

Council Meeting
Common Council
March 4, 2019

The regular meeting of the Common Council was held at Zeeland City Hall, 21 S. Elm, Zeeland MI on Monday, March 4, 2019. Mayor Klynstra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Council members – Mayor ProTem Gruppen, VanDorp, Kass, Timmer, Broersma,
Lam, Mayor Klynstra

ABSENT: Council members – None

Staff present: Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Plockmeyer, City Attorney Donkersloot, BPW General Manager Boatright and Deputy Clerk Humphrey

The invocation was offered by Councilmember Phung Lam.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

19.024 Approve Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Gruppen and seconded by Councilmember Kass to approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Approve minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2019.
2. Approve minutes of the work-study session of February 18, 2019.
3. Receive for information the minutes of the Board of Public Works from February 19, 2019.
4. Ratify BPW Action #19.016 - Approve Cash Disbursements and Regular Monthly Transfers.
5. Ratify BPW Action #19.017 - Award Purchase of 3 Disconnect Switches for Fairview Substation.
6. Ratify BPW Action #19.018 - Award Professional Engineering Services Contract.

Roll call.

AYES: VanDorp, Lam, Broersma, Gruppen, Kass, Timmer, Mayor Klynstra

No Votes: None

Absent: None

Visitor(s)

90th District State Representative, Bradly Slagh, addressed the Council and gave updates on what he has been doing so far in the House of Representatives. Mayor Klynstra asked that Representative Slagh pass on the concerns that many citizen have expressed about the “Lame Duck” sessions to Governor Whitmer.

Assistant City Manager’s Report

Fire/Rescue Chief Appointment – At Monday night’s meeting, City Council will have the opportunity to appoint Ross Tibbets as the City’s next Fire/Rescue Chief. We are very excited to have Ross join the management team. This being said, a special thanks goes out to Mitch Harsevoort and his dedication to the Fire/Rescue Department in this time of transition and his role as Interim Fire/Rescue Chief since April 10 of last year.

City Management Team – If City Council approves the appointment of Ross to the position of Fire/Rescue Chief, our City Management Team will be full once again. As I prepare budgets for this coming year and review the personnel data, I find it surprising how many new members are part of both the City and BPW management team. In the past four years the management team has replaced all but four members including the BPW General Manager, Electric Power Supply & Market Operations Manager, Electric Transmission & Distribution Manager, Water Utility Operations Manager, Information Technology Manager, City Clerk/Personnel Assistant, Library/Community Center Director, Clean Water Plant Superintendent, Community Development Director/Assessor, Chief of Police, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, and the Fire/Rescue Chief twice. Many of you have been instrumental in assembling this great team. We appreciate the time and effort you have

given to this very important task, and from my perspective, this team looks to assist other team members in order serve the City and its residents in their highest capacity, so you can be proud of the job you have done.

Upcoming Meeting Dates - As a reminder, we have a few extra meeting dates over the next month for City Council to be aware of:

March 11 - Joint Meeting between the Planning Commission and City Council to review a draft of the Non-Motorized Pathway Plan at 6:00 p.m. at the HMCC.

March 25, 26, 27 (if necessary) – Budget review meetings

City Manager Schedule - Tim Klunder will be out on vacation from Friday Evening March 1 until March 6. If you need immediate assistance while he is away, please do not hesitate to contact me at kplockmeyer@cityofzeeland.com or by cell phone 616-368-7370.

19.025 Fire Chief Appointment

Motion was made by Councilmember Gruppen and seconded by Councilmember Timmer to approve the appointment of Ross Tibbets, as Director of Fire/Rescue - Fire Chief.

Roll call.

AYES: Lam, Broersma, Gruppen, Kass, Timmer, Van Dorp, Mayor Klynstra

No Votes: None

Absent: None

19.026 Resolution for Application for Laying Out and Designating a Drainage District - Alice Avenue Drain

Motion was made by Councilmember Broersma and seconded by Councilmember Timmer to adopt the Resolution for Application for Laying Out and Designating a Drainage District - Alice Avenue Drain

Roll call.

AYES: Broersma, Gruppen, Kass, Timmer, VanDorp, Lam, Mayor Klynstra

No Votes: None

Absent: None

19.027 Resolution for Petition to Locate, Establish and Construct a Drain - Alice Avenue Drain

Motion was made by Councilmember VanDorp and seconded by Councilmember Gruppen to adopt the Resolution for Petition to Locate, Establish and Construct a Drain - Alice Avenue Drain.

Roll call.

AYES: Gruppen, Kass, Timmer, VanDorp, Lam, Broersma, Mayor Klynstra

No Votes: None

Absent: None

Mayor Klynstra spoke and answered questions at a men's group at Royal Park Place, as well as facilitated tours of City Hall to four Zeeland Christian School classes.

Being no further business to discuss, a motion was made and supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried. All voting aye.