

HUDSONVILLE CITY COMMISSION

City Commission Minutes

November 28, 2023

Mayor Northrup called the special session of the Hudsonville City Commission to order on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:01 PM.

Present: Mayor Northrup, Commissioners Bolhuis, Brandsen, Nyitray, City Manager Dotson, DPW Superintendent Miller, Facilities Director Kloosterhouse, Finance Director Smith and City Clerk Gruppen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1104. None.

NEW BUSINESS

Administration

1105. Motion by Brandsen, seconded by Groot, to amend the meeting agenda by moving item 8 (Ward 3 City Commissioner Appointment) to immediately after the conclusion of the interviews and adding an additional action item – DPW Boiler Purchase – after the Buttermilk Creek Park Restroom Discussion item.

6 aye, 0 nay, motion carried.

1106. Ward 3 City Commissioner Vacancy Interviews.
Two candidates interviewed for the Ward 3 Commissioner vacancy left by Philip Leerar – Jeremy Kamp and Michael VanderLaan. Both candidates answered the same preset list of questions, highlighting their background and reason(s) for applying for the vacancy. After the interviews were over, Commissioners discussed each candidate's qualifications and what the candidate would bring to the table as a commissioner.

1107. Ward 3 City Commissioner Appointment or Next Steps.
Motion by Brandsen, seconded by DeVree, to appoint Jeremy Kamp as Ward 3 Commissioner to replace Phil Leerar.

6 aye, 0 nay, motion carried.

1108. Buttermilk Creek Park Restrooms and Parking Lot Discussion.
Discussion was held on the two design variations and two layout variations for the proposed restroom facilities to be built at Buttermilk Creek Park. Previous property sale funds and matching MDNR Grant funds are to be used for this project. DPW Superintendent Miller highlighted various aspects of each option through answering questions from Commissioners. Finance Director Smith elaborated on

the funding aspects of this project which also included numbers that could be used for landscaping around the facility or improvements to other City properties. Consensus leaned towards option 2b, with some changes to the current drawings.

1109. DPW Boiler Purchase.

Motion by Groot, seconded by Brandsen, to authorize Van Dyken Mechanical Inc. to replace the Viessmann boiler at the DPW Building for the amount of \$16,890.00.

6 aye, 0 nay, motion carried.

1110. 32nd Avenue and Prospect Street Development Discussion.

A property developer recently approached the Downtown Development Authority about developing DDA-owned properties along 32nd Avenue and Prospect Street. City Manager Dotson apprised Commissioners on this project as it would require their approval of a PA 210 exemption, if the DDA approved the sale of these properties.

1111. Closed Session – Potential Property Purchase.

Motion by DeVree, seconded by Groot, to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the purchase or lease of real property.

6 aye, 0 nay, motion carried.

Motion by Groot, seconded by DeVree, to enter back into open session.

6 aye, 0 nay, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

1112. Motion by DeVree, seconded by Groot, to adjourn the special session at 8:38 PM.

Jill Gruppen
Hudsonville City Clerk

Mayor Northrup