

MINUTES OF THE MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE JOSEPH S. JOHNS COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
AT 1111 DELAWARE AVENUE, MARYSVILLE, MICHIGAN 48040

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Damman

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Damman, Mayor Pro-Tem Hayman, Council Members Barber, Shirkey, Badley and Wessel  
ABSENT: None  
VISITORS: T. Osentoski, J. Vokes, S. Winston, J. Morrison, E. Smith, K. Hrit and T. Beers  
ADMIN: R. Fernandez, A. Francis, B. Kreiner, T. Konik, R. Buckmaster, M. Booth, A. Ratliff, B. Wrubel, B. Lents, S. Schneider, R. Stocker, J. LaFore and R. Stoia

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

1. Moved by Council Member Barber, supported by Council Member Wessel to add item #4 under communication/presentations to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

1. Duke Dunn, St. Clair County Board of Commissioners presented a proclamation to Mayor Damman.
2. Ed Smith, Outreach Coordinator for Congressman Paul Mitchell presented a congressional certificate of recognition to Mayor Damman.
3. Mayor Pro-Tem Kathy Hayman presented Mayor Damman with a key to the city of Marysville.
4. Kevin Hrit presented Mayor Damman a letter from Senator Gary Peters office.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Hayman, supported by Council Member Barber to approve the Consent Agenda.

1. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday, October 14, 2019.  
Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA:

1. Moved by Council Member Wessel, supported by Council Member Badley to approve bills in the amount of \$244,178.19, payroll for November 1, 2019 and electronic payments in the amount of \$145,336.49. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Hayman, supported by Council Member Shirkey to approve second amendment to rental agreement with St. Clair County RESA and authorize the city manager to sign any and all documents necessary to transfer title to the property upon completion of payments of the purchase price by the St. Clair County RESA. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Hayman, supported by Council Member Badley to approve city manager's employment agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

FOLLOW UP BUSINESS: None

MAYOR & COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENTS:

Council Member Wessel encouraged citizens to vote November 5<sup>th</sup>; thanked the city manager for selling the city hall building and stated that it has been a pleasure and honor to work with Mayor Damman.

Council Member Badley thanked council for their friendship and good decisions made and also reminded residents to get out and vote November 5<sup>th</sup>. He stated that this morning's Paul Miller Show mentioned that the Marysville City Council meeting will be a celebration because of the ribbon cutting and it being Mayor Damman's last meeting. Council Member Badley personally thanked Mayor Damman for his guidance and leadership he has given council and sees him as a close friend.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hayman reminded everyone to register to vote, vote November 5<sup>th</sup> and support herself and Council Member Wessel; congratulated officer Dan Stocker and wife Taylor on the birth of their daughter; stated that SOS food pantry is holding its ninth annual soup dinner cook off at the McGivney Banquet Center on November 9<sup>th</sup>; and wished best of luck to Dennis Duso and the Marysville Viking Regiment who are ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in their division. She also wished luck to the Marysville Girls' Cross Country Team and Bryson DenUyl who are participating in the state finals; and mentioned that she has been voting every day for Officer Heiko to win a new vehicle. Mayor Pro-Tem Hayman thanked the mayor as she has learned much from him and said he is a good example of leadership. She thanked City Manager Randy Fernandez for selling city hall.

Council Member Shirkey thanked Randy Fernandez for his support and progress with the city and thanked Mayor Damman for his support and appreciates all that he has done.

Council Member Barber thanked Randy Fernandez and said he will support him over the next three years; thanked council for their dedication; mentioned that state law prohibited J. Cramer's name being removed from the ballot and that she may receive votes but knows that Marysville is not racist. His views regarding Marysville in 2013 were that the city was suffering but Council Member Damman knew he could make a difference. By his becoming mayor and appointing Randy Fernandez as city manager the city is a better place to live and a cool town to visit.

Legal Counsel Al Frances congratulated Mayor Damman and stated as good of mayor as he is, he is even a better person and friend.

City Manager Fernandez said that Halloween is this Thursday and trick or treating is from 5 – 8 p.m. He also stated that the time change takes effect Saturday evening. He praised all candidates running in the city election. Mr. Fernandez stated that Mayor Damman's tenure has been bittersweet and thanked him for the opportunity to serve and wished him good luck.

Mayor Damman stated one of his greatest decisions in life was serving as mayor and that he was humbled and proud during his six year tenure. He believed what the team accomplished is unparalleled with the resources the city had and he is leaving Marysville a better place. Over the years the business climate improved as did the states of the golf course, waterfront, park, boat launch and roads. The City began Marysville Community

Endowment Fund, secured a K9 officer for the Public Safety Department, built a new city hall and are constructing a new dog park. The City and Council addressed all of the above because they wanted to empower employees and let residents know that they care. Mayor Damman said he gave one hundred ten percent representing Marysville everywhere he could and thanked his family since being mayor took time away from them. He also thanked the following people: Chiefs Konik and Buckmaster who run an incredible public safety department and the entire team for keeping the city safe; DPW Director Barry Kreiner who gets things done and engineers an outstanding work force; Bari Wrubel and his employees at the Water and Wastewater Departments for safe drinking water; Golf Course Superintendent Brian Lents and his staff who were given the goal to make the golf course successful and are doing an incredible job; Recreation Coordinator Stefanie Schneider and her team who are also doing a great job; Finance Director Mike Booth who is a great new addition; and to the ladies of city hall, Rene' Stoia, Renee Stocker, Ann Ratliff, Julie Sobkowski and Jessica LaFore who enhance lives of residents by being pleasant and knowledgeable to the citizens. Mayor Damman stated that because of such good employees his job as mayor was easy. Mayor Damman thanked City Manager Randy Fernandez for never making him look bad and stated that Mr. Fernandez is an asset to the city. The mayor hopes in his next career to serve citizens of St. Clair County with the intentions of running for 31<sup>st</sup> Circuit Court Judge in 2020. Mayor Damman said he reinstated prayer before city council meetings and said that there are many churches that pray for the city every day and a lot of success the city has belongs to God. Mayor Damman concluded by again thanking all for their support and hoped God blesses each and every one and the City of Marysville.

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Rene' Stoia, Deputy City Clerk

8:29 p.m. on motion, City Council adjourned.