

The regular meeting of the Clare City Planning Commission was called to order in the city commission chamber of Clare City Hall, 202 W. Fifth St., Clare, MI, at 6:30 p.m. by Commission Chair Darren Acton, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Commissioners Darren Acton, Glenda Carmoney, Angie Cozat, Elaine Demasi, Jason Lowe, Nick Loomis, Stacy Pechacek and Nick Wyman. Absent: Brett Moser. Also present were Ken Hibl, City Manager; and Jennifer Kinberg, Administrative Assistant.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Pechacek second by Commissioner Demasi to approve the agenda. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Brett Moser. *Motion approved.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Lowe second by Commissioner Carmoney to approve the July 10, 2019, minutes. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Brett Moser. *Motion approved.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Site Plan Application, Consumers Energy

The City of Clare has received a site plan application and supporting documents from Consumers Energy to expand the substation structures within its existing electrical substation located on parcel 18-002-10-012-04, Pilot Drive, in the City's South Industrial Park.

The City Staff reviewed the proposed addition to the substation at a meeting with Consumers Energy representatives on August 9th and unanimously recommends the City Planning Commission approve the site plan expansion request.

The City Planning Commission is the City's approval authority of the proposed project. To facilitate consideration of the site plan expansion request, by the Planning Commission, public notice of the proposal has been published and notice to all property owners within 300' of the substation has been mailed.

Eric Rutt & Steve Sulzman from Consumers Energy presented the expansion project on behalf of Consumers Energy. The expansion will add 3 additional lines into the current substation improving reliability. Fencing will be expanded 42' to the West, with additional structures being added, will not be noticeable from the road. The site was already graded out for future expansion with the existing sewer rerouted around the substation back in the 2000's when the project was constructed.

The Planning Commission is required to hold a public hearing related to the site plan extension request. As reflected above, proper notice has been made by the City.

Subsequent to the hearing, the Planning Commission will be asked to formally consider the site plan expansion and render a decision in respect to approval or disapproval.

Motion by Commissioner Lowe second by Commissioner Pechacek to open the public hearing. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Brett Moser. *Motion approved.*

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Commissioner Wyman second by Commissioner Loomis to close the public hearing. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Brett Moser. *Motion approved.*

Motion by Commissioner Lowe second by Commissioner Demasi to approve the Site Plan Expansion by adoption of Resolution 2019-018PC. Roll call vote: Ayes: Darren Acton, Glenda Carmoney, Angie Cozat, Elaine Demasi, Nick Loomis, Jason Lowe, Stacy Pechacek and Nick Wyman. Nays: None. Absent: Brett Moser. *Motion approved.*

INTRACOMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

- Wood's Household sponsoring a movie night at Tobacco Ranch on August 16th; proceeds from the movie night will benefit the local school backpack program.

- August 22nd is the Old 27 Motor Tour. McEwan Street will be closed from 3rd Street to Wheaton starting at noon, and reopening on Friday, August 23rd at 11 am.
- Great turnout for the Clare Art Alley Blues – Brats & Brews on August 10th.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Carmoney second by Commissioner Lowe to adjourn. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Brett Moser. *Motion approved.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Jennifer Kinberg, Administrative Assistant