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- I. Call to Order-** Mayor Jim Trett called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- II. Council Roll Call-** Present- Mayor Jim Trett, Greg Sheppard, Eric Page, Tim Luke, Michele Tesdal, Todd Smith, Denny Nielson. Staff present City Recorder Michelle Connor, City Clerk Lindsay Meyer.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of the Agenda-** Denny Nielson made motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Eric Page, all in favor, motion passes unanimously.
- V. Special Orders of Business-** None
- VI. Committee Reports-**None

This time is set aside for committees established by law, ordinance or other authority to report to the City Council on the committee's ongoing work.

VII. Public Comments-None

This is the time set aside for comments from the public on matters not on the agenda. Commenters are limited to three (3) minutes. Time may not be yielded. Questions from the Council or staff to commenters shall not be counted against the allotted three (3) minutes.

VIII. Public Hearing – Supplemental Budget Hearing- Mayor Trett closed the Council meeting at 6:33 PM and opened a public hearing.

- a. **Resolution 648** – A Resolution adopting a Supplemental Budget for changes to the fiscal year 2022-2023 adopted budget- Michele Tesdal made motion to adopt resolution 648 adopting a Supplemental Budget for changes to the fiscal year 2022-2023, seconded by Tim Luke, all in favor, motion passes unanimously.

IX. Resolutions, Orders and Administrative Action

- a. **Resolution 649** – A Resolution Adopting the City of Detroit’s Representation in the updates to the Marion County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan- Tim Luke made motion to adopt Resolution 649, seconded by Todd Smith, all in favor, motion passes unanimously.
- b. **Ordinance 270** – An Ordinance replacing and repealing Ordinance 211, City of Detroit’s franchise agreement with Zply Fiber Northwest, LLC- Denny Nielson made motion, seconded by Greg Sheppard. Eric Page made a friendly amendment to Denny Nielsen’s motion that Ordinance 270 be re-written to say that all utilities in the future will be placed under ground. In the event that a utility needs repair it can be over head for a period of time not exceeding 60 days. Denny Nielson and Greg Sheppard both accept amendment. Denny Nielsen motion accept the amendment to the resolution and motion to adopt 270 repealing Ordinance 211Seconded by Greg Sheppard, all in favor motion passes unanimously.
- c. **Authorize Liason to DLF - (Denny Nielsen & James Trett)**-Mayor Trett would like to authorize a committee to enter in to negotiation with DLF for the operation of the community center and Idanha Fire department for use agreement, Denny Nielsen and Eric Page have been appointed to both tasks.
- d. **Finalize Building Transfer with DLF** – Mayor Trett- Mayor Trett made motion to authorize the expenditure of an additional 4,351.05 for Taxes from closing to July 1st, seconded by Denny Nielsen, all in favor, motion passes unanimously.
- e. **Insurance Status** – Eric Page- Would like to see someone with expertise in this field and review that to make sure that we are not missing anything and that we could benefit from. Would like to explore the cost of what that would look like.

Tim Luke- We now have heaters in the bathrooms and heaters in the shop. The bathroom roof will be repaired when weather gets better. I got a bid to insulate the city shop the total for that is 5,095.00. The plumbing to replace the bathroom sinks is 1,000.00 and the bathroom roof is 3500.00.

Michele Tesdal- Has been working on grants for the City Park. Will continue to work on grants for the park.

Todd Smith- Met with Marion County Sheriff and a contact is being worked on. This way they can help with enforcing golf cart ORD.

Denny Nielsen- Visioning Project Downtown Detroit- As reported last month, members of our Planning and Visioning Team have selected SERA Designs & Architecture to lead out visioning project. Kelli Weese and her staff at Marion County have drafted a contract for engagement with our consultant which is being reviewed and will soon be presented to our County Commissioners for approval. Our expectation is that work with the consultant will begin by months end and involve not only the business community but our residents. NSSA Early in the year our Board was funded by a grant from Marion County. We were able to hire an administrative staff to assist in updating our scope of work. We are currently under contract with MVCOG. The COG has assigned three staff to our project. Scott Dadson, Silas Lobnibe who will coordinate administrative support. During the past month our team has been meeting with Keller and Associates along with County staff to discuss strategy related to septic system designs within the business district. We have also discussed issues related to financial support for residential property owners. A board position remains open for a resident from the Idanha area. Other activities are the possibility of self-serve gas station at Rivers Run Gas Station. It received very positive support during the testimony at the legislature on March 28th. A recommendation will be voted on soon. Apologies for the sound system quality over the past few months, we are working diligently to fund a new contemporary system.

