

The special combined meeting of the Clare City Commission and the Clare City Planning Commission was called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Planning Commission Chair Jason Lowe, at the Clare City Hall, 202, W. Fifth St., Clare, Michigan. The Chair led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: City Commissioners Pat Humphrey, Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, and Maegan Jenkins; Planning Commissioners Glenda Carmoney, Angie Cozat, Jason Lowe, Josh Clark, and Nick Wyman. Absent: Elaine Demasi who subsequently arrived at 5:41, Gus (Carolyn) Murphy, Brett Moser, Stacy Pechacek, and Ken Hibl. Also, present were Jeremy Howard, City Manager; Sarah Schumacher, Deputy Clerk; and Chloe Sprague, High School Intern.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Clark second by Commissioner Wyman to approve the Agenda. Voice vote: Yeas: Commissioners Pat Humphrey, Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Maegan Jenkins, Glenda Carmoney, Josh Clark, Angie Cozat, Elaine Demasi, Jason Lowe, & Nick Wyman. Absent: Carolyn (Gus) Murphy, Ken Hibl, Brett Moser & Stacy Pechacek. Nays: None. *Motion Carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: Al Demarest spoke at length about the upcoming school millage and the effect it may have on taxes. He also expressed his concern about allowing marijuana businesses in Clare. Lastly, he disagreed with the City Commission's most recent appointment to the Planning Commission. In closing, Mr. Demarest complimented City Manager Jeremy Howard on the work he has accomplished.

Jeremy Howard introduced the new High School Intern, Chloe Sprague.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. PRESENTATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Chairman Jason Lowe presented the Planning Commission's 2023 annual report to the Clare City Commission. The Planning Commission discussed some of the items they worked on last year, the biggest being the city's Master Plan.

B. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

The Commissions held discussions on some new downtown businesses including McEwan Street Fudge and Ice Cream Shop, Cardinal and Clover, and Play-N-Snack Arcade. They also discussed the proposed Health Park to be located on approximately 70 acres on the north side of Rebak Way. Urgent Care has recently moved from its location on Fifth Street to MidMichigan Health's facilities professional building on Beech Street. The City currently has the ability to sell some of the newly purchased property within the South Industrial Park that is along the roadway, as infrastructure is available in that area. Commissioner Carmoney expressed concern about the traffic lights at McEwan and Schoolcrest, some of the southbound traffic stops beyond the designated stopping point or simply drives through the red light without stopping which could potentially cause accidents with traffic turning south from Schoolcrest, or causing death or injury to pedestrians on the crosswalk.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Wyman second by Commissioner Bonham, to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Voice vote: Yeas: Commissioners Pat Humphrey, Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Maegan Jenkins, Glenda Carmoney, Josh Clark, Angie Cozat, Elaine Demasi, Jason Lowe, & Nick Wyman. Absent: Carolyn (Gus) Murphy, Ken Hibl, Brett Moser & Stacy Pechacek. Nays: None. *Motion Carried.*

Sarah Schumacher, Deputy Clerk