



**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2020**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City met in Regular Session on **Monday, August 10, 2020**, at 7:00p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan.

REGULAR MEETING

Present were Mayor Walker, Mayor Pro-Tem Kerwin, Councilmembers Squires, DiMichele, Earle, Jacobs, & Lynch.

Also present were City Manager Dougherty, City Clerk Miller, Fire Chief Harman, Police Chief Gibbons, and Recreation Director Chiasson.

❖ **Item #20-08-110 - Moved by Lynch; supported by Squires:**

RESOLVED: To approve the meeting agenda as presented

The agenda consisted of the following:

1. Appeal to Request the Rezoning of a Commercial Property
2. Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Primary Caregiver Applications
3. Proposed Ordinance Amendment: City Park Hours of Operation and Smoke Free Parks
4. Assistance to Firefighters Grant – Diesel Exhaust Removal System

AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: None

Motion Passes

Recognition, Presentations, Community Announcements, Comments from State & County Officials, and Petitions & Communications

- Garden City Firefighter Eric Tews was presented with resolutions of recognition on his recent retirement after 23 years of service.
- Mayor Walker recognized Bobby Hayworth and Aiden Young for their assistance in getting a lost 3-year old back to his home.
- Larissa Richardson, Office of Representative Rashida Tlaib, spoke regarding virtual office hours and phone contact information.
- Preston Peterson, Office of State Representative Jewell Jones, thanked Mayor Walker for keeping him updated on city happenings and spoke regarding unemployment filing assistance.
- Glenn Anderson, Wayne County Commissioner, discussed the Wayne County Back To Work Program funds disbursed to Garden City small businesses, COVID-19 testing at Garden City Hospital, and offered condolences to Councilmember Earle.

Mayor Walker announced it was time to hear public comment on the proposed Garden City Park Hours of Operation Ordinance and No Smoking In Parks Ordinance

- No Comments were received

❖ **Item #20-08-111 - Moved by Lynch; supported by Squires :**

RESOLVED: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of 07/27/20
2. Accept and File Election Commission Meeting Minutes of 6/15/20
3. Purchase additional MERS service credit
 - a. Alessia Vagnini (four years, seven months)
4. Receive, Note, & File Invoices Paid: Month Ending July 2020

AYES: Unanimous

ABSENT: None

Motion Passes

Fred Kandha gave a presentation regarding proposed use of property at 6332 Middlebelt Road as part of appeal to request rezoning of the commercial property

- *Application to request rezoning of commercial property at 6332 Middlebelt was withdrawn by Mr. Kandha prior to City Council action.*

❖ **Item #20-08-112 - Moved by Earle; supported by DiMichele :**

RESOLVED: Motion to establish a moratorium on the City of Garden City accepting any medical marijuana primary caregiver applications for a period of six (6) months, beginning 8/11/2020 and to direct the Planning Commission to draft an amendment to the zoning ordinance which considers establishing the most compatible location for medical marijuana primary caregiver grow operations.

AYES: Unanimous

ABSENT: None

Motion Passes

❖ **Item #20-08-113 - Moved by Jacobs; supported by Kerwin :**

RESOLVED: Motion to approve proposed ordinance amendments to Chapter 93: Parks and Recreation Section 93.11; Hours of Operation and approve establishment of Chapter 93: Parks and Recreation Section 93.12 Smoke Free Parks.

§ 93.11 HOURS OF OPERATION.

- (A) It shall be unlawful for any person, except authorized personnel, to use or be found in or about any city park between **dusk to dawn from February through October and 6 p.m. to dawn from November through January**; unless the person is attending or in the process of attending a parks and recreation sponsored event held on the premises; or unless the person has a special permit for use of park facilities **after hours** .

§ 93.12 SMOKE FREE PARKS.

The lighting up or smoking of tobacco or any other substance, or smoking, consumption or use of marijuana products or derivatives, or use of vapor products or nicotine alternatives, is prohibited within all Garden City Parks,

unless it is in the vehicle parking area and over 100 feet from the grass surface of a park.

AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: None

Motion Passes

❖ **Item #20-08-114 - Moved by Kerwin; supported by Lynch:**

RESOLVED: Motion to accept the award from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the diesel exhaust removal system requiring a 10% match from the city in the amount of \$5,909.09 and authorize the City Manager or Fire Chief to execute all necessary documents.

AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: None

Motion Passes

Mayor Walker announced it was time for public comment.

- John Murray, Garden City, addressed the council regarding a variety of issues

There being no further business before Council, the meeting was then adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk