



**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2025 AT 6:00 PM
86 W CENTER ST., DOUGLAS MI**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor North

2. ROLL CALL: By Clerk Kasper

PRESENT

Mayor Cathy North

Councilmember Jerome Donovan

Councilmember Neal Seabert

Councilmember John O'Malley

Mayor Pro-Tem Randy Walker

Councilmember Gregory Freeman

Councilmember Matt Balmer

Also Present City Manager Lisa Nocerini

City Clerk Laura Kasper

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor North

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve the Council Meeting Agenda for February 3, 2025

B. Approve the Council Regular Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2025

C. Approve Invoices in the Amount of \$67,754.19

D. Appointments/Reappointments -

Appointments - BOR Alternate: Jeffrey Hanlin

Motion by Freeman, second by O'Malley, to approve the Consent Calendar of February 3, 2025. – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – VERBAL: None

6. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – WRITTEN: None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 01-2025 - Surplus Real Property - 86 W. Center Street - Second Reading - Public Hearing (L. Nocerini)

Motion by Seabert, second by Balmer, to open the public hearing for Ordinance No. 01-2025. – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1. Administration Comments – Council has directed the City Manager to sell public property owned by the City of Douglas located at 86 W Center Street. Per the requirements of Ordinance 09-2024, an ordinance to *Establish Procedures for Transfer of Surplus Real Property for the City of the Village of Douglas*, the sale of surplus real property shall be done by passing an ordinance, which will then take effect twenty-days after publication of adoption.
2. Public Comments - None
3. Council Comments - None

Motion by Seabert, second by Freeman, to close to public hearing for Ordinance No. 01-2025. - Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Balmer, second by O'Malley, to adopt Ordinance No. 01-2025, declaring 86 W. Center Street as surplus property. - Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- B. Ordinance No. 02-2025 - Surplus Real Property - 47 W. Center Street - Second Reading - Public Hearing (L. Nocerini)

Motion by Seabert, second by Balmer, to open the public hearing for Ordinance No. 02-2025. - Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1. Administration Comments - Council has directed the City Manager to sell public property owned by the City of Douglas located at 47 W Center Street. Per the requirements of Ordinance 09-2024, an ordinance to *Establish Procedures for Transfer of Surplus Real Property for the City of the Village of Douglas*, the sale of surplus real property shall be done by passing an ordinance, which will then take effect twenty-days after publication of adoption.
2. Public Comments - None
3. Council Comments - None

Motion by Freeman, second by O'Malley, to close the public hearing for Ordinance No. 02-2025. - Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by O'Malley, second by Walker, to adopt Ordinance No. 02-2025, declaring 47 W. Center Street as surplus property. - Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

- A. Commission/Committee/Boards

1. Planning Commission – meeting February 20th for Master Plan
2. Kalamazoo Lake Sewer Water – new rates were published in the paper
3. Downtown Development Authority – upcoming tailgate party event
4. Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority – no meeting
5. Douglas Harbor Authority – no meeting
6. Douglas Brownfield Authority – no meeting
7. Fire Board – no meeting
8. Community Recreation – no meeting
9. Playground Committee – no meeting
10. Tri-Community Wildlife Committee – meets Wednesday, Fire Department will present, and deer survey results will be discussed

- B. Administration Report – City Manager Nocerini comments: Code Enforcement continues work on the short-term rentals with compliance issues, possible contractual changes with the charging station at Beery; may need Council to advise and grants are not available due to the current federal funding freeze.

- 10. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – VERBAL:** Demetrhea Terrien mentioned the potential concern for neighboring communities if Michigan is a target of the recent deportation activities.
- 11. COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Seabert asked if any City projects involve Federal grants (L. Nocerini, yes, 200 Blue Star). Freeman provided positive feedback on Code Enforcements’ work monitoring compliance with the short-term rentals.
- 12. MAYOR’S REPORT/COMMENTS:** Mayor North mentioned that several short-term rentals are waiting to be scheduled for inspections due to the Fire Department now being backlogged with rental inspections.
- 13. CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Balmer, second by Seabert, to enter into closed session per Sect: 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by State and Federal Statute. - Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Seabert, second by Balmer, to exit from closed session and enter back into the regular session of the City Council meeting agenda. - Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Seabert, second by Balmer, to adjourn the meeting.

Approved on this 18th day of February 2025

Signed: _____ Date: _____
 Cathy North, Mayor

Signed: _____ Date: _____
 Laura Kasper, City Clerk

Certification of Minutes

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of the Village of Douglas held on February 3, 2025, I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
 Laura Kasper, City Clerk