XII. Mayor's Report- Has been testifying before committees on RV issues that have been introduced into legislature. I was asked to testify in favor of the Oregon Emergency Management budget. They have been able to help with the building of the Water Plant. FEMA on pays for 25% of projects and there is no way that Detroit was going to be able to pay for the rest. LOC. Asked to have me go and attend a conference in Washington DC. I was able to speak with FEMA and discuss what went right and what went wrong. What I came away from it with is that Detroit came back so fast after the fire and everyone was wondering how we did it.

XIII. Other Business- Denny Nielsen has an issue related to a situation that needs to be addressed. Recently we had one of our appointees to the planning commission Elaine DeGeorge who confronted with false and inaccurate information. This individual accused them of attempting to defraud of Christian Ministries. Not only did that information become available knowledge within the community, Elaine actually

- f. **Establish a Council Work Session Schedule** – Denny Nielsen- Made motions to schedule work sessions 6:00 PM every month on the fourth Tuesday may be attended in person or zoom. Seconded by Michele Tesdal, all in favor, motion passes unanimously.
- g. **Clean up Day** – Michelle Connor- Todd Smith made motion to separate city clean up days and to not do cleanup day for Detroit for the year 2023, seconded by Eric Page all in favor, motion passes unanimously.
- h. **The Mass gathering application for DLABRA-** Fishing Derby-Denny Nielsen made motion to accept permit for the fishing derby, seconded by Tim Luke, all in favor, motion passes unanimously.

X. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Detroit City Council – Regular Monthly Meeting, March 14, 2023
- b. Approval to Pay the Bills - Eric Page made motion to accept consent Calendar, seconded by Michele Tesdal, all in favor, motion passes unanimously.

XI. Staff Reports

- a. HBH Engineering – Matt Del Moro- Contractor is going to be mobilizing this week maybe second week for the water treatment plant. They will begin moving equipment up there later this week. They will get started on earth work and then foundation work.
- b. City Recorder- Working with Lori Gatley came into do training with Lindsay and myself. We now know how to move things around and upload things and keep the webpage up to date. Reminder to do SEI report.
- c. City Clerk- none at this time
- d. Planning - None
- e. Marion County Sheriff's – Not audible
- f. USFS – No update
- g. Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District- None at this time
- h. North Santiam Sewer Authority

Councilor's Report-

Greg Shepard- Could not hear the beginning of his report. Greg Shepard could then be heard and stated that we spent n1,600.00 on our new plow. This has worked out well for us this year.


Eric Page- Last month after a great report on how well we did on water use. We did jump up a bit and look into where the water is going. There could be some unfound broken pipes after this winter. Street lights on Small lane and concerns with street lights not being replaced. We would like to make sure that there are no streets in Detroit that do not have street lights. Meters will be moved here in the near future. To better have the meter placed in areas that they will not be broken or need constant replacement.


barged into their home under construction and made these incredibly accusatory statements. This was not based on facts, this made it extremely difficult for the family and for all of those on social media, who they had to communicate with on a regular basis. The actions of this one person who we appointed as a representative of counsel to another public body the Planning Commission. I as a counselor cannot tolerate or condone that type of behavior. Denny Nielsen made motion to remove Elaine form the Planning Commission, seconded by Todd Smith, all in favor, Motion passes with Greg Shepard and Tim Luke abstaining.

XIV. Upcoming Meetings

a. Regular Session – May 9, 2023 – Detroit City Hall 6:30 PM.

XV. Adjourn Mayor Trett -Todd Smith moves to adjourn, seconded by Eric Page, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.


James R. Trett, Mayor


Michelle Connor, City Recorder