

**CITY OF AU GRES  
TIFA MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025  
5:00 PM**

PRESENT: TIFA Board: Tom Nixon, Jon Sanford, John Popovich, Dan Tolliver, William Borushko, Marcia Zoyiopoulos, Allison Wiltse (entered 5:07 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Dale Wiltse, Joe Warr, Jane Barbour, Dan Heinrich, Nate Bladecki

**1). CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Nixon at 5:00 p.m.

**2). ROLL CALL**

Roll call noted all members present.

**3). MINUTES**

**MOTION** (Borushko) to approve TIFA Meeting minutes November 25, 2024; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

**4). CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

Nate Bladecki was present tonight to ask TIFA Board if they could help with some improvements to the disc golf course. They are in need of signs, picnic tables, tee pads and boxes. The course consists of a total of 20 holes. Nate can get a sign quote from Ryan at Design Company in Standish and come back to the next Park & Recreation meeting in May to discuss further. City never really knows who is in charge out there and what improvements are needed; just recently the City took over the mowing. If the disc golfers can create a committee and would be willing to put in some sweat equity for these improvements, city would be willing to put in some money.

**5). OLD BUSINESS: None**

**6). NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 Informational Meeting to all Jurisdictions levying taxes subject to TIFA capture

City Clerk explained that City needs to hold two informational meetings per year to all units who have TIFA capture withheld from taxes. Nobody else was present tonight for comments.

6.2 Adopt Capital Project Listing 2025/26 year

City Manager went through proposed 2025/26 list of projects included in packet. Big items moving forward this next fiscal year is the campground expansion Phase I, MSHDA Housing project, along with the Chapel & Michigan Avenue Park improvements. City received a \$400,000 grant on the campground expansion from the DNR. City is in the running of receiving \$400,000 from MSHDA towards our housing project if we get the missing paperwork done before the other two finalists. City needs a Phase I Environmental Study Done ASAP to secure funding.

Ballfields have been tiled already and hoping to have rest of work done this year and be playing ballgames on fields next year. City received a \$10,000 grant from the 2% tribe for this project.

Tom Nixon suggested updating park pavilion bathrooms now that rest of pavilion looks so nice. Campground expansion probably won't start until after Car Show 2025 and will give the Cruisers one more year of parking. This will allow the City and the Cruisers a chance to work on obtaining parking from Saginaw Midland on their ROW; sounds like they would give permission but would include some work involved in putting in a culvert, driveway and gravel parking lot.

**MOTION** (Borushko) to adopt 5-year capital project listing as presented for the TIFA fund and recommend to City Council; support (Sanford). Motion carried.

6.3 Adopt TIFA Budget 2025/26 year

**MOTION** (Borushko) to adopt TIFA budget for fiscal year 2025/26 year as presented and recommend City Council to approve as well; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

6.4 TIFA Business Attraction Grant

City Manager had in agenda packet an example from Hillsdale on setting up a TIFA Business Attraction Grant. Dale feels that this is a good idea with so many new businesses coming in and sprucing up their buildings. City can set the criteria to their whatever; for restaurants, for façade improvements, the maximum dollar amount of the grant, how many grants awarded yearly, etc. Heard the new owners of the McDonald's building are struggling with renovations exceeding cost estimates for the post office; might just put back on the market for sale instead of trying to lease to post office. City would really hate to see post office close up or move outside city limits. This would be a grant and not a loan and would require a 50/50 match. Dale will send out several examples of the different programs and criteria out there to all TIFA members to take a look at and offer input and suggestions for our own grant. Once come up with our own application, suggestion would be to run by City Attorney and City Council. Might have to meet sooner than the fall TIFA meeting to approve application and start application process.

7). **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** None

8). **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:** None

9). **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** (Borushko) to adjourn meeting at 5:52 p.m. support (Popovich). Motion carried.

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Tom Nixon, Chairman

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LaVonne Pritchard, City Clerk