

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 28, 2021

A regular meeting of the Dowagiac City Council was called to order by Mayor Don Lyons at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was also held electronically via ZOOM due to expanded COVID 19 protocol.
ROLL CALL – 5 Members present; Councilmembers Bakeman, Schuur, Gross, Dodd and Lucas, and Mayor Pro-Tem Leon Laylin by phone, Also present was City Manager Anderson, City Clerk, Patty Patano.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – June 14, 2021

Councilmember James Dodd offered and moved the adoption of the minutes; seconded by Councilmember Patrick Bakeman

QUESTIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL—

Patrick Bakeman: Pot holes between high school and body shop need attending; also at the bottom of Lowe there are drainage problems with the rain.

Danielle Lucas: Grove Street, large pothole.

James Dodd: Spruce & Lowe pothole

Bob Schuur: Paul St. there is a tiny sign that says Fire Department; calls for a larger sign.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE (NON-AGENDA)—

Ron Easton: The corner of Division St and Riverside has trees that block the intersection. It is necessary to pull into the pedestrian walkway to see traffic. Kevin Anderson indicated he would go back and see what can be done as the bushes blocking the intersection are on private property. Mr. Easton also indicated that there are many dead trees along Riverside between the cemetery and the middle school.

COMMUNICATION—

1. Event Request – Summer in the City, 2021 Festival

Councilmember Randy Gross offered and moved adoption of the event; seconded by Danielle Lucas.

RESOLUTIONS—

Councilmember James Dodd offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution; seconded by Councilmember Bob Schuur.

1. WHEREAS, the City has built a modular home using Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) MOD funds; and,

WHEREAS, the home is placed on a City-owned lot at 505 Spruce Street and is fully complete and ready for sale; and,

WHEREAS, the MSHDA MOD grant requirements stipulate that the home is marketed by listing on the MLS website at a minimum; and,

WHEREAS, the Mottl Realty Group, a local real estate agency, has agreed to be the listing agent for 505 Spruce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dowagiac, by the affirmative vote of its City Council, does hereby authorize the City Manager to sign the listing agreement forms necessary to sell the home at 505 Spruce Street.

ADOPTED

Patricia Patano, City Clerk

Certified to be a true and correct copy

Patricia Patano, City Clerk

Date

2 & 3 Councilmember Bob Schuur offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution; seconded by Councilmember Patrick Bakeman.

WHEREAS, City Council desires to aid in the rehabilitation of blighted or obsolete properties within the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City recognizes using Brownfields and TIF fund recapture as a useful tool in incentivizing and allowing for the necessary redevelopment of these properties; and,

WHEREAS, the company Envirologic has had over 30 years of experience consulting on Brownfields, TIFS, and other redevelopment strategies; and,

WHEREAS, the City has acquired a proposal from Envirologic to aid in the amending or reestablishing a Brownfield TIF for former Central Middle School property,

