

	<p>A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Don Cooney David Anderson Erin Knott Matt Milcarek Shannon Sykes Jack Urban</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Jim Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioner Excused	<p>Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absence of Mayor Hopewell. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation	<p>A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Proclamation	<p>Commissioner Urban read a proclamation recognizing the <i>Kiwanis Club of Kalamazoo, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i>. Dr. Thomas Wortman, President, accepted the proclamation.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following change:</p> <p>Commissioner Sykes requested that Item F-4, a resolution authorizing and application to Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Historic Preservation Office, for grant to assist in planning the full rehabilitation of the Fountain of the Pioneers in Bronson Park, be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.</p>
Communications	<p>An opportunity was given for general communications, but none were offered.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items with authorization for the City Manager to sign on behalf of the city:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- approval of a contract with Tetra Tech, Inc. for the Water System SCADA Project in the amount of \$190,400.</li> <li>- approval of a 60-month lease for 35 light duty fleet vehicles, including all maintenance, in the amount of \$952,476.</li> </ul>
Resolution 16-44	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- adoption of a <b>RESOLUTION</b> setting a public hearing for Tuesday, January 3, 2017 to consider the proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Budget for the City of Kalamazoo.</li> </ul>

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** recognizing the St. Monica Boosters as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.
- approval and acceptance of an easement from CVS Pharmacy for water main installed as part of the CVS Pharmacy Building Construction Project.
- approval of a request from New Year's Fest of Kalamazoo to publicly display fireworks from the Epic Center Parking Structure on Saturday, December 31, 2016 at midnight as part of the annual New Year's Fest event.
- approval of the following appointments to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee:
  - the appointment of **Tami Cox** as an at-large member for a term expiring on March 31, 2017;
  - the appointment of **Annie Sprague** as an at-large member for a term expiring on March 31, 2017;
  - the appointment of **Margaret Wilson** as the Vine Neighborhood Representative for a term expiring on March 31, 2017.
- approval of the minutes from the City Commission meetings on November 21, November 28, and December 5, 2016.

Resolution 16-45

Commissioner Milcarek, seconded by Commissioner Sykes, moved to approve the consent agenda requests and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents on behalf of the City.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Knott, Milcarek, Sykes, Urban, Vice Mayor Cooney

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Regular Agenda

Commissioner Sykes stated she struggled with the idea of preserving the Fountain of the Pioneers when it caused people in the community great pain. Commissioner Sykes stated she would not vote in favor of this item.

Resolution 16-46  
Approving a Planning Grant Application to the SHPO for the Fountain of the Pioneers Rehab

Commissioner Urban stated the he knew much more about the history of Native Americans in the area as a result of the controversy surrounding the Fountain of the Pioneers.

Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved that the City Commission adopt a **RESOLUTION** amending and restating Resolution 16-38 to authorize and direct the City Manager to submit an application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, State

Resolution 16-46  
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of the Pioneers Rehab  
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Historic Preservation Office for a Certified Local Government Grant in the amount of \$54,000 to assist the City in planning the full rehabilitation of The Fountain of the Pioneers in Bronson Park as part of the larger Bronson Park 21st Century Campaign.

Prior to a vote Commissioner Cooney stated the artist who created the Fountain of the Pioneers was a supporter of Native Americans.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 5-1.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Knott, Milcarek, Urban, Vice Mayor Cooney

NAYS: Commissioner Sykes

Ordinance 1944 re:  
Rates for Water  
Service

Commissioner Milcarek, seconded by Commissioner Urban, moved to adopt an ORDINANCE to amend certain sections of Chapter 38 of the Kalamazoo code to change the rates charged for water service. The ordinance amends Chapter 38 of the Kalamazoo Code of Ordinances to increase water service revenues by 8.0% across the board, effective January 1, 2017.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson explained how the water utility was funded and noted service rates always had to be examined in light of projected revenues, expenses, and necessary capital improvements. Commissioner Anderson stated water customers would see new investment in the water system to keep it safe for years to come.

An opportunity was given for people to comment on an ORDINANCE to amend certain sections of Chapter 38 of the Kalamazoo code to change the rates charged for water service, but no comments were offered.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Knott, Sykes, Urban, Vice Mayor Cooney

NAYS: None

City Manager's  
Report

City Manager Ritsema provided the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- November 2016 Purchases

Public Services Director James Baker explained the circumstances related to water main breaks that required boil water advisories and boil water orders and how that information was communicated to the public. Public Services Director Baker reported that unseasonably warm weather late into the fall had caused problems with the leaf pick-up process. Director Baker stated City crews would pick up leaves through the winter as time and weather allowed, and leaf pickups were being scheduled for March and April.

As a matter of unfinished business, Commissioners discussed whether to cancel the work session on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

Unfinished Business

Commissioner Milcarek, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to amend the City Commission's 2016 Meeting Schedule by cancelling the work session on December 26<sup>th</sup>.

Amendment of 2016 Meeting Schedule

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Knott, Milcarek, Sykes, Urban, Vice Mayor Cooney

NAYS: None

When an opportunity was given for general citizen comments, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Citizen Comments

Nehemiah Scudder, City resident, offered remarks on the Fountain of the Pioneers.

Kris Mbah, City resident, thanked the Commission for appointing candidates to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee and urged the Commission to embrace transparency.

Tim Graham, City resident, offered remarks about openness, transparency, and democracy in a global context.

Steve Englehardt, City resident, asked if there were any City committees that dealt with energy efficiency initiatives.

Next, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments and concerns of City Commissioners.

City Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Milcarek noted the City had an Environmental Concerns Committee, and there were plans to add staff capacity in the area of sustainability.

Commissioner Urban expressed support for listening to and considering different points of view.

Commissioner Knott thanked City staff in advance for working over the holidays.

Commissioner Sykes indicated the City Commission wanted to really explore the topic of energy efficiency. Commissioner Sykes stated she did not want censorship, but the pain of community members regarding the Fountain of the Pioneers needed to be acknowledged.

Commissioner Anderson noted the City Commission agendas and agenda packets were online, and he encouraged people to read the City Manager's Report. Commissioner Anderson highlighted the upcoming Imagine Kalamazoo 2025 meetings.

Adjournment

Vice Mayor Cooney stated diversity was one of Kalamazoo's strengths, and he spoke about the need for the community to remember its values during times of change. Vice Mayor Cooney remarked on the life and contributions of former Recreation Director Lois Jackson, who recently passed away.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling  
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 17, 2017

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor  
Dated: January 17, 2017

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