

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022
CITY COMMISSION MEETING – 9:00 A.M.

Present: Jesse Nelson, Mayor
Brandon Aldridge, Commissioner
Pat Perno, Commissioner
Jamie Warrick, Commissioner
Judy Tinder, Commissioner
Vickie Gainer, City Manager
Lt. Steve Enfinger, Sergeant at Arms
Kevin Obos, City Legal Counsel

Item #1. Call to order.

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Item #2. Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

By Associate Pastor Joe Atkinson of Catalyst Church (Director of Hope 29:11 Ministries).

Item #3. Public Commentary.

None.

Item #4. Mayor's Report.

The Mayor thanked the city staff and Commissioners for organizing and participating in the wonderful Fourth of July celebrations for the residents of Lynn Haven and citizens of Bay County. The Mayor advised he was part of the auditing selection committee for Panama City last week and it was very insightful. The Mayor attended the 10-year celebration for Systems and Engineering held at A.L. Kinsaul Park last week on Friday. They are often overlooked but they do a lot of commercial work around the County. Pastor Kyle Shoots is one of the owners of this company and they are doing great work in the community throughout Bay County and specifically in Lynn Haven and the Mayor is very glad they are able to be planted in our City. The Mayor said he fielded many emails and phone calls as well, and most were grateful for the information disseminated around the watermain break last week.

Item #5. Commissioners' Reports.

Commissioner Aldridge – Thanked the employees for the July Fourth activities.

Commissioner Perno – Thought the Fourth of July celebration was great this year and he will always remember where he was when the two jets flew over and it was amazing. Also thanked the first responders, city employees and City Manager for the great job. This Thursday at 11am is the TPO workshop at the Bay County Transit, and if you go to the website at www.ecrc.org for anyone interested to go on and click on project priorities. Commissioner proceeded to speak further about the endeavor encouraging all to go to the website to provide their input on the survey and proceeded to show the 2m30s video. Commissioner Perno said he met with a woman who lives at Mowat Highlands, and she is very concerned with the new housing development and the flooding, so wants to make sure we do not forget about what is happening out there. She said this new housing development is going to be put in place, but its stormwater is going to retain everything, and nothing is going to be different” she is hoping her issues are not exacerbated by this. She said she has spoken to people and feels she is not being listened to.

The Mayor asked Commissioner Perno to get her address for the City so it can be looked into, and Commissioner Perno agreed to obtain her information. Commissioner Perno said a boating person said he could not see the power lines across the water as they are not lit up enough. And he also said at the boat ramp (which is the best in Bay County) the parking is an issue and people are

parking right next to the boat ramp which should be for people who are trying to put their boats in the water or extract their boats from the water. Commissioner also had a citizen express concern about the small apartment complex that is not in good condition (mold etc.) and they may not be habitable. The Mayor explained to everyone about the meetings the City and he had with the Mowat Highlands residents last year in conjunction with Panhandle Engineering. Commissioner Perno asked Bobby Baker about the meeting with NFWF and St Joe estuary program and the opportunity around 17th Street Delaware area where there is a natural waterway where they are looking at expanding that with a grant. Mr. Baker explained there is an existing stormwater pond there, but has not much to do with Mowat Highlands, and the creek bypasses that pond. More discussion was held around this matter in general.

Commissioner Warrick – Firstly, he can hear a lot better with the new sound system. July Fourth parade was awesome, especially with the F35 jets flying overhead. Past Friday he went to the Supervisor of Elections office to be educated about how they work their systems and machines. It was very educational, and we are extremely lucky to have someone like him running our elections. Lastly, he had many emails and calls about the watermain break, so thanks to the City for actively working on that.

Commissioner Tinder – Agreed that the sound is so much better. First, whoever built the stairs for our float will forever have her gratitude. Everything about the parade was spot on. Commissioner dealt with a few citizen issues over the past few weeks. She said she needs to speak to someone who does permitting because they are building two houses on top of each other just a couple of houses down from where she lives. Something else was brought to her attention by more than one person so she publicly read the rules around the city staff being able to back political candidates in their personal capacity but cannot use their position with the city to do so. The Commissioner said she saw on the news last week about the Commission over in the Walton area all having credit cards, so she wanted to ask if any of our Commissioners have credit cards? City Manager said no. Commissioner Tinder asked how many credit cards city staff have. City Manager advised about 25. Commissioner Tinder asked if we have a special measure to manage those processes. City Manager said yes, we have an arduous process around the purchasing policy with credit cards.

Item # 6. City Manager's Report.

- A. Warrant list update – Commissioner Tinder asked regarding the \$10,100 for shading, and where those shadings were placed? Director answered Cain Griffin and A.L. Kinsaul Parks. City Manager advised they were replacement shades for shades damaged during Hurricane Michael.

