



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, July 6, 2021 – 6:30 PM**  
**ZOOM Meeting**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Council President Engle, called meeting to order at 6:30pm on July 6, 2021, via ZOOM.
2. **CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL** – Mayor Trett, Counselor Engle, Councilor Smith, Councilor Sheppard, Councilor Michelle Tesdal, Councilor Page, Councilor Luke  
Staff present – Kelly Galbraith
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Approved
4. **SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS** – None
5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** – None
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
  - Thomas Rose – Thanked the Detroit City Council, donors, the sheriff and other people involved for allowing the fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup>. He expressed his appreciation for the Friday night barbecue, fireworks and parade. He thanked the sheriff for handling a parking situation.
  - Don Tesdal – He thanked everyone and volunteers who had a part to the weekend activities including concert and pancake feed. Thankful that Detroit has come together to heal the wounds from the fire. He addressed the dust abatement issue, heavy equipment over gravel roads due to lack of wind protection. He discussed dust abatement issue solutions to occur as soon as possible.  
  
Chris Eppley replied to Mr. Tesdal – He said he is working with Marion County Public Works, and they recognize we do not have the funding to do a dust abatement program this year. He believes they will accomplish the work in a few weeks. Mr. Eppley will notify the council when this will occur so it can be posted on the city's website.
  - Councilor Page – Following up on Mr. Eppley's comments. He would like the council to remind the contractors performing the digging to tamper the work regarding the current digging conditions.  
  
Chris Eppley – Agrees with Councilor Page and for anyone on council to identify who the contractors are; then for that person to notify Kelly who they are so she can notify them to remind them of that statute.
7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None scheduled
8. **RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

1. Resolution 625 – Declaring HBH Engineering as the engineer of record for the City of Detroit, Oregon.  
Mr. Eppley: Administrative comments. During the fires, the city council building burned down, including paper records. The last signed contract with HBH Engineers was lost in the fire. The only copy of the contract dates back to 2006. No contract with anyone else since then. For the city to qualify for the reimbursement of the time and effort that HBH Engineering have put into the project, FEMA needs to know that they are acting on our behalf as the city engineer of record. This first item is stating through an affidavit as a resolution which states the city council believes to the best of their knowledge, that HBH Engineering has been acting as the engineers of record throughout the course of reconstruction efforts after the fire and doing work for the city as the city engineer so they can qualify for reimbursement through FEMA. Mayor Trett asked if a motion to adopt Resolution 625, stating that the council believes that has been acting as the engineer of record throughout the reconstruction project for the City of Detroit. Councilor Page made the motion. Councilor Engle seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Resolution 626 – Authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with HBH Engineering, Inc. for engineering services.  
Mr. Eppley: This resolves the issue for the last contract which burned up in the fire. He also said it is appropriate to go out for RFPs for engineering services. Suggests we adopt the resolution as amended and add in that the contract will be for a time period of two years, with the ability to re-up for two additional one-year periods. This will give time to get through FEMA work, and get the project built, and then go out for RFPs for engineering services. Also, when projects with a federal agency, they require contracts with subcontractors incorporate current civil rights language adopted through the federal government. This contract has been rewritten to be FEMA-friendly. No questions. Motion by Councilor Luke to adopt Resolution 626 as amended for a two-year term with a possibility of two, one-year extensions. Seconded by Councilor Smith. Discussion by Councilor Luke: Grateful to Rob, Kenney and Matt for their persistence on this and going the extra mile in a lot of ways. Wants to go on record with appreciation, but with grave concerns, including the capabilities to navigate the next two years. He hopes that for everyone in Detroit, and to use resources and ask for help. He stated he believes that (the council) should have asked for second and third opinions; seek out local resources; work together. He said he does not want the water system in to continue to be a learning platform.  
Mayor Tret: Hearing that the motion to adopt Resolution 626, authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract as amended with HBH Engineering for engineering services. Motion passed unanimously.

## **9. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Subjects on the calendar include minutes from Detroit City Council of June 15<sup>th</sup> and approval of the bills. Mayor Trett asked if there are questions or comments, to please bring them up. Councilor Engle made a motion to adopt the consent calendar for June. Seconded by Councilor Page. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **10. COUNCILOR REPORTS**

1. Councilor Engle stated she received the June report on the first of July. Marion County permits: 12 electrical; 2 mechanical; 2 certificate of occupancy issued. In addition, received report about wildfire recovery: there were 45 building permits issued, which is 14% of the homes that were destroyed, and 75 second permits issued, which is 25% of the homes.
2. Councilor Sheppard concurs with Don Tisdal on the dust abatement issue, specifically in East Detroit. Boulder, Tumble and Kenny Streets are heavily populated, there is a lot of traffic, and the valley is a wind tunnel issue, which is becoming a health issue. Hazzard tree issue: he hopes this project gets speeded up. Knife River did a good job of paving and

capping the open trench lines in West Detroit. Hoping we do not forget about East Detroit. There is a 500-foot strip on Kenny that needs to be capped. Also, we need to fill up deep holes on Second Street. He hopes the overlay gets done on Third Street. The downed timber on ground for over four months at the end of Kinney and Tumble: he hopes we can remove that; it is a fire hazard; he hopes it can be yarded out through the back way in overflow parking lots above Detroit Marina. Main Street: He hopes we can help the businesses recover, possibly defer taxes for five to ten years and get businesses to build and invest in our commercial district.

