

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUCHANAN CITY COMMISSION MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022 – 7:00 PM

CHAMBER OF BUCHANAN CITY HALL - 302 N REDBUD TRAIL, BUCHANAN MI

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Denison at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Recognition- None.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call- Present: Mayor Sean Denison, Commissioner Cameron Downey, Commissioner Larry Money, and Commissioner Patrick Swem. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Mark Weedon. Others in attendance: City Manager Heather Grace, and Director of Public Services Mike Baker.
- V. Approve Agenda- Motion by Money, second by Downey, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, with Denison, Downey, Money, and Swem voting yea and none voting nay.
- VI. Public Comment Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit): None.
- VII. Consent Agenda (can be approved all in one motion, for general housekeeping items)
 - A. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes for December 28, 20201.
 - B. Approve Expenditures for January 10, 2022, in the amount of \$554,722.92.
 - C. <u>2022 Holiday Schedule</u>

Motion by Downey, second by Swem, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, including payment of expenditures in the amount of \$554,722.92 with \$444,320.28 consisting of the second-to-last progress payment to Davis Construction for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion carried, with Denison, Downey, Money, and Swem voting yea and none voting nay.

- VIII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor (*if any*): None (no Treasurers Report due to Treasurer being off sick).
- IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards: None.
- X. Unfinished Business: None.
- XI. New Business
 - A. <u>Consider approving the Medical Marihuana Processing Permit application submitted by Boone Labs</u> <u>Inc. for 107 Alexander St.</u>

Motion by Swem, second by Downey, to approve the Medical Marihuana Processing Permit application submitted by Boone Labs Inc. for 107 Alexander Street. Motion carried, with Denison, Downey, Money, and Swem voting yea and none voting nay.

- XII. Communications (informational only, formal board action is not necessary for these items, unless so desired): None.
- XIII. Public Comment Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit):

Dan Vigansky offered public comment, sharing his concerns about City spending and procedures related to the proposed new DPW building.

Norma Ferris offered public comment, inquiring as to what a 'ready to serve fee' is, and also inquiring as to when the Third Street project would be completed. Mayor Denison informed Ferris that her questions would be answered during the executive comments section of the agenda.

XIV. Executive Comments

- A. <u>City Manager Comments</u>- Manager Grace explained what a 'ready to serve fee' was and informed Ferris that she would be happy to meet with her one-on-one to explain it in more detail to her. Grace also explained that pipe had been ordered and received for the Third Street Project, but that construction would not begin until Spring, as the project could not be done in the cold weather. Grace thanked Boone Labs for their planned investment in the community.
- B. <u>Commissioner Comments</u>- Commissioners Swem, Downey, and Money each offered comments welcoming Boone Labs to the community.
- C. Mayor Comments- Mayor Denison shared his thoughts that it was very good for the community to have a Commission made up of individuals who view things and think about things differently, due to each having their own experiences and backgrounds to draw from. Denison emphasized the importance of having discussion amongst the Commissioners so that each could understand the viewpoints of the others, and he encouraged the Commissioners to stop him or slow him down if they ever thought that the meeting was moving too quickly or that more discussion was needed. Denison also emphasized the importance of compromise and noted that compromise was necessary for the Commission to make well thought out, reasoned decisions. Denison then discussed the plans for constructing a new DPW building and indicated that he felt that there were two main priorities in relation to the new building: first, being fiscally responsible and prudent with the taxpayers' dollars; and second, getting an effective and efficient building that will allow the DPW to do their work, to the best of their ability, for the next 50 to 70 years. Denison stated that he believes that each of the two priorities was equally important, and that neither outweighed the other. Denison shared an example of a previous project in the community in which a gym was made too small to allow for spectators or locker rooms, in an effort to save money, and the result was an ineffective space. Denison hoped that the Commission would keep this example in mind when discussing the new DPW building. Denison concluded his comments by welcoming Boone Labs to the community.
- **XV.** Adjourn: Motion by Swem, second by Money, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, with Denison, Downey, Money, and Swem voting yea and none voting nay. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.