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**CITY OF KEEGO HARBOR STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY AUGUST 14, 2018, 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Yoder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Joel Yoder, Council Member Rob Kalman, Council Member Karen Meabrod and John Newberry.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem John Fletcher

Motion to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher by Council Member Rob Kalman; seconded by Council Member John Newberry.

Ayes: 4

Motion carried

STAFF PRESENT: Administrative Clerk Tammy Bleashka, Police Chief John Fitzgerald, and DPW Foreman Doug Waldon and Acting City Manager Mark Gilbert.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment Non-Agenda items

Study Session Topics

Food Truck Ordinance- Byron Turnquist

West Bloomfield Fire would like Keego Harbor to adopt NFPA 96 standards for ventilation control and fire protection of commercial cooking operations 2017 edition.

Mayor Yoder asked what position has our sister city's taken in this matter. Sylvan Lake adopted the ordinance last week; Orchard Lake is in the process of adopting the ordinance.

Council Member John Newberry asked if vendors would have to get permits from West Bloomfield Fire. No permits are required at this time, vendor's needs to schedule an inspection with WB Fire.

WRC – Insurance Rates- Kelsey Cooke Senior Attorney

1) County's continued property coverage 3 Sewer Lift Stations, Annual Premium \$558.00 per station.

2) O & M Insurance Coverage; General Liability, Professional Liability, Errors & Omissions.

Annual Premium for Water & Sewer \$4,100. Keego Harbor Water-Sewer and all joining CVT's will be Named Insured's under this policy. The policy includes a \$250,000 self-insured retention which must be spent by the city before the coverage would begin, has a \$10 million per occurrence and \$15 million in aggregate limit for each general liability coverage and professional liability coverage.

Mrs. Cooke addressed the questions that were asked at the July 17, 2018 study session. Oakland County's Insurance Broker did receive quotes from multiple insurance companies. There are limited underwriters who entertain municipal exposures. Argonaut was selected due to the requirement of having the municipalities as a named insured. They were also the only carried willing to address the exclusion for sewer backup. This was the most suitable policy to fit our needs. Mayor Yoder the City of Keego Harbor would have to have a huge catastrophic issue for the cost of this policy to be worth. Mrs. Cooke stated in August 2014 Oakland County was hit with a rain storm, that was the worst in 300 years. The Southern Oakland County basements flooded, 10 comminutes filed a class action lawsuit. The County is just getting into the discovery phase of this insurance claim.

Mayor Yoder asked for WRC to forward this contract to Tim McClorey at MMRMA. Acting City Manager Mark Gilbert will contact Tim McClorey about the contract.

WRC Water Rate Revised:

Mayor Yoder we will discuss the contract Thursday night at the Council Meeting.

DPW Equipment Discussion

Doug Waldon contacted around 10 different dealerships pricing frontend loaders. You have been given the list of the top three dealerships. The best deal is a 2014 backhoe from AIS Construction Equipment; they are willing to

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match MI CAT trade in quote. Mayor Yoder asked how old the current load is; Waldon stated at least 20 years. An additional extended warranty can be purchased for about \$2,000, this would cover hydraulic hoses. They also offer a municipal discount of 2,000, and the loader is AIS certified. Mayor Yoder stated at Michigan Cat trade in value \$17,500 AIS Construction will match this trade in price. That would leave a balance of \$50,000 for the City for 2014 backhoe. Mayor Yoder believes that 50,000 was allocated in the budget for this, we will double check this figure. The Plow and repairs for the pickup truck was around \$7,000. The dump truck salt spreader and repairs were around \$7,000. The pickup has plow has been mounted and the repairs are complete. The dump truck is almost completed.

Council member Kalman suggests putting have down and making payments on the reaming balance. AIS may recommend certain finical institutions for financing. Council Member Newberry suggested AAA through the County. Mayor Yoder asked Acting Manger Gilbert to contact a few banks on interest rates for financing this backhoe.

