

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

**Regular Meeting Held January 7, 2019**

Mayor Seibold called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at the East Grand Rapids Community Center and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Commissioners Duncan, Favale, Hamrick, Miller, Walters, Zagel and Mayor Seibold

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Assistant City Manager LaFave; Finance Director Mushong; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; City Clerk Brower;

2019-01. Todd Astrauskas, 435 Plymouth, asked who was monitoring Blodgett Hospital's construction projects to ensure compliance with the conditions instituted by the city when approved. Mayor Seibold asked that residents contact Assistant City Manager Doug LaFave with any questions or concerns they may have.

2019-02. Commissioner Hamrick reminded both adults and children walking and jogging during dark hours to wear reflective clothing or blinking lights to help others see you.

Mayor Seibold thanked Commissioner Favale for helping her provide breakfast to the public safety officers and public works crew members who were working on New Year's morning.

2019-03. Adoption of a policy for private fireworks show permits

Parks & Recreation Director Bunn reviewed the changes made to the policy since the commission's earlier review, including reducing the fee to \$600, including wording about the city's right to deny a permit for any reason, limiting permits to four per year and one permit per calendar month, allowing applications eleven months in advance and language allowing the city to revoke permits or deny future permits for cause.

Mayor Seibold opened this issue for public comment. No other public comment was received. Mayor Seibold closed the public comment.

2019-03-A. Miller-Zagel. That a policy for the issuance of permits for private fireworks shows be adopted as attached in Exhibit "A."

Commissioner Miller reported receiving an email from a resident about a recent change in state law concerning consumer fireworks and asked if this would impact the private fireworks permit policy. City Attorney Huff noted that consumer fireworks allowed surrounding holidays was a separate issue and changes to that city ordinance will be brought to the city commission at a future meeting.

Yeas: Duncan, Favale, Hamrick, Miller, Walters, Zagel and Seibold – 7  
Nays: -0-

2019-04. Duncan-Favale. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2019-04-A. Minutes of the regular meeting held December 17, 2018.

2019-04-B. Minutes of the special meeting held December 18, 2018.

2019-04-C. Payroll disbursements of \$229,715.64; county and school disbursements of \$315,917.95, and total remaining disbursements of \$288,178.82.

Yeas: Duncan, Favale, Hamrick, Miller, Walters, Zagel and Seibold – 7  
Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until January 11, 2019.

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Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Private Fireworks Show Permit Policy

Attachments listed above are available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk.