

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

Denison called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**II. Recognition**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Denison led in the pledge of allegiance.

**IV. Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Sean Denison, Commissioner Dan Vigansky Commissioner Patrick Swem, Commissioner Larry Money

Absent: Mayor Pro Temp Mark Weedon

City Staff: City Manager, Timothy Lynch; City Clerk, Kalla Langston; Director of Public Works, Mike Baker

**V. Approve Agenda**

Motion made by Vigansky, supported by Money, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

**VI. Public Comment - Agenda Items Only** *(3-minute limit)*

*Fran Terry, 16398 Rynearson Rd – Had a question about the Board/Committees/Commission budget.*

**VII. Consent Agenda** *(can be approved all in one motion, for general housekeeping items)*

**A. Minutes-** *Consider approving the minutes from the May 28th Regular Meeting and Public Hearings.*

Motion made by Swem, supported by Vigansky, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

**VIII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor** *(if any)*

**IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards**

**A. Clerk Department-** *Election updates, City Clerk Kalla Langston.*

Legislation: We follow the Federal Voting Rights Act, Michigan is trying to pass a Michigan Voting Rights Act. I fully support a MVR Act, but I'm not fully supportive of the bills that have been presented.

Bill SB 401-404 – Clerks and municipalities are proven guilty right away. We can be accused and have no right to defend ourselves. This puts us in great financial liability. It is still in committee. Bill HB 5699-5702, Local Term of Office – Takes effect after the 2024 election, 2026 for our commission. Officials will take office December 1<sup>st</sup> after the election has been certified instead of the next meeting.

City Commission: If you're running for city commission for the 2024 election, the petition packets are due July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm. There will be a notice in the mail in a couple weeks.

Upcoming Election Dates:

MI State Primary Early Voting → Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

MI State Primary Election Day → Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Absentee Ballots → should be seeing them in late June-early July for the August election

Election Panel → sometime in July at the Tin Shop, with Dr. Patricia Moore, come ask questions

Public Accuracy Testing → sometime in July

National Voter Registration Day → Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**X. Unfinished Business**

**XI. New Business**

**A. Expenditures**- *Consider approving the expenditures for June 10th, 2024 in the amount of \$53,178.05*

Motion made by Vigansky, supported by Money, to approve the expenditures as presented. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

**B. McCoy Creek Culvert**- *City Manager Lynch will present and ask for consideration for the Proposal for Professional Services from Abonmarche.*

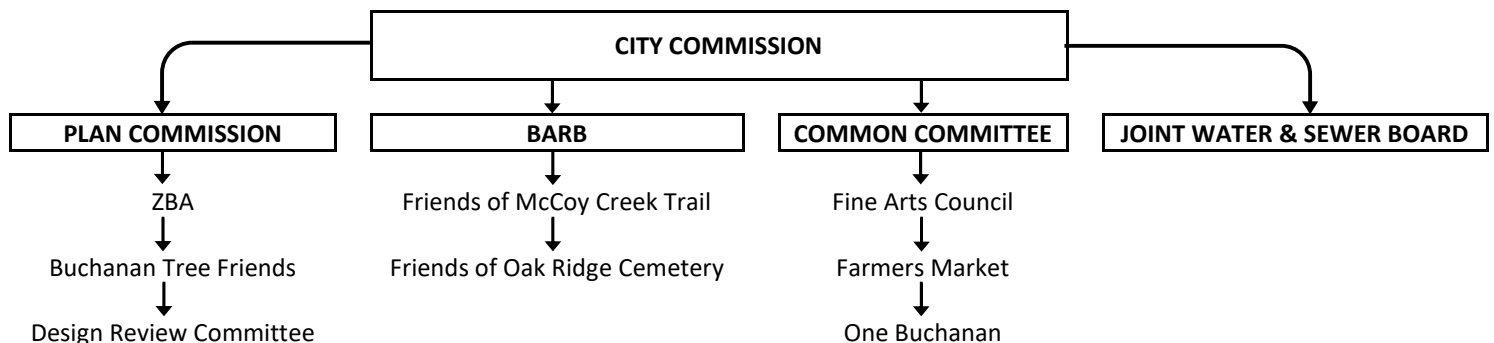
Engineering proposal includes final design services, geotechnical investigation, bid document preparation, bid award assistance, and construction administration services. The permit application has been submitted. We are ready for next steps. Time and material costs not to exceed \$54,900. The conceptual design was \$21,900, it brings the total costs to \$76,800. These fees are very reasonable considering this is anticipated to be a \$1 million job.

Motion made by Swem, supported by Vigansky, to approve the proposal for professional services from Abonmarche in the amount of \$54,900. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

**C. Board, Committee, & Commission Reporting Restructuring**- *Consider approving the organizational chart for reporting purposes.*

The commission discussed the various boards as well as the return of the DDA.

Motion made by Vigansky, supported by Swem to have Director Murphy to look into how much it would cost the city and what are the financial benefits and what are financial liabilities of having a DDA. Roll call vote carries unanimously.



