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Greg Sheppard, City Councilor
Michele Tesdal, City Councilor
Todd Smith, City Councilor
Denny Nielsen, City Councilor
Dean O'Donnell, City Councilor
William McCall, Councilor

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- I. Call to Order – 6:30 pm**
- II. Council Roll Call – Mayor Page, Councilors O'Donnell, Nielsen, Smith & Tesdal present with Councilors McCall & Sheppard absent with notice.**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of the Agenda – Councilor O'Donnell made a motion to approve the agenda and Councilor Smith seconded. All in favor.**
- V. Special Orders of Business – N/A**
- VI. Committee Reports - N/A**

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

VII. Resolutions, Orders and Administrative Action

- a. **Approval of Resolution 689 Declaring Surplus Property** - Councilor Nielsen made a motion to approve, and Councilor Smith seconded. All in favor motion passed with Councilors McCall and Sheppard absent with notice.
- b. **Approval of Resolution 690 Accepting Marion County's Septic Grant** - Councilor O'Donnell made a motion to approve, and Councilor Smith seconded. All in favor motion passed with Councilors McCall and Sheppard absent with notice.
- c. **Approval of Resolution 691 Accepting USDA's Community Facilities Grant** - Councilor Nielsen made a motion to approve the resolution with the understanding that some of the funds have already been approved and spent relating to the acoustics and entrance of the council chambers. Councilor O'Donnell seconded. All in favor motion passed with Councilors McCall and Sheppard absent with notice.

VIII. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of City Council Regular Session Minutes – August 11, 2026 - Councilor Smith made a motion to approve, and Councilor Nielsen seconded. All in favor motion passed with Councilors McCall and Sheppard absent with notice.
- b. Approval to Pay the Bills - Councilor Smith made a motion to approve, and Councilor Nielsen seconded. All in favor motion passed with Councilors McCall and Sheppard absent with notice.

IX. Unfinished Business

- a. CIS – CIS stated that they would not pay the depreciation until the entire claim is completed. The city engineer did not see it that way and is working with Dan Reynolds to draft a document to the insurance company. The city is currently waiting for the completion of that document.
- b. City Hall Roof Damage – Two bids have been received – No further information.
- c. Bill McCall – Property Division – A surveyor will be onsite next week for the property sale.
- d. Park Fee Schedule – Delayed until Fall – Councilor Smith made a motion that things such as a Public Records request should be \$125 an hour due to is taking two employees not doing their normal job duties and suggested a work session. This brought up the larger topic of all fees needing to be addressed as the city of Detroit has not updated the fee schedule in quite some time and that this topic should be moved to present business instead of unfinished business. Mayor Page seconded. All in favor motion passed with Councilors McCall and Sheppard absent with notice.
- e. E-Scooters/Bikes – To be addressed in November 2026
- f. Illegal Fireworks – To be addressed in November 2026
With both above topics getting input from the city ordinance officer.

X. Staff Reports

- a. Marina Excavation – Charles Bury – N/A
- b. Ordinance & Community Engagement Officer – Joe Davidson – N/A
- c. HBH Engineering - Matt Del Moro – Several projects are being worked on: the silver bullet generator, the emergency services generator with delivery and setting will be the week of September 21st. Clester is still being worked on. The sand filters are still being filled up and should be up and running in 3-5 weeks. The Membrane treatment plant will be starting this week. The park had curbs recently poured and formed and the ADA sidewalk will be poured next week. The playground equipment has been delivered and set will start soon. The pavilion project has had two design bids submitted and just waiting on a third to be submitted before going further with that project.
- d. City Recorder – Michelle Connor – Porta potties that the city is paying for at Mountain High will be removed at the end of November. Michelle will be at the OAMR conference on September 24, 2026.
- e. Planning – Liam Bean – N/A
- f. Marion County Sheriff - Garrett Olson – OHV's will be cited by the Forestry Service if traveling in the Mt. Hood National Forest. Marion County Sherrif is waiting to get further details from OHP.
- g. USFS – Michelle King – N/A
- h. Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District – Fred Patterson – N/A- Mayor Page stated that campfires are now allowed with a Detroit/Idanha Fire Department permit for their fire pits.
- i. City Clerk – Heather Stull – N/A

XI. Councilor's Reports –

Councilor O'Donnell – Has seen some properties that have not been maintained and sees that has a potential fire hazard and would like the city to do what it can to encourage people to take care of it. Michelle Connor stated that letters have been going out on complaints it has received regarding this issue.

