

The regular meeting of the Greenville City Council was called to order by Mayor Scoby, in the Council Chambers, in the Municipal Complex located at 415 S. Lafayette Street, Greenville, Michigan 48838 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Scoby; Councilpersons Barrus, Moss, Lehman, Cunliffe, and Linton; City Manager Bosanic, and Clerk Finance Director Rasmussen.

Absent: Johnson.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Scoby.
2. The Statement of Citizens: None.
3. Councilperson Lehman MOVED: The Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Councilperson Cunliffe seconded. Unanimously adopted.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of the minutes for the regular City Council meeting held March 21, 2023.
- b. Approval of the payroll report for the regular pay period ending March 18, 2023, in the amount of \$135,118.48.
- c. Approval of the accounts payable report for the period ending March 28, 2023, in the amount of \$224,782.37.
- d. Approval of the minutes for the regular Planning Commission meeting held March 9, 2023.
- e. Information on the training opportunities provided.
- f. Approval to set a public hearing for May 2, 2023, for the purpose of receiving comments on a proposed amendment to the Greenville Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment would rezone the following property from the C-2, General Commercial District, to the NLZD, North Lafayette Zoning District: Parcel Address: 115 E. Van Deinse, Parcel Number: 052-561-001-00.

Public Hearing: None.

New Business:

4. Council considered the approval of a street closure request from the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce for the Party on Lafayette.

Councilperson Lehman MOVED: To approve the proposed street closure request from the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce for the upcoming "Party on Lafayette" to

be held Saturday, July 22, 2023, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The following streets are requested for closure from 2:00 pm until 8:30 pm:

- M-91 blocked from Washington to Montcalm Street.
- Cass Street blocked east/west from alleyway to Lafayette.
- Grove Street blocked east/west from alleyway to Lafayette.

Councilperson Barrus seconded. Unanimously adopted.

5. Council considered a request from the Chamber of Commerce for Tuesday's Bike Night in downtown Greenville.

Councilperson Moss MOVED: To approve the request to close off parking spaces on the west side of North Lafayette Street from Cass Street to Grove Street from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. each Tuesday evening beginning June 6th through August 29th as presented. Councilperson Lehman seconded. Unanimously adopted.

6. Council considered the approval of a proposal from CIB Planning for the creation of an Economic Development Strategy and a Marketing Plan as required by the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program.

Councilperson Lehman MOVED: To approve the proposal from CIB Planning of Fenton, MI for the creation of an Economic Development Strategy and Marketing Plan for the City of Greenville as required by the RRC program in the amount not to exceed \$27,500 as presented. Councilperson Moss seconded. Unanimously adopted.

7. Council considered Resolution No. 23-08, a resolution to request that the Legislature/Governor include funding in the 2023 budget for communities following pension best practices established by the state.

Councilperson Lehman RESOLVED: To approve Resolution No. 23-08, a resolution requesting that the Legislature/Governor include funding in the 2023 budget for communities following pension best practices established by the State, as well as authorizing the City to send letters to our State Senator and Representative to reconsider the section of HB 5054 that was removed from the 2022 State Budget as presented:

WHEREAS, City of Greenville has taken financially difficult steps to stabilize its pension program and get its pension costs and liabilities under control; and

WHEREAS, these steps followed best practices established by the State of Michigan and kept City of Greenville operationally viable in the face of enormous financial pressure; and

WHEREAS, HB 5054 of 2022 would have divided \$250 million between City of Greenville, and other communities like it, that made the tough decisions and followed those best practices; and

WHEREAS, City of Greenville and others like it are ineligible for \$750 million in pension relief allocated by the State in 2022 despite experiencing the same pension-related financial stresses as those who will receive that relief; and

WHEREAS, these stresses have been amplified by market losses in 2022 and a volatile market in 2023; and

WHEREAS, this \$250 million would have immeasurable impact on our ability to address our pension liabilities, maintain employment levels, and provide the services our taxpayers depend upon; and

WHEREAS, both the \$750 million allocated and the \$250 million requested here had broad, bipartisan support in the House a year ago; and

WHEREAS, HB 5054 created an equitable balance between those with pensions the House considered substantially underfunded and those who had followed best practices to achieve a higher funding ratio; and

WHEREAS, unallocated revenues are available to the State in 2023 to again make this pension assistance equitable by helping those communities struggling with pension costs, but ineligible for the \$750 million;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, City of Greenville asks the State of Michigan Legislature and Governor's Office to revisit HB 5054; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature and Governor give bipartisan support to the inclusion of the \$250 million in the 2023 State budget to be divided between communities including City of Greenville that meet the best practices required in that Bill.

Councilperson Moss seconded. Adopted with a vote of (6) Ayes: Scoby, Lehman, Barrus, Moss, Cunliffe, and Linton; (0) Nays; and (1) Absent: Johnson.

8. Council considered the award of a bid for Lead Service Verification (Potholing) in connection with Drinking Water Asset Management (DWAM).

Councilperson Lehman MOVED: To approve the award of a bid for Lead Service Verification (Potholing) to Underground Infrastructure Services of Livonia, MI in the

amount not to exceed \$160,550.00 as presented. Councilperson Cunliffe seconded. Unanimously adopted.

9. Council considered the award of a bid for Airport Maintenance Hangar Windows.

Councilperson Moss MOVED: To approve the award of a bid for Airport Maintenance Hangar windows and facia replacement to J. House Construction LLC of Greenville, MI in the amount not to exceed \$11,275 as presented. Councilperson Lehman seconded. Unanimously adopted.

Councilperson Moss MOVED: The meeting be adjourned. Councilperson Cunliffe seconded. Unanimously adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Jeff Scoby
Mayor

Norice Rasmussen
Clerk-Finance Director