- B. Stormwater update given by Director of Public Works.
The Mayor asked about the progress on the discussion they had had the previous month about the creek at Mowat Highlands. Director explained it was all cleaned out, but the state waterways have still not been cleaned out. We are trying to get the state to get them cleaned out, but they ran out of money. That really backs things up and affects the drainage of our city residents. The Mayor said the correlation of the residents is that their flooding only began after the new development started. When it is not raining their creek is fine, but when it is raining it raises up to the level of their yard, so they are concerned. Director said the creek has been cleaned out, but a lot of the holdup is the state waterways. The Mayor asked if there is something the county can do? Director said really all they can do would be able to widen the creek (which may not be allowed by the Northwest Water authorities, but not much else. The Mayor clarified that it is then up to the Commission to contact the state to request them to do so officially, and also follow up with the two new incoming state representatives. Commissioner Warrick said if Mr. Trumbull contacts him at the end of July he will mention it to him.

Commissioner Warrick asked about the DOT drainage improvements at Bellaire Estates

and Director answered DOT have discussed that crossing and are waiting for the box culvert to be delivered before they can continue. Commissioner Warrick asked about the subdivision alongside Mowat Highlands, and Director advised they are looking at that. Commissioner Warrick asked about how long the vacant positions have been advertised for and the Director answered a few months, and they are having a hard time filling those positions. Commissioner asked about the contractors we are using and is it more expensive to contract that work out versus employing new people. Director advised it has been cheaper to contract that work out. Commissioner asked if it would be worth looking at contracting the work rather than employing someone inhouse? City Manager said we are looking at both scenarios in the budgets, but a lot of the times contractors hold us up because they are so busy. If there is an emergency, we can deploy employees rather quickly compared to contractors. More discussion ensued. Commissioner Perno asked if it would be possible to add this type of work to the scope of work for push button work going forward? Director explained the difference between push button work and individual contracting. Commissioner Warrick would like to discuss contracting more at a pre-commission meeting sometime.

City Manager said she had a meeting with IT after the last Commission meeting and IT got a lot of the sound issues fixed over the weekend. We are also looking at other ways to improve sound. City Manager thanked Rotary for the pancake breakfast effort, Tyndall dignitaries, the air force for the flyover, and all who contributed to the great day. City Manager advised Commissioner Tinder it was Facilities Maintenance team who put the steps together, so thanks to Joe Footen. City Manager explained the process involved in disseminating information when an emergency watermain break happens and we cannot put out information that is not correct. So, we cannot get information out that we don't have. Going forward, over the next few weeks citizens will receive information via either email, text, or phone call, through our new system called Tyler Notify, where they will be able to receive this type of information very quickly and can be done in zones instead of city-wide. This week we will have an area we will test model and she encouraged every citizen to sign up for this system and its notifications. Arc of the Bay will be celebrating their 65th year in Bay County. Reminded all about the visioning workshop on the 18th around revitalizing Florida Avenue. Advised Commissioner Perno there are signs up at the boat ramp stating, "no parking". Resident Newsletter will go out at the end of July. Progress is being made on the Annual Report which is due out approximately end of October.

Item # 7. City Attorney's Report.

City Attorney advised about the four nuisance abatement liens, and that we may want to collect those liens on the tax bill for November, and we may want to make a decision on that at the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item #8. Minutes dd 06/28/22 - Regular meeting minutes.

Item #9. Approval for RV Extension request on 706 W. 8th St Circle for 6 months through to the end of January 2023.

Item #10. Approval for the Supervisor of Elections to use the Senior Center for August and October/November; and moving both the August meetings and the October 25th & November 8th Commission meetings to the Garden Club.

Motion by Commissioner Aldridge: To approve all items on the Consent Agenda, with amendments to the minutes as noted.

Second to the Motion

Commissioner Perno

On Vote:

Warrick	aye
Aldridge	aye
Tinder	aye
Perno	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Item #11. Review of the Appearance Standard Draft Ordinance for City Aesthetics Design.

The Planning Director explained the item and the process.

Excluding Industrial buildings in Industrial parks was discussed. Mr. Janke said the “Industrial Park” the Mayor mentioned is a Commerce Park not an Industrial Park and the design standards will apply to that park. They will also arrange to change the sign from Industrial Park to Commerce Park.

Commissioner Aldridge said he likes the direction we are going without being tyrants. Remembers we discussed color and design palettes and asked if that is going to be included. Planning Director reminded him that that is included in the CRA design standards. Commissioner Aldridge asked if the red brick apartments had landscaping requirements? Director advised what they had proposed did meet code, and she will be having a look to see if they still have any CO’s that need to be issued. She also advised the city is tied into the post storm ordinance about rebuilding on the same footprint. Mayor suggested we could encourage them to allow the city to beautify the area.


Commissioner Aldridge asked about the signs the students engineered and designed more than a year ago, and when are we getting them up? City Manager said they are currently waiting on the engineering before going out to RFQ. Commissioner Aldridge asked about the bus stops that don’t have coverings or benches? City Manager said that we put that on hold because the trolley was going to be changing its route. So yes, the Commissioners can go ahead and verify that with the State.

Director said she has to public notice the ordinance tomorrow, and it will be on the next Planning agenda before coming back to this Commission.

Item #12. Adjourn.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF July 2022.



 Jesse Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Vickie Gainer, City Manager