

**CITY OF LUNA PIER**  
**LUNA PIER COUNCIL**  
Luna Pier, Michigan

Regular Meeting  
September 26, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

Mayor Gardner called the Regular Meeting September 26, 2024 of the Luna Pier Council to order at 7:00 PM at Water Tower 11345 Harold, Luna Pier, Mi. The roll was called and Pledge of Allegiance said.

**CALL TO ORDER-  
ROLL CALL-  
PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE**

James Gardner, Mayor	Present
Dawn Gramza, Councilmember	Present
Joy Perry, Councilmember	Present
Neil Wakeman, Councilmember	Present
Diana Szkatulski, Councilmember	Present
Amanda Neiding, Councilmember	Present
Marc Donnelly, Councilmember	Present

Wakeman moved, supported by Perry to approve the consent agenda items A - B as presented, waiving the reading. Motion carried, all in favor.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Wakeman moved, supported by Gramza to approve the Bill's Warrant #14195 (paid) in the amount of \$14,443.89, and Bill's Warrant #14196 (unpaid) in the amount of \$15,647.13, and the Visa bill in the amount of \$662.62 as presented, waiving the reading. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**BILL'S WARRANT**

None at this time.

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor's Report was given verbal and written

**MAYOR REPORT**

Department Reports –Police Dept. – Council Report and Blight Report  
Fire Dept. – August Reports  
Building Dept - none

**DEPARTMENT  
REPORTS**

Committee Minutes- DDA -none  
Flood – June Meeting Minutes  
Parks & Rec - none  
Planning -none

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

- Szkatulski reported that Green Labs' volunteers painted the teeter totter and cleaned up the park.
- Donnelly noted that plans for the bridge walkway will need to be seen prior to signing the MDOT agreement.

None at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Jesse Griffin, 10721 Ellen, stated that Dutch Touch and Green Labs want to replace benches at Water Tower Park with new ones. Also, the painting at Water Tower Park is hard to schedule on weekends due to rentals. Diana will work with Chris and Jesse to schedule painting during the week.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

Marilyn Foster, 4360 5<sup>th</sup> St., shared that the Planning Meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. She was wondering what the hold up is on the Blight Ordinance that Sean passed on to the Mayor; it has been several weeks. She suggested the need for a Blight Committee to go after vacant houses that are falling down. She feels it is time we stop just focusing on the low hanging fruit and also start going after the truly unkempt properties.

Sal Seragusa, 4352 S. 2<sup>nd</sup>, voiced that his boat, located on his property, was ticketed for expired tags, as a blight offense. He was directed to talk to the Chief of Police.

Connie Cole, 10644 Lakeside, reported that the Finance Committee met to discuss Luna Pier transitioning to the Unified Chart of Accounts per Michigan State. The committee also discussed revenue streams for the city, such as accounts receivable on unpaid block grants distributed to some properties, addressing blight, and sale of small adjacent lots to build tax revenue. The committee also wants to address city needs for capital expenditures in all departments.

Trilby Krumn, 4423 Oak, discussed blight, stating that some houses are falling down. She wanted to know what the Building Inspector is doing to address these properties.

Sal Seragusa, 4352 S. 2<sup>nd</sup>, stated that littering is a problem, listing beer cans and diapers on and near the beach. As he lives close to the beach he also has people parking in front of his house. He believes ticketing these offenses would be a source of revenue.

Wakeman moved, supported by Gramza, to approve the draft MDOT Bridge Maintenance Agreement as presented, providing that following MDOT's internal review the document does not change. Motion carried on roll call vote, all in favor.

**MDOT BRIDGE  
MAINTENANCE  
AGREEMENT**

- Donnelly stated that the Blight Ordinance was rewritten to a one-page document, overriding all the other blight ordinances. He would like to know why the lawyer hasn't gotten this back to the Mayor yet.
- Mayor Gardner stated that he doesn't have the one-page document. All he was given was the initial change in fees for violations. He is still waiting for the Planning Commission to send this one-page ordinance to him.
- Gramza suggested that all city ordinances need to be reviewed and updated accordingly.
- Nieding acknowledge that blight needs to be addressed and there is a lot of frustration within the community due to blight. An updated

**COUNCIL INPUT**

blight ordinance has been drafted yet there has been no movement on it. Other suggestions have been made, such as hiring a Blight Officer. So far only low-hanging fruit blight issues are being addressed.

None at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None at this time.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Parks & Recreation, Tuesday, October 8, 2024 @ 7:00 PM at Library  
FEP, Tuesday, October 15, 2024 @ 7:00 PM at Water Tower  
DDA, Tuesday, October 22, 2024 @ 7:00 PM at Water Tower  
Planning, Tuesday October 22, 2024, @ 4:00 PM at Water Tower  
City Council, Thursday, October 10, 2024 @ 7:00 PM @ Water Tower

**MEETING DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

Szkatolski moved, supported by Nieding to adjourn at 7:53 pm.  
Motion carried, all in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlie Boyce  
City Clerk  
City of Luna Pier