Motion made by Swem, supported by Money, to hold a workshop within the next 60 days with all the groups associated under the commons committee and we can take further action after that. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

**XII. Communications** *(informational only, formal board action is not necessary for these items, unless so desired)*

**XIII. Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items Only** *(3-minute limit)*

*Jeanie Harris, 320 Bluff St – Thanking everyone involved for their efforts at Victory Park.*

*Haley Jones, 14534 Main St – Thank you for attending Chunks’ grand opening, we served 1,400 cones*

*James Busby – Thanks the city and everyone involved in Victory Park. Looking to bring in more money.*

*Tony Houser, 209 Main St – Preservation Society Chair, the Pears Mill open be until 7 PM Saturday.*

*Michael Rowland 4793 Tulip Tree Ln – This weekend was incredible, thank you everyone.*

#### **XIV. Executive Comments**

##### **A. City Manager Comments**

I would like to thank the community for their patience and understanding on the water and sewer billing issue last week. It was immediately addressed, and all correct bills were mailed out. We are reviewing mailing procedures and will provide additional oversight to prevent such incidents from occurring in the future. For the Front St retaining wall by Hoven, site survey work was performed last week. Soil boring is scheduled for tomorrow. These tasks will be used for the retaining wall design and construction estimate. For the downtown infrastructure project, we anticipate having our bond council Baker Tilly at one of our next meetings to present on the financial aspects of the project. At the following meeting, the legal resolutions and USDA loan acceptance documents will be presented for approval.

Denison – The only thing I might add to Tim’s comments is if we have issues like our water bill issue, it’d be super helpful if you would just call the City Manager before you call news media.

##### **B. Commissioner Comments**

Swem – Thanks for addressing water and sewer Tim, I know you guys worked hard to get that addressed immediately. It’s never fast enough for the public’s eyes but you guys worked real hard to get that out, I got my bill yesterday. Victory Park, it had amazing turnout with hundreds of people. One’s that are here today and some that have moved away, all came together to celebrate. The entire commission here today was there. Mark is up in Mackinaw enjoying a well-earned family vacation but he wanted me to send his regards for that. Just a great way to capture what we can do when we all work together. It makes me think of our earlier discussion, how we can take what we learned from that and continue to do amazing things in the downtown district. I really hope everyone in these groups embraces the opportunity to have a seat at the table. I’m looking forward to how the workshop works out. When we get a chance, I know we’ve been talking about it, there is some health issues with their organization but can we get the Barton Group in here to give a status update on the DPW? I know there’s been some meetings and we’ve been trying to make it happen. Next time we have a BARB group can we get the disc golf stuff back on their radar. I know we talked about that as a potential low-cost opportunity to make an impact.

Vigansky – First and foremost I want to apologize to you for having to step up while you were on vacation. I did what I could with the people that I could about blowing a mouse hole into a volcano. I did everything I could, but I truly respect peoples independence and their own thoughts. And the negativity, every time it gets brought up down here in public comments or by commissioners is just scratching that scab open. It’s done. It happened in November. It’s 6 months ago, it’s a long time passed. Theres a lot of things were done that were really wrong but you might want to think about why things have been doing so well in the 6 months following November. Thank you Tim, and I won’t bring up Ben’s name. As far as the Common Committee, I’m not against it, but I was very much against disbanding the DDA, but I didn’t see nobody coming down here and screaming to stop. Now it’s done, we lost all of that tax money, and that’s what that was

all about. I'm glad we are going to look into it, but there are things that leadership can do and should do, but we don't do. As far as dictating what has to be done out there on the committees. We don't report, I don't get any reports. I am not allowed on committees because I'm a bad commissioner. But that's okay, I'm still here for two and half years. But thank you very much for coming in on your vacation and taking care of that and you're gonna have some more of that I guarantee it. The one thing I do want to say is it was completely unnecessary to do what the city did because the final bill was correct. So we spent the extra money, and I'm gonna ask to say it out loud when we get the bill for how much it cost to print the second bill. We didn't need to do that, it was Facebook crybabies and we should have just left it alone. Thank you.

Money – I don't think we can talk enough about the Victory Park ribbon cutting ceremony this past weekend. It was a great time. I totally enjoyed myself. I got to see people I haven't seen in a long time and everybody else that was there got to see and meet with folks. The whole thing just turned out great with the Buckteens weekend and a lot of our classmates coming home. I know Jeanie and James poured their heart and soul into it, along with the others in the committee and it worked. Once again thank you, and keep doing what you're doing. Last meeting Dan kind of challenged me on a little bit of a project with the stained glass windows at the chapel. We got that taken care of so those monies will be directed towards that fund. We're actually looking at a couple other folks who may help offset the costs of the windows. I met with a fellow and we are still waiting on an estimate for the doors but they are in rougher shape than I actually thought. Great job to Chunks, they stayed busy and kept the parking lot full. That's a great thing to see and we are all probably going over there for our discounted ice cream cones after this meeting. Michael and Randy, thank you guys for everything you do with the Commons area. I think we are going to progress and do something with that, hopefully we cant get through that. I just love the water and sewer bill debacle. It was great to see it all over Facebook and in the news media.

### C. Mayor Comments

I want to apologize, I had actually asked the Barton Group to come to this meeting and I forgot to make sure it was on the agenda so they are coming to the next meeting. It was a great weekend in Buchanan and Victory Parks party, I had no idea that many people were going to show up. It was so much fun to sit around and listen the old people, they were talking about Buckteens. We need more stuff like that in this town.

## **XV. Adjourn**

Motion made by Swem, supported by Vigansky, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

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Kalla Langston, City Clerk

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Mayor Sean Denison