

CITY OF TECUMSEH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017  
TECUMSEH CITY HALL  
7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Baker.

Mayor Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken as follows:

PRESENT: Mayor Baker, Council members Fox, Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, Riddle, and Wimple.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Harmon and seconded Naugle, to approve the September 5, 2017 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests were welcomed to the meeting by Mayor Baker.

The Brett Hanlon and Dominic Romano of the MEDC gave a presentation on the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program.

Motion Harmon and seconded Keiser, to receive and place on file the report of the City Manager. The following items were added or discussed: 1) Election Filing Deadline Legislation in House Committee; 2) M-50 Sewer Work Out for Bid; 3) State Officials Tour the Revival Commons Site; 4) Parks and Recreation Programs; 5) Tecumseh Center for the Arts Upcoming Shows. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To adopt the Consent Agenda, approving, receiving and placing on file the following: (1) City Council minutes from the regular meeting held August 21, 2017; and (2) Planning Commission minutes from the special meeting held August 8, 2017.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Harmon and supported by Council member Wimple. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Fox, Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, Riddle, Wimple and Baker.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 02-17, by title only, an ordinance to amend the codified

ordinances of the City of Tecumseh, Michigan, Effective March 23, 2001; specifically Chapter 2, Administration, Article III. Retirement System, Division 9. Funds, Section 2-301 Members deposit fund. .

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Wimple and supported by Council member Harmon. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, Riddle, Wimple, Baker, and Fox.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

#### RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 03-17, by title only, adopting the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Tecumseh, pertaining to updates to the sections of the ordinance regulation bed and breakfasts to include group retreat homes and changing provisions in the sign ordinance.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Wimple and supported by Council member Naugle. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Keiser, Naugle, Riddle, Wimple, Baker, Fox, and Harmon.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

#### RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 04-17 by title only, adopting the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Tecumseh, pertaining to Signs.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Riddle and supported by Council member Harmon. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Naugle, Riddle, Wimple, Baker, Fox, Harmon and Keiser.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the September 5, 2017 list of bills to be paid.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Naugle and supported by Council member Harmon. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Riddle, Wimple, Baker, Fox, Harmon, Keiser, and Naugle.  
NO: None.  
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

#### RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the Northeast Lenawee CROP Walk Special Event for October 1, 2017.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Naugle and supported by Council member Harmon.

YES: Baker, Fox, Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, Riddle, and Wimple.  
NO: None.  
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

#### RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the Tecumseh High School Homecoming Parade Special Event, including the temporary closure of M-50/Chicago Blvd. between Wyandotte St. to Adrian St. on Friday October 13, 2017 from approximately 2:00 p.m. until 3 p.m.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Keiser and supported by Council member Naugle.

YES: Baker, Fox, Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, Riddle, and Wimple.  
NO: None.  
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

#### RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To accept and place on file the Letter of Resignation for David Malmquist from the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Wimple and supported by Council member Harmon.

YES: Baker, Fox, Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, Riddle, and Wimple.  
NO: None.  
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

#### RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To appoint Calvin Smith to serve on the Planning Commission to fill the vacant seat expiring May 2018.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Wimple and supported by Council member Harmon. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Wimple, Baker, Fox, Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, and Riddle.  
NO: None.  
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

#### RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To reappoint Peter White to serve a 2-year term on the Construction Board of Appeals to expire in August 2019.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Harmon and supported by Council member Wimple. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Baker, Fox, Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, Riddle, and Wimple.  
NO: None.  
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

#### RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To reappoint Brian Radant to serve a 2-year term on the Construction Board of Appeals to expire in August 2019.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Harmon and supported by Council member Naugle. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Fox, Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, Riddle, Wimple, and Baker.  
NO: None.  
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

#### RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To reappoint Rhonda Nowak to a four-year term on the Tecumseh Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors to expire in August of 2021.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Harmon and supported by Council member Naugle. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, Riddle, Wimple, Baker, and Fox.  
NO: None.  
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

#### RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To reappoint Jim Lincoln to a four-year term on the Tecumseh Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors to expire in August of 2021.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Keiser and supported by Council member Wimple. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Keiser, Naugle, Riddle Wimple, Baker, Fox, and Harmon.  
NO: None.  
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

#### RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To receive and place on file the report and recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the special land use for a crafter's retreat at 503 North Evans Street.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Fox and supported by Council member Harmon.

