

**EDMORE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
UNAPPROVED JOURNAL OF MINUTES  
August 08, 2022**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Village of Edmore Council was called to order on Monday, August 08, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. by **President Gloria Burr**.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Members present – **Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Moore, Rasmussen, Burr**. Also present: **Shirley Drain** – Village Treasurer, **Kerri Peterson** – Village Clerk.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** **Green** moved to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by **Rasmussen**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
6. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
  - A. **POLICE: Deputy Tanis (absent):** Total Investigations 24, Total Arrests 2. Traffic Stops 24, Citations Issued 2, Verbal Warnings Issued 22. Highlights included on July 4<sup>th</sup>; an arrest was made of a 47-year-old woman from Edmore after it was reported she attempted to break into the apartment of a neighbor in the 600 block of West Pine Street. On July 26<sup>th</sup>, a fraud investigation was conducted in the 600 block of West Pine Street.
  - B. **FINANCE: Burr** reported for **Tracy**. Been collecting taxes. Also have been getting a few monthly payments for water and sewer bills. It is going okay. Some people just had a few questions.
  - C. **DDA: Burr** reported for **Lakamper**. The DDA held a meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> where several decisions were made. It was decided to purchase 16 Earthplanter brand planter boxes to be placed downtown. As of right now no decisions have been made on replacing trees but they wish to cut down 13 trees and place planter boxes on the beds where those trees were eliminated. Approval to cut down the trees is on today's agenda. Additionally, the DDA approved \$500 for marketing and advertising for the downtown sidewalk sales event that was held on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Upcoming DDA meetings are August 24, 2022 @ Noon and September 28, 2022 @ Noon.
  - D. **DPW: Burr** reported for **Andy**. We had one cremains burial. We had a large dead tree in the cemetery removed. All the chip sealing for this year has been completed. The repaving of Center Street has been completed.
  - E. **MANAGER: Justin Lakamper (absent):** **Lakamper's** report included CODE ENFORCEMENT – Second and final reminders went out to the owners of the buildings in the B1 and B2 districts that meet the vacancy requirements of our vacant building ordinance. They were originally sent a registration form and 60 days to comply with the ordinance. None of the owners submitted the registration form within the allotted time. I have had conversations with several of the owners about their plans for compliance, although currently none have. The reminder notice gives until August 25<sup>th</sup> to comply. I have been contacted by a realtor about a few of these properties, so it appears that there is movement. DEVELOPMENTS – There is promising movement of a new retail chain moving into Hansen's Pharmacy. **Colburn** asked if we know what chain is going in there. **Burr** answered that there is an investing company from the Detroit area interested in the building but does not know what type of business would be going in there. MARIHUANA LICENSE – I have received notice that KIDA Enterprises (Pinnacle

Emporium) will be applying to transfer their recreational retail license to WDB Holding MI (Gage Cannabis Co). Once I have the WDB Holding MI application, the Council will consider their taking over of the KISA license. Gage Cannabis Co is one of the larger retail outfits in Michigan. PARK EQUIPMENT – As previously reported we have received a full refund from Midstate Recreation for the damaged workout equipment. They have also informed me that they will not be picking up the equipment and have instructed us to dispose of it as we wish. I have therefore asked the DPW to repair the damage so that we can install it per our original plans. The damages are minor paint scratches and such. PERSONNEL – Our newest employee, Doeke Prins, joined the DPW on August 1<sup>st</sup>. We believe that he will plug into the DPW nicely and we should be able to get back up to speed quickly. **Burr** states that he is doing very well so far. PLANNING COMMISSION – The Planning Commission held a meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup> and issued a special use permit for a marihuana grow facility at 655 E. Main. This is the house two buildings to the east of the water tower. This is in the B2 district. We had one resident located within 300 feet of the building attend the meeting and they did not offer any comment on the matter. With the special use permit in hand the owners of the facility can apply for a municipal marihuana license for a grow facility. Currently, they have not, but intend to do so soon. QUARTERLY WATER BILLING – On July 23<sup>rd</sup> we sent out a letter informing all residents of the changes to the water billing schedule. Additionally, we posted the information on the website as well as on Facebook. In the letter we explained how people can continue to pay monthly if they wish and how that will work. We did receive a handful of calls about the change, but none were negative. Most were questions on details. Nobody has made it known to the Village office that they are not pleased with the change. First bill will be in October. VACATION – I will return on August 16<sup>th</sup>. I continue to be available via email or text.

