**Council Brief for Week of July 11, 2023**

Consider water and sewer rate increases – PUBLIC HEARING ● Appointing MERS Officer and Alternate● Updated Police FOIA cost itemization ● Engineering design for the Pump Station ● Preliminary design engineering for the Heritage Park Riverwalk extension ● Transit system license to STARS

**Consider water and sewer rate increases – Water & Sewer Rates Public Hearing**

City Manager Smith gave a brief overview of the increases. The impact to the average user in the City will be a monthly increase of $2.95. Public comments were received and documented in the minutes. The resolution approving the water and sewer rate increases was adopted unanimously.

**Appointing MERS Officer and Alternate**

Council unanimously voted to approve Treasurer Jimenez as the MERS officer and Clerk Hoadley as the Alternate.

**Police Department FOIA Cost Itemization**

Council unanimously voted to approve the updated FOIA cost itemization.

**Engineering design for the Heritage Park Pump Station**

This project is in an effort to handle the increase in flows from existing and proposed builds. Council unanimously voted to approve the Pump Station engineering design.

**Preliminary design for the Heritage Park Riverwalk extension**

This preliminary design has to be completed in order to receive the federal grant funds that will be allocated to the path extension, the funds spent on this design are reimbursable through the grant. Council unanimously voted to authorize the preliminary design engineering.

**Transit system license for STARS**

After discussion Council unanimously voted to approve the transit system license for STARS which will provide a shuttle loop starting July 15.

**Regular Business**

These items are routine and regularly happen monthly:

* Approval of Previous Minutes – The Committee of the Whole minutes from June 6, 2023, the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from June 6, 2023, the Work Session Minutes from June 22, 2023, and the Special Meeting minutes from June 22, 2023 were unanimously approved.
* Appointments to Committees and Commissions – Charlene Hagen - Appointed to the City Beautification Committee by majority ● Tamara Tsulaia and Tim Hildner – Unanimously reappointed to the EDC ● Appointment of Vickie Schmitzer to the DDA was tabled by majority.
* Monthly Reports – The Building Report, Police Report, and Treasurers Report were accepted by Council.
* Monthly Audited Bills – The invoice payments for June were authorized, unanimously.
* Correspondence – Correspondence received: Managers monthly report ● Levee Site Visit Report ● Quarterly report from the Saginaw County Controller’s Office ● Hands Free Driving Law ● Monthly water pumpage ● SAD closed meeting scheduled.
* Minutes from Boards and Commissions – Minutes Received: Parks and Recreation Commission ● Planning Commission ● DDA ● City Township Commission ● Sister City Committee.

**Items Approved by Consent**

These items are routine, administrative, and do not require deliberation.

There were no items on the consent agenda

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: August 1, 2023**