

# **City of Olivet**

## **Regular Session Minutes**

### **September 11, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**

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#### **Council Call to Order**

Present: Mayor Peterson. Commissioners Marsh, Maxwell, Bess, Hoffdahl, Barkley.  
Absent: Commissioner Penny.

#### **Visitor Section Welcome**

##### **Visitors Present:**

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| Jennifer Miller  | Laura Barlund-Maas      | Jennifer Broskey Family |
| Jeff Bierly      | Danny LaPoint           | Grant Hendrickson       |
| Ian Boyce        | Rob Betts               | Theresa Pratt           |
| Frank Schumacher | OC President Corey      |                         |
| Mike Muse        | Chad Clark & Associates |                         |

John Collins spoke out as a concerned resident regarding the approval of the Special Use Permit for the Olivet College Gillette Phase II project. He stated that Council has a tough decision in front of them tonight.

Theresa Pratt, 620 Summer Street, requested permission to remove the walnut tree within the easement. She stated it was a safety issue near her driveway, including damage to vehicles and sidewalk. Discussion followed. Council advised they would assess the tree issue and put it on the agenda for next month's Council meeting.

Jennifer Broskey, 618 Spruce Street, requested permission to remove four walnut trees from her property, which are located within the City's 33-foot easement. Director Smith went to the home to measure the distance from the center line of the road and concluded the trees were within the City easement. Mrs. Broskey stated she was planning to have the trees in question cut down and has received \$350 for the wood. Discussion followed. Council explained the ordinance to Mrs. Broskey that when the trees are within the City easement, they cannot be removed by the homeowner. Council advised they would assess the tree issue and put it on the agenda for next month's Council meeting.

## **Approval of Agenda**

MOTION by Marsh, supported by Maxwell, to approve the Agenda with additions.  
Motion carried.

## **Approval of Previous Minutes**

MOTION by Marsh, supported by Hoffdahl, to approve the Previous Minutes. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **A. Olivet College – Gillette Phase II – Special Use Permit**

Chad Clark, from Christman Construction, handed out correspondence dated July 31, 2017, from Olivet College and The Collaborative Architecture Firm, to City Council, and asked that it be made part of the official minutes. This correspondence is on file as an official attachment to these Council Minutes.

MOTION by Marsh, and not supported, to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Special Use Permit for the Gillette Phase II project.  
Motion failed due to lack of support.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Creating a “Take a Book/Leave a Book” Library in Memorial Park**

Council is in agreement to allow the creation of this library on a trial basis.  
No motion.

### **B. Medical Benefits Review of EE Life/Dental/Vision – BRV Benefits**

Grand Hendrickson, BRV Benefits, address the Council on an informational basis only, reviewing existing benefits and the cost of new offerings. No motion.

### **C. Crack Seal for Roads**

DPW Director Smith to contact Eaton County for a quote to have the crack sealing done by the County. Tabled until the Spring of 2018. The Sidewalk letters were sent to residents and will be addressed at the October meeting. No motion.

## **D. Annual Leaf Pickup in October**

DPW Director Smith notified Council that a bid was received by D&J Excavating for the City's Leaf Pickup. Discussion followed. Council advised Smith to get additional bids for discussion at the October meeting. No motion.

## **Approval of the Bills**

MOTION by Marsh, supported by Bess, to approve the monthly bills with late additions. Motion carried.

## **Employee Reports**

**Clerk Bierly** provided a written report. Bierly said Night on the Town went well, and received positive comments from the students who liked our "College Survival Kit" that was up for raffle. She also reported on the Olivet Chamber meeting, as they approved \$500 to spend on Olivet High School and Olivet College flags to be placed down Main Street in the existing flag holes. The Chamber is looking for approval from the City to use the flag holes, and information on purchasing and storing the flags. Council approved the use of the flag holes, but does not want to store the flags at City Hall, nor use City resources to install and remove the flags.

**DPW Director Smith** provided a written report. Smith said the water tower project went well, and is now done and back up and running. For Kanoe the Kazoo, there are no sign-ups yet. Smith also said he needs to look into painting over the handicapped parking spot at the Fire Dept. Council indicated there needed to be a legal opinion and clarification on the issue.

**Police Chief Garcia** provided a written report. Chief Garcia was not available for an update since he was called out of the meeting on a police matter.

**Fire Chief Collins** provided a written report. Collins reported the month was an average run volume. The Firefighter's Association made a donation to the Roscommon statue dedication and he would be attending the event. The ISO was in last week for their annual inspection. They will begin installing fire detectors in homes.

## **Commissioner Comments**

**Marsh** – He is pleased with our new police officer. Thanks to all employees for getting the job done.

**Barkley** – Good job everyone, and keep up the good work. Regarding the ISO Rating, we need an updated, digital map of all fire hydrant locations. Director Smith replied he believes he has one and will check into it.

**Penny** – Absent.

**Hoffdahl** – Thank you everyone for your service.

**Bess** – Thank you all for doing a great job, and great job, Phil, for all the work done at the college square.

**Maxwell** – I appreciate all departments and their service.

**Mayor Peterson** – No reply.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

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**Gary L. Peterson, Mayor**

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**Erin Bierly, Clerk/Treasurer**