

The regular meeting of the Clare City Commission was called to order at 6:01 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 Gus Murphy. Absent: Maegan Jenkins. Also, present: Jeremy Howard, City Manager; Diane Lyon, City Clerk; Vicki Corlew, City Treasurer; and Dave Saad, Police Chief.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Bussell second by Commissioner Murphy to approve the items listed with an asterisk (*), (Agenda, Minutes, Department Reports, Communications, Professional Development, and Bills) that are considered 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. **RENEWAL OF FARMING LEASES WITH KREMSREITER FARMS**

The City currently enjoys two lease agreements with Kremsreiter Farms to allow Kremsreiter Farms to farm approximately 135.6 acres of property at the Clare Municipal Airport and to farm approximately 95 acres in the South Industrial Park owned by the Clare Industrial Development Corporation. The City Commission is asked to renew both leases.

Motion by Commissioner Bussell second by Commissioner Murphy to approve the renewal of the lease agreements by adoption of Resolutions 2024-004 and 2024-005. 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 brief oral report to the Commission.

9. *DEPARTMENT REPORTS: *Approved by Consent Agenda.*

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

DDA Meeting. The DDA had several items of discussion on their January 11 agenda including:

- Request for Sponsorship Funding – Clare County Arts Council Sculpture Walk 2024
- Discussion regarding dumpster enclosures
- Downtown Trees
- Proposed DDA Future Project List
- Review and approval of Bylaws
- Approve placement of a memorial bench honoring Mr. Craig Parrish in the Downtown District
- Approve placement of hitching posts in the 4th Street Parking Lot
- Payment of Bills – November 2023 and December 2023

**NOTE: The DDA elected newly appointed DDA member Ken Hibl as Chair at their last meeting. Mary Ann Shurlow remains as Vice Chair.*

Planning Commission Meeting. The Planning Commission held a meeting on January 10 items on their agenda included:

- Election of 2024 Chairperson – Jason Lowe
- Selection of 2024 Vice Chairperson – Josh Clark
- Annual review of bylaws
- Public Hearing and Site Plan Review and Approval – Rite-Hite Accessory Building
- Public Hearing and Site Plan Review and Approval – Tractor Supply Company
- Approval of the 2023 Annual Report and recommendation to the City Commission

Lake Shamrock Dredging and Dam Project. Mechanical dredging by the City is continuing in front of Shamrock Park and we are still making good progress even with the recent winter storms and colder temperatures. For the hydraulic dredging project, Savin has begun dredging with their 2 hydraulic dredges. They will be installing a booster pump as well which will help increase the speed the material is pumped to the holding cell. They hope to continue as long as possible with the weather and ice and if they can they will be running from early morning to late in the evening with the possibility of running a night shift at some point as well. We are working on a letter to send to lake owners to give them an update on the progress and the process soon. The Dam feasibility study work is continuing and there is no new update other than we are continuing to work with them on the preparation of further designs and the full submission of the additional 3 million dollar grant we are applying for now that we have made it past the first round. We also applied for an additional grant funding source that we are waiting to hear back from as well.

Tours. We will wait until nicer weather and more daylight to tour Parks and Recreation and the Hatton Township Landfill site.

11. *COMMUNICATIONS: *Approved by Consent Agenda.*
12. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
13. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TOPICS: None.
14. *APPROVAL OF BILLS: *Approved by Consent Agenda.*
15. *PROFESSIONAL & EDUCATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: *Approved by Consent Agenda.*
16. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Commissioner Bonham seconded by Commissioner Murphy 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.* The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Pat Humphrey, Mayor

Diane Lyon, City Clerk