Councilor Tesdal – Stated that the playground will be 2-3 weeks to put up. At 95% the certifier will come in and at 100% and grants will be paying for it. Expiration is December 2027 for the grants, so the city is on track.

Councilor Nielsen- NSSA Update

- No new information has been received from Keller & Associates since early last month.
- Keller & Associates proposed studying a "collect and truck" strategy to remove effluent from local business properties and transport it to Mill City for treatment.
- This strategy could accelerate downtown redevelopment.
- New cost data may influence the direction of this effort.
- County Commissioners have endorsed moving forward with this evaluation.

Community Center Septic Expansion

- The septic system expansion led by Jessie Rodregas Construction is complete.
- Marion County has certified the project.
- Grant funding applications are being prepared by Michelle Connor.

Business District Property Development

- K&E Construction has obtained the building permit.
- Construction is expected to begin before the end of September.

Community Center Event Kitchen

- The Request for Proposals (RFP) is being updated.
- Studio 3 Architects' contract is also being revised to meet USDA requirements for regular construction inspections.
- Inspection costs are estimated at \$500 per visit.
- Awaiting USDA and DLF approval of the updated RFP.
- Once approved, the RFP will be advertised broadly, targeting smaller contractors with lower overheads. The goal is to delay the drawdown to mitigate impacts.
- Kirby will coordinate with Salinas, Bynum, and Hoyle to submit the amendment and provide updates.
- A large rally on Capitol grounds is proposed to highlight drinking water impacts; volunteer organizers are being sought.
- Marion County and the City of Salem are pursuing combined litigation to halt the drawdown for expedited judicial review.

Kane's Marina Update

- A mid-August meeting with Mayor Page, Matt Delmoro, Michelle Connor, and council staff addressed variance and conditional land use permit issues.
- Collaboration continues between Kane's Marina, city planners, and professionals to meet riparian zone and building location requirements.
- The goal is to proceed with the project and avoid losing grant funding.

City Park WiFi

- Councilor Tesdal was contacted by Ziply regarding WiFi installation in the park, a topic previously discussed.
- Michael Smith, Ziply's sales agent, confirmed that costs remain the same unless fiber can be installed alongside electrical conduits, which would reduce monthly costs to under \$50.
- Michelle, Nancy Powell, Councilor Tesdal, and the author held a remote meeting to revisit the issue.
- Further discussions with Ziply are ongoing to obtain updated estimates based on potentially lower installation costs.
- A follow-up contact with Michael Smith in late August has not yet received a response.

Lake Level Activities

- On August 4th, the team consulted lobbyist Kirby Garret regarding the WRDA bill.
- An amendment is being pursued to pause the lake drawdown until Army Corps turbidity testing is completed.
- The amendment also calls for upgrading water treatment facilities to handle turbidity.

XII. Mayor's Report - Clester Rd. pipeline is at about 60% complete at this point. There is a change order on the back up generator as one of the pumps had a leak and it will be around \$14,000 of the ARPA funds.
Final plant construction is underway with the sand filters coming back online.
If anyone has questions, please feel free to call him and he will do his best to answer them.

XIII. Public Comments

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.

XIV. Other Business – The city is currently looking to purchase shelving for the 2Bay as public works is moving from the shop after the treatment plants are switched out.

XV. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Regular Session – October 13, 2026 – Detroit City Hall 6:30 PM.

XVI. Adjourn: 7:29 pm.


Eric Page, Mayor


Michelle Connor, City Recorder