

HUDSONVILLE CITY COMMISSION

City Commission Minutes

March 28, 2023

Mayor Northrup called the work session of the Hudsonville City Commission to order on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Northrup, Commissioners Brandsen, DeVree, Groot, Leerar, Nyitray (6:07pm), City Manager Dotson, Marketing Manager Hicks, Planning & Zoning Assistant Steffens, Fire Chief Essenburg and City Clerk Gruppen.

Absent: Commissioner Bolhuis

PUBLIC COMMENTS

9957. None.

NEW BUSINESS

Administration

9958. Social District Establishment Discussion.

City Manager Dotson briefly introduced the social district idea to Commissioners, handing the presentation of details over to Marketing Manager Hicks and Planning & Zoning Assistant Steffens. Hicks and Steffens gave an overview of the proposed district, including a map and potential licensees. Discussion was held on the potential benefits of having a social district, the ease of expanding the district in the future (if desired) and the projected timeline of the project. Other thoughtful questions were brought up by Commissioners. City Attorney Wood (attending through a phone call) briefly discussed liquor licenses in regard to social districts. Action on the district will be brought to the April City Commission meeting.

9959. Fire Department Tour.

Fire Chief Essenburg gave a presentation of the Fire Department to the City Manager, Mayor and Commissioners, highlighting the following items: Fire Department staff and the equipment used by department personnel. Other items of discussion included projected costs for needs in current and future Capital Improvement Plans (SCBA equipment, new fire trucks, battery operated extrication equipment, turnout gear, thermal imaging cameras and a Lucas), a department wish list (finishing off the area in the apparatus bay that was originally planned for a day room) and a tour of the apparatus bay with Fire Department personnel. Essenburg and attending firefighters answered insightful questions from the City Manager, Mayor and Commissioners throughout the presentation and tour.

ADJOURNMENT

9960. Mayor Northrup adjourned the work session at 8:30 PM.

Jill Gruppen
Hudsonville City Clerk

Mayor Northrup