YES: Baker, Fox, Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, Riddle, and Wimple.  
NO: None.  
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

#### RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the special land use for a crafter's retreat at 503 North Evans Street.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Naugle and supported by Council member Harmon. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Naugle, Riddle Wimple, Baker, Fox, Harmon, and Keiser.  
NO: None.  
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

#### RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To authorize the City Manager to sign the attached easement agreement between the City and the property owner, The Tecumseh United Methodist Church, 605 Bishop Read Drive, Tecumseh, MI 49286.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Naugle and supported by Council member Harmon. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Riddle, Wimple, Baker, Fox, Harmon, Keiser, and Naugle.  
NO: None.  
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

#### RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To approve the Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds for the Purpose of Paying the Cost of Capital Improvements to the City's Sanitary Sewer System Pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in the form of the attached Resolution.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Naugle and supported

by Council member Harmon. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES: Wimple, Baker, Fox, Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, and Riddle.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

## OLD BUSINESS

Manager Swallow provided City Council with a report that reviews what agency has responsibility to manage the deer population in Michigan and some approaches that other municipalities have taken to address similar issues and concerns. The City of Tecumseh independently does not have the authority to implement a Deer Cull. Current recommendations:

1. Submit a formal, written request to the MDNR to evaluate the suburban deer population in the Tecumseh area and provides specific recommendations that the City of Tecumseh could implement to reduce the negative impacts of the deer population in the City.
2. Encourage the MDNR to issue additional landowner permits and antlerless deer licenses in Lenawee County to help reduce the overall deer population in the area.
3. Expand the public information efforts to inform residents on landscaping practices and repellents that are available to minimize damage to their property, as well as discourage people from feeding the deer.

Robert Glenn resident of 70 years at 811 Outer Drive spoke on behalf of the Herrick Park subdivision regarding the issue with the suburban deer population. Mr. Glenn stated that this is no small problem and the deer were brought here by the DNR and farmers east of town back in 1953. He added that he has spent too much money on deer resistant products that don't work.

Kathy Betzold resident at 402 Outer Court commented stating she had 35 deer in her back yard last year. They have ruined her plants, knocked her down and chased her. She believes they are a safety concern.

Bill Adams a resident at 221 Herrick Park Drive has kept a garden since 1977 and observed a lot of wildlife during that time, and considered it a pleasure until 1994 when he spent plenty of his time making cages/fences to keep the deer from eating his garden. Mr. Adams stated he has seen as many as 15 deer in his backyard at a time. He feels they are destructive, carry disease and are growing at an exponential rate.

Tony Menyhart, resident at 306 W. Logan Street is a Charter member of the City Gardens. He says a lot of gardeners are giving up this year because the deer are out of control. He adds that the change has been dramatic within the last couple of years.

Steve and Barbara Kruger of 303 Outer Drive, stated that these deer are a safety hazard to Herrick Park as the cross the streets. Mr. Kruger has given up on deer repellent and stopped putting plants on three graves in the cemetery because of the deer issue.

Ken Pay, a resident at 805 Outer Drive sent a letter to Mayor Baker who was quick with his response and had had several follow up conversations with Mr. Pay. Mr. Pay stated that in previous years, City Council has tabled this subject to collect additional data. He has lost faith in the possibility of a solution and asks that City Council evaluate the residents' concerns in dealing with the growing, invasive population of deer in the City. Susan Pay added that the deer leave dung piles covering the yard, and feels that safety is a real issue.

Nancy Prezioso, a resident at 807 Outer Drive, commented stating that there is no such thing as “deer resistant plants” and supports everything said by her Herrick Park neighbors.

Paula Ginch, resident at 808 Outer Drive, stated that the deer have eaten her entire garden, even after fences were installed.

Robert Eisler, a resident at 905 Burt Street added that the deer are not just in Herrick Park and they are a real safety issue at Burt Street where they are constantly crossing.

Council member Wimple agreed that this is not just a Herrick Park issue. He says that there are issues north of town by the High School as well. Wimple added that there are people who are feeding them, and this is a citywide problem.

Council member Riddle agreed adding that deer will walk right down the middle of the street on Democratic Street.

Mayor Baker agreed and asked that his Council direct the City Manager to proceed with all of the above recommendations.

#### RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH RESOLVES: To direct the City Manager to proceed with all of recommendations listed above.

RESOLUTION was offered by Council member Naugle and supported by Council member Wimple.

YES: Baker, Fox, Harmon, Keiser, Naugle, Riddle, and Wimple.

NO: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Motion Harmon and seconded Riddle, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jackson L. Baker, Mayor

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Jessica Emrick, City Clerk