3. Councilor Smith: He received a couple requests from residents on Third and Fourth Streets to get the dust problems addressed, to remind people to slow down on those streets. He suggested a 10 MPH sign. Councilor Engle referred to signage in East Detroit. Councilor Luke suggested sandwich signs. Chris Eppley concurred that this would be more of a message.
4. Councilor Page discussed the use of the park over the weekend. He appreciated the volunteerism, attendees, multiple events, and the way people took care of the area. He heard no complaints or issues of illegal activities. The concrete patching on the Burns sidewalk was completed in time. City employee Mike was valuable in making the event happen. Councilor Page was alerted that if overtime occurred, that the foundation would like to square that with the city. The pancake feed fund goes to fire department apparatus. We ran out of everything, which he stated is a good indication. He discussed street patching with Councilor Sheppard and addressed the brush pile on Scott Avenue as a fire hazard, and he asked whose brush pile it is. Councilor Sheppard said it needs to be chipped or hauled away. It is in a paving zone and needs to be taken care of.
5. Councilor Luke gave the water report. He received conflicting information. He prefers no watering until fire season is over. He asked for people to be responsible and conserve, and to be aware of fire hazard. There is no pump to pump water out of Detroit Lake to a fire truck; we have to go to Idanha to do that.
6. Councilor Tesdal discussed the dust concerns and the fact it is unavoidable. She suggests we need help and more money in the streets account if we are going to build for four to eight years. She wrote a grant application for the Oregon Community Foundation. It was for rebuilding Reservoir A, which is by a landowner's property. She thanked Matt from HBH for the comprehensive recovery plan that she used. She thinks if we get water storage, we could help water the dust down, get trees growing and help get Detroit back to what it was in five years. She addressed the time frame on the downtown recovery and what it will look like. She would like to find out how that is progressing, so the information can be made public. She suggested that update information be posted on the website. She asked about half-time employee for the water department. Chris Eppley replied that the budget includes funding for a half-time employee. The idea is to train someone to be certified, for coverage, and to also have the person in line to step into the role of the person who will be retiring. Water technicians are in great demand, so difficult to hire now, especially for a part-time position. He is researching utilizing a half-time employee currently with Gates. Should be posting for the position within the next week. He said the weekly updates can be made public, or anything he shares.
7. Councilor Smith concurred that last weekend was amazing. He talked with the fireworks company. Deputy Chief Faust and his volunteers prepped the area and helped get the relative humidity down saw the Mark 3 in action; a great tool to have on hand with our fire department, with Idanha and Detroit. He worked with the forestry department. Amy Snook will work for the department. He discussed things to improve on: garbage cans, unleashed dogs, and animal waste being left behind on properties. He discussed how to work with ordinances.

## 11. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor Trett made a call to Representative Schrader's office requesting that he call Mayor Trett to discuss the lake issue.
2. Mayor Trett thanked everyone involved including Elizabeth Smith and Candi Page regarding making last weekend a success. It was a community effort. He gave positive input on the fireworks.

## **12. STAFF REPORTS**

1. Marion County Community Development Manager Chris Eppley – He has another engineering matter to discuss. The first step to take in rebuilding the water system is to get a geo technical engineer to study the site we are going to put infrastructure; rebuilding water reservoir and the treatment plant building. Insurance will cover most of it. He has a geo tech engineer bid to get in front of council for a special city council meeting. Mr. Eppley will email council for the best time for everyone.
2. City Recorder Kelly Galbraith – She was impressed that people did not light off fireworks during the weekend.
3. City Clerk Michelle Connor – No updates
4. MWVCOG Planning, McRae Carmichael – No updates
5. Marion County Sheriff's Office – Not present
6. United States Forest Service (USFS) – Not present
7. Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District – Not present
8. North Santiam Sewer Authority, Ken Woodward – He stated they will be given \$50 million for this project. There will be a July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting when this will be announced. Councilor Engle said we are excited about the work. McRae Carmichael encouraged members to let people know there will be a July 14<sup>th</sup> Zoom town hall meeting, will be broadcasted. The most important thing now is public participation. It will be posted on the Detroit website, or North Santiam Sewer for the link. Encourages questions and feedback. Ken Woodward said the plan will be final in up to four weeks.
9. City Attorney – Not present
10. Other – None

## **13. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 13.1.1 Special Session will take place later this week.
- 13.1.2 Channel 2 news was at the City of Detroit on July 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding the fireworks and the disappearance of the lake.
- 13.1.3 Councilor Luke inquired about the lot on Main Street, southeast of the corner post, which used to be the chapel, and is a nuisance, which falls under the nuisance ordinance. Cleanup refusal. He also addressed the dust abatement and asked about an emergency fund to handle this. He suggested pulp liquor from the pulp mill. He uses this and spends \$2,000 per year for eight miles. He believes it would take up to \$10,000 to take care of this. He stated he believes this is a health hazard for the residents.

Chris Eppley reported that the county has done an evaluation and the roads are not in the kind of condition to put down a dust abatement and not have them immediately torn up thereafter. It will need to be scheduled in with the county's work, will take about two

weeks, and it is estimated to cost about \$25,000. Mr. Eppley will contact FEMA to see if this can be pushed into an emergency fund.

#### **14. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

1. Mayor Trett announced the next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2021. If it is not needed, a cancellation notification will be made.
2. The next regular session will be August 3, 2021, at 6:30pm. The location will be determined.
3. There will be a special session on August 17, 2021, if needed.

#### **15. ADJOURN**

Councilor Luke made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Smith. Motion passed unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Signed:

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James R. Trett, Mayor

Attest:

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Kelly Galbraith, City Recorder

*Meeting minutes transcribed by Janet Toman, contractor with the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments, on July 22, 2021.*