**F. PRESIDENT: Gloria Burr:** There will be a Blood Drive held at the Curtis Community Building on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 4:45 pm.

**7. TREASURER'S REPORT: Shirley Drain**

**A. TREASURER'S REPORT & COMMENTS:** Drain reported the books are currently not closed for July. They will be done soon. ELF loans – All current.

**B. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Guild moved to approve the payment of the bills. Supported by Moore. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Colburn, Green, Griswold, Guild, Moore, Rasmussen, Burr. MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING July 11, 2022:** Guild moved to accept the minutes. Supported by Green. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF POTATO FESTIVAL EVENT APPLICATION:** Some discussion took place among members on the details of the festival. Green moved to accept the Potato Festival Special Event and parade permit application. Supported by Rasmussen. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**B. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2022-07:** There was an error in the previous resolution to decertify streets, naming a portion of Gilson Street. The correct street is N. Fourth Street. Motion by Colburn to accept Resolution 2202-07, A resolution to decertify a portion of N. Fourth Street. Supported by Rasmussen. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**C. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2022-08:** Burr reported for Lakamper. Both of the village's marihuana ordinances allow for a license holder to transfer their license to another individual

or entity with the approval of the Council. This process includes the current license holder sending a letter to the Village informing of the change and the new individual or entity to go through the application process. Section 10 (C ) of both marihuana ordinances establish that a license transfer fee shall be set by resolution of the Council. Motion by **Green** to accept Resolution 2022-08, A resolution to establish a license transfer fee for all recreational and medical marihuana licenses at a rate of \$500. Supported by **Guild**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0**

- D. CONSIDERATION OF DDA REQUEST TO REPLACE 13 DOWNTOWN TREES WITH PLANTER BOXES:** **Burr** reported for **Lakamper**. The trees have been a topic of discussion for the last few years. At the last meeting, the DDA authorized the purchase of 16 large Earthplanter flower planters to be placed downtown. At this time, they wish to cut down 13 trees scattered throughout downtown to thin out the canopy and create spaces for the planter boxes. They would then continue to work on the full-scale streetscape project for upcoming budget with the idea of pursuing grants to complete the work. This would also give them more time for discussion about tree species. The current question a hand for the Council is whether to authorize the removal of 13 trees downtown. Discussion ensued among the board. Most agree they do not want the trees removed from downtown. They are unsure how the flower boxes would be and the upkeep of the flowers. **Guild** suggested hiring an arborist to come in, evaluate and trim the trees correctly first and then decide if anything needs done. **Burr** agreed the trees need to be trimmed. **Guild** went on to ask how many of the business owners want the trees removed and wondered if anyone has asked them. More discussion ensued on the current ideas and new ideas on the downtown streetscape. **Colburn** agreed with **Guild** on hiring an arborist to start with an evaluation of the trees and trim them. Discussion took place on the type of planters and where they would be stored in the winter. **Drain** is afraid that the flowers would not get taken care of and it would look very bad. The board agreed that there needs to be more discussion with the DDA. **Green** moved to table this consideration until meeting with the DDA and have more discussion. Supported by **Colburn**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0**

11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

12. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** **Griswold** commented about the Planning Commission approving the new marihuana business. **Burr** interjected and explained that it was written in the newspaper, and it was not written correctly. The newspaper made it sound like they were opening a business and that is not correct. It would only be a grower, not sales. **Rasmussen** agreed that should not have been written that way. **Burr** went on to explain the Planning Committee did approve a special use permit. It could be used for that. They now have to put in for their license and get with the Village. Then it comes to us if we want it there or not. That is where it is at now. They have not even got with Justin for paperwork or anything yet, so it is not known if they are going to continue. But it's not going to be any kind of a sales. It's just a grower. Multiple discussions took place at one time making it difficult to clearly transcribe the entire discussion. The main issue voiced was the location of that potential facility not being a good location as it is set in the middle of a row of houses. The entire audio recording of this discussion is on file. **Guild** commented that 3 of the downtown closed businesses now have For Sale signs in their windows.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by **Rasmussen** to adjourn. Supported by **Griswold**. **VOICE VOTE: ALL YES: MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

**President Burr** adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

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**Village President**

**Approved for Publication**

**NEXT MEETING: September 12, 2022**

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**Village Clerk**