Smart Contract and Application 2018-2019

Mayor Yoder stated we do not have a tab 13. The contract was not ready for tonight; this will be on the Thursdays Council Meeting Agenda.

Proposed Invasive Specie Ordinance

Mayor Yoder explained that Leslie Clark is proposing an invasive species ordinance, which would regulate terrestrial invasive species within Keego Harbor. The invasive species are all prohibited by the State Of Michigan. Leslie Clark; this ordinance would be a modification of the City's Obnoxious Weed Ordinance. This ordinance gives the city the authority to make property owners treat Japanese Knotweed and potentially other pests, even if they did not plant the pest: likely it was there for decades. Generally, an infestation exists on multiple adjacent properties. It is important that infestations are treated from all sides, and it is best if it is treated professionally. Treatment is best done in late summer. It takes more than one year to treat and we are looking for is to have residences cooperate. We have 10 houses that have Japanese Knotweed, but 2 of the properties do not want to have them destroyed. Everyone has to be Plan A) the home owner address this is. B) the City sends a letter, just like lawn mowing. C) if low income try to get some type of assistance for owner.

Council member Meabrod; I feel that the city should try to educate the residence first. What is the cost to have this treated, can a home owner treat this without hiring a professional. Leslie Clark; Homeowners can treat it themselves without certification if using non-restricted chemicals.

Four neighbors with Japanese Knotweed could share the cost of treatment, \$200.00 a year split 4 ways. The fact is that the plant is prohibited. The state law prohibiting it has no enforcement mechanism for people who happen to have it on their land. The state law prohibiting it has no enforcement mechanism for people who happen to have it on their land. But the sate noxious weed law allows the city to declare the plant a common nuisance.

Council member Newberry; I have been treating Japanese Knotweed in my yard; it multiplies very fast and depletes the soil so nothing else grows.

Leslie Clark; Dollar Lake has what it looks like an orange ring around the edge of the lake. Starry Stonewart Aquatic version in Dollar Lake, we cannot treat because it is connected to Cass Lake. The State has put a ban on treating Cass Lake. We do not want to contaminate Cass Lake with this. I would like to put a sign out on Andrea St. City property to make boaters aware on cleaning the boat propeller before the enter Cass Lake. The last 20 feet of the canal is sandy, hopefully they would clean the prop in that area before entering Cass Lake.

Chief Fitzgerald suggested putting a banner on the bridge in the canal. Council is in favor of the banner being hung from the bridge (Stop Clean Your Prop). Letters going out to boat launch key holders and residences around Dollar Lake.

Public Comment

Susan Williams; First educate the residences, and then pass the ordinance. Ease into the process then it could be more tolerable.

Theresa Vanmeter, 3100 Varjo Court; I have lived in this community for 45 years. I was not aware that my property has the Japanese Knotweed, until Leslie Clark stopped by to pick up a beautification award. It has been on my property for 45 years, I keep it trimmed and it is beautiful. You can do anything you want on public property, tread lightly on personal property. The city must educate the residences on this matter, before you take any action.

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Jason George

Move from Thursday Council Agenda to Community Event Presentation.

Potential Ban on the sale and use of plastic straws and commercial business

Council discussed the possibility of banning the use of plastic straws in the City of Keego Harbor.

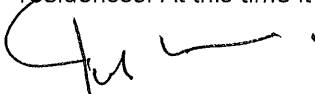
Encourage local business to be more environmentally friendly. The City could possibly pass a resolution or proclamation to get the business on board.

Sue Williams the cost of plastic straws \$.01 and paper straws \$.02, Gino's will be switching to paper straws.

Newsletter

Council member Meabrod believes the line item allocated in the budget for postage is regular postage.

No money was allocated for a newsletter. A newsletter is important; maybe a newsletter could be emailed to residences. At this time it is not in the City budget.



Joel Yoder

City of Keego Harbor Mayor



Tammy Bleashka

City of Keego Harbor Administrative Clerk

