

The regular meeting of the Clare City Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers of Clare City Hall, 202 West Fifth Street, Clare, Michigan by Mayor Pat Humphrey who led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Pat Humphrey, and Carolyn (Gus) Murphy. Absent: Maegan Jenkins. None. Also, present: Jeremy Howard, City Manager; Shannon Sirpilla, City Treasurer; Diane Lyon, City Clerk; Dave Saad, Police Chief; and several members of the Clare Police Department.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Murphy second by Commissioner Bonham to approve the items listed with an asterisk (*) (Agenda, Minutes, Communications, Professional Development, and Bills) that are considered to be routine by the City Commission. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Pat Humphrey, and Carolyn (Gus) Murphy. Nays: None. Absent: Maegan Jenkins. *Motion Carried.*

3. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approved by Consent Agenda.

4. *APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Approved by Consent Agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RECOGNITION OF OFFICER BRIAN DAVID FOR 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Officer Brian David has faithfully and honorably served the residents of the City of Clare and the Greater Clare Area Community for the past ten years as a member of the Clare Police Department, serving as the City's School Liaison Officer and as a Road Patrol Officer during his tenure on the Department. The City Commission is asked to consider formally recognizing Officer David for this distinguished achievement.

Motion by Commissioner Murphy second by Commissioner Bussell to recognize Officer David by the adoption of Resolution 2023-027. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Pat Humphrey, and Carolyn (Gus) Murphy. Nays: None. Absent: Maegan Jenkins. *Motion Carried.*

Mayor Humphrey presented Officer Brian David with a framed Resolution recognizing his service to the community.

B. APPROVE A FIREWORKS PERMIT

The Clare Area Chamber plans to sponsor the annual summer fireworks show in the City on Saturday, June 24, 2023 (inclement weather date: Sunday, June 25, 2023) as part of the annual Clare Summerfest event. In order to lock in the selected date for the show, the Chamber must submit the approved permit to the fireworks vendor. The State of Michigan requires the governing body hosting fireworks displays to approve said permit) for the display. The Commission has traditionally approved the permit in the past and is asked to do so again this year.

Motion by Commissioner Bussell second by Commissioner Murphy to approve the fireworks permit by the adoption of Resolution 2023-028. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Pat Humphrey, and Carolyn (Gus) Murphy. Nays: None. Absent: Maegan Jenkins. *Motion Carried.*

C. ORDINANCE 2023-002, STORAGE & PARKING OF VEHICLES, TRAILERS, CAMPERS, BOATS, RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT & OTHER SIMILAR TYPE OBJECTS

At the request of the City Commission, the city's Planning Commission took on the task of reviewing and amending Section 52-308, Vehicle Storage, and Parking, and creating Section 52-310 Parking and Storage of Recreational Vehicles, Trailers, Campers, Boats, and Other Similar Objects. At the April 12, 2023 meeting, the Planning Commission completed a final review and consideration of the draft Ordinance Amendment 2023-002 and unanimously made a formal recommendation (see Resolution 2023-010PC) for the City Commission to adopt the Ordinance 2023-002.

The City Commission was asked at its meeting on April 17, 2023, whether it desired to adopt the proposed ordinance amendment – and if so to commence the process for ordinance adoption. The required public notice announcing the hearing was published, and the City Commission held a public hearing and directed the First Reading of the Ordinance at that meeting. Following the public hearing, the City Commission held a discussion and directed staff to amend the start and end dates of the allowed driveway storage timeframe to slightly extend those dates at both the beginning and the end of the time period. This minor change has been made to the draft ordinance.

All changes to zoning within the City must be accomplished by ordinance change. All ordinance code changes or amendments require the approval of the City Commission, and all ordinances require two readings and approval of the City Commission subsequent to a public hearing.

The Commission now has the option of allowing a Second Reading of the proposed Ordinance 2023-002 or denying the conduct of a Second Reading, thereby rejecting the proposed new ordinance. The Commission is asked to allow a Second Reading and either approve or deny the adoption of the proposed Ordinance.

Motion by Commissioner Bonham second by Commissioner Murphy to approve the Ordinance amendment by the adoption of Resolution 2023-029. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Pat Humphrey, and Carolyn (Gus) Murphy. Nays: None. Absent: Maegan Jenkins. *Motion Carried.*

8. TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer provided a report to the Commission.

9. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Verizon Cell Tower. No new updates currently and we are still waiting for Verizon to turn on 5G now that AT&T has placed the fiber.

Lake Shamrock Dredging. Mechanical dredging is no paused for fish spawning per our permit with EGLE. The pause starts on April 1st and runs through the end of May. We will be able to resume work June 1st assuming our new operator is hired and ready to go by that time. We will be doing some maintenance and cleanup work along with some shore work at the barge during the downtime. The hydraulic dredging bids were approved and the contractor has started the processes needed to move forward with permitting.

10. *COMMUNICATIONS: *Approved by Consent Agenda.*

11. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

12. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TOPICS: Increased Code Enforcement for blight such as an inoperable vehicle (John R/Mary Street), blight in the 300 block of West Wheaton, firewood for sale in the ROW (Mary Street), signs on street poles, the blighted yard behind Walgreens (on Dwyer Street) which the owner believes is art. Staff can send a letter to her and if it isn’t cleaned up, we can start issuing tickets and if it goes to court, we can let the judge decide if it’s art or if it’s blight. The development of an Ordinance limiting yard “ornaments” was discussed. In addition, there should not be signs on electric poles, and in 200 block of East Second Street, there are more chickens than allowed by Ordinance. The Commission would like to see some of these other Code Enforcement issues addressed.

13. *APPROVAL OF BILLS: *Approved by Consent Agenda.*

14. *PROFESSIONAL & EDUCATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: *Approved by Consent Agenda.*

15. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Commissioner Bonham second by Commissioner Bussell to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Pat Humphrey, and Carolyn (Gus) Murphy. Nays: None. Absent: Maegan Jenkins. *Motion Carried.* Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Pat Humphrey, Mayor

Diane Lyon, City Clerk