

**CITY OF AU GRES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Sanford, Dan Heinrich, Jane Barbour, Joe Warr, John Popovich

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Dale Wiltse, Police Chief Matthew Klosowski-Lorenz

1). CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jon Sanford called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2). PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor led City Council and audience into the Pledge of Allegiance.

3). ROLL CALL

Roll call noted all members present.

4). MINUTES

MOTION (Warr) to approve February 7, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

5). SET AGENDA

MOTION (Popovich) to approve agenda; support (Barbour). Motion carried.

6). CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

7). AU GRES CITY POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Very slow month; noticed that violent calls are up all over. Here in case any questions/comments about ORV/Golf cart ordinance.

8. OLD BUSINESS: None

9). NEW BUSINESS

9.1 ORV/Golf Cart Ordinance

City Manager explained that couple people have inquired how to get ORV/Side-by-Sides/Golf Carts legal to cross US-23 bridge to access town. Right now, none of these vehicles are allowed on US-23. Two different subjects (I) GOLF CARTS: Currently, golf carts are not allowed to operate on any city street unless they have been modified to fall in the category of an ORV. If City does pass a golf cart ordinance, this will allow golf carts to be legal on any local city street and they can proceed on requesting MDOT to authorize golf carts on US-23 bridge since it (1) serves as a connector between portions of the City and (2) provides access to tourist attractions, food, motels, etc. (II) ORV's/SIDE-BY-SIDES: different than golf carts and they fall under the Arenac County ORV ordinance which allows them to operate on all local streets. ORV's can not be granted access on US-23 like golf carts. The City can be more restrictive than the County Ordinance if need be and can adopt their own ordinance.

Suggest for City to register all golf carts and pass out registration sticker and rules. Have the owner sign form and rules that they will comply. Can not charge a registration fee for golf carts. Speed limit might be an issue as golf carts cannot be on any road that have speed limit of more than 30 MPH (US-23 is 35 MPH). If City adopts golf cart ordinance and prohibits golf carts on sidewalks; then police department could write tickets. Do not enforce any of the optional safety requirements for a golf cart. City Manager will pursue this subject and put on next month's agenda as old business after some follow-up.

9.2 Riverside Drive Drain Loan

MOTION (Warr) to approve maximum loan to Arenac County Drain Commission of \$225,000 with interest rate annually of 5.5% for a maximum 12 years amortization; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

9.3 Budget Adjustments 2022/23 Year

MOTION (Warr) to approve budget adjustments as presented for the 2022/23 year; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

9.4 MML Capital Conference

MML Capital Conference will be held April 18-19, 2023 in Lansing. City Manager will be attending. If any City Council member would like to go, please contact City Hall to sign up.

10). CITY MANAGER REPORT

- The City is forming a Lake Huron Forever Committee that needs 6-8 volunteers if you know of anyone. You do not need to be a City resident; Joe Warr volunteered for this board.
- Veteran banners ordered and sent over to Design Company. Banners will be put up for Memorial Day weekend.
- Arenac County Fireworks Fundraiser Auction March 28, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

11). COMMENTS

11.1 Citizens: None

11.2 Mayor: Nothing

11.3 Council Members

Barbour: Glad to see Veteran banner program implemented. Any word on Ennes building demo?

Popovich: Main Street/US-23 intersection- dangerous intersection with poor visibility and can anything be done?

Warr: Nothing

Heinrich: Jim Hiveley approached him on ORVs crossing US-23 bridge; glad to see follow-up

11). PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION (Barbour) to approve payment of bills as submitted; support (Warr). Motion carried.

12). APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOTION (Barbour) to approve January financial statements as submitted; support (Warr). Motion carried.

13). ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Heinrich) to adjourn meeting at 8:05 p.m.; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

Jon Sanford, Mayor

LaVonne Pritchard, City Clerk