**

Manager D. Faber and Director of Public Works M. Harris

**Guests:** N. Harding, S. Kenny and J. Campbell

**Minutes:** Councilperson Bissett moved, Schramm seconded to approve the minutes of February 17, 2020 as presented.  
Motion Carried.

**Bills:** Councilperson Mitchell moved, Williamson seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$56,612.71.  
Yeas: Williamson, Schramm, Mitchell, Harris, Bissett and Barr  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried.

**Recognize Visitors/Public Comments:**

N. Harding and J. Campbell spoke to Council about doing a memorial for Bob Stasiuk that they would like to place at Diamond Trail Park. They are hoping to raise \$20,000 for this project. The memorial would be outdoor musical instruments for children of all age groups

from a company called Freenotes Harmony Park. This matter was referred to the Recreation and Parks Committee for consideration.

**Agenda: Councilperson Bissett moved, Barr seconded to approve the agenda as presented.  
Motion Carried.**

**Correspondence:**

Mayor Lukshaitis read thank you notes from Tim Wrathall and Countryside Free Methodist Church.

**Committee Reports – Possible Action:**

Councilperson Schramm mentioned that the Aeronautics Board minutes were handed out to everyone. He advised that they are still worked the Airport grant. Construction will begin in the summer or fall of 2020 that will close the main runway for a short time.

Councilperson Barr explained that the Sandusky Youth Athletics Association met last night. They would like permission to purchase screens to place behind the batters and to move the bleachers on the north field to the third base. This matter was referred to Recreation and Parks Committee. Barr also stated that the SYAA are in need of additional ball fields and would like to know if they can put some in at the Diamond Trail Park. Discussion followed.

Councilperson Bissett informed Council that the Fire Association minutes are in the packet.

**City Manager Report:**

Manager Faber advised that there will be a grand opening and ribbon cutting service for Parkside Meats on 3-7-2020.

Manager Faber explained that Noah from Representative Hernandez's office is currently working on the stop light issue at M-46 and Gates Road.

Manager Faber is continuing to work with the Aeronautics Board, the Federal government and the State of Michigan to obtain a more than \$700,000 grant for the Sandusky Airport. They will be doing a 1 ½ inch mill of the primary runway and adding 2 ½ inch to get to a total thickness of 4 inches. He further advised that they are still working on the final land purchase that is needed.

Manager Faber stated that the MERS pension fund will be set up in the near future.

Manager Faber will be working with Townley Engineering to evaluate and update the PASER rating for our current roads. They are hoping to put this out for bid in late March.

## **New Business:**

### **a. Purchase of Backhoe**

Manager Faber and Director of Public Works Harris explained that the DPW staff have tested and created a pros and cons list for the backhoes that are available. The Case is the best fit for our needs. They are hoping to sell the old backhoe on GovDeals.com for approximately \$20,000. There is \$100,000 budgeted for this purchase and the Faber would like the option to either purchase the item or take out a short term note with a local bank for the purchase.

**Councilperson Williamson moved, Mitchell seconded to approve the purchase of a 2020 580SN backhoe from Ina Store Inc for \$110,379.00 as presented.**

**Yeas: Schramm, Barr, Mitchell, Harris, Williamson and Bissett**

**Nays: None**

**Motion Carried.**

**b. Closed Session – Union Negotiations**

**Councilperson Bissett moved, Barr seconded to go into Closed Session for Union Negotiations at 6:14 p.m.**

**Yeas: Bissett, Williamson, Schramm, Harris, Mitchell and Barr**

**Nays: None**

**Motion Carried.**

**Councilperson Mitchell moved, Bissett seconded to go into Regular Session at 6:49 p.m.**

**Motion Carried.**

**c. Union Negotiations**

Manager Faber explained that if Council approves each TA that the language will go into effect immediately and does not need to wait for the entire contract to be completed.

**Councilperson Schramm moved, Barr seconded to approve the GELC tentative agreement as presented.**

**Yeas: Barr, Bissett, Harris, Mitchell, Schramm and Williamson**

**Nays: None**

**Motion Carried.**

**Councilperson Schramm moved, Barr seconded to approve the POLC tentative agreement as presented.**

**Yeas: Williamson, Schramm, Mitchell, Harris, Bissett and Barr**

**Nays: None**

**Motion Carried.**

**Councilperson Schramm moved, Barr seconded to approve the AFSCME tentative agreement as presented.**

**Yeas: Mitchell, Harris, Barr, Williamson, Schramm and Bissett**

**Nays: None**

**Motion Carried.**

**Councilperson Schramm moved, Barr seconded to approve the management memo that provides 3% raises for the City Manager, Police Chief, Director of Public Works and the Clerk as presented.**

**Yeas: Barr, Schramm, Mitchell, Williamson and Bissett**

**Abstained: Harris**

**Nays: None**

**Motion Carried.**

**Public Comment:**

S. Kenny advised Council that he is concerned about the Thumb Festival this year. The food vendors do not want to show up since everything has been moved to the Courthouse lawn by the Chamber of Commerce and they do not feel like there will be enough foot traffic. Discussion followed.

**Council Announcements:**

Mayor Lukshaitis advised that it is time to complete the administrative evaluations. Council requested that the Mayor complete these again this year. Lukshaitis requested input from Council.

Councilmember Harris advised that he feels that the DPW should receive a shift premium for plowing snow at night. They and the police officers are very busy every day and it is amazing listening to them all on the radios.

**Councilperson Bissett moved, Barr seconded to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.  
Motion Carried.**

**Thomas Lukshaitis, Mayor**

**Mandy Fullmer, Deputy Clerk**