

CITY OF IONIA
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:30 PM, Wednesday, March 5, 2025
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Milewski called the meeting of the Ionia City Council to order at 6:31 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor John Milewski led everyone present with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed a Quorum with Councilmembers Margot Cook, Brenda Cowling, Dawn Ketchum, Tim Lee, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Troy Waterman, and Mayor John Milewski present.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With no changes or additions, Councilmember Winters made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ketchum, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(II.1.) February 5, 2025 – Regular Meeting

Councilmember Winters made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Waterman, to approve the February 5, 2025, meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

III. PROCLAMATIONS

None.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ASSOCIATED ACTION

(V.1.) Public Hearing to receive comments on Ordinance No. 592 - Codification

Mayor Milewski opened the public hearing for comments on Ordinance No. 592 at 6:33 PM and subsequently closed the public hearing following no comments at 6:33 PM.

Councilmember Lee made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Winters, to approve Ordinance No. 592, an ordinance to codify the ordinances adopted by City Council since March 6, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

CITY OF IONIA
Ordinance No. 592

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH

WHEREAS, American Legal Publishing Corporation will soon complete its most recent updating and revision of the Codified Ordinances of the City;

WHEREAS, various ordinances and resolutions of a general and permanent nature that have been passed by Council since the date of the last updating and revision of the Codified Ordinances (March 6, 2024) have been included in the Codified Ordinances of the City;

THE CITY OF IONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the editing, arrangement and numbering or renumbering of the following ordinances and resolutions are hereby approved as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of the City, so as to conform to the classification and numbering system of the Codified Ordinances:

Ord. or <u>Res. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>C.O. Section</u>
584	5-1-24	Amend Ch. 1285: AC Development Planned Unit Development District
585	5-1-24	Amend Ch. 1246: Zoning Map to reflect rezoning of 310 Cleveland Street from B-1 to I-1
586	5-1-24	Repeal Ch. 288: Parks and Recreation Commission
587	5-1-24	Amend Sections 214.05, 1040.10, 1042.02, 1042.42, 1042.48 – Fee Schedule 2024
Res. 24-11	5-1-24	Amend Sections 214.05 and 1040.10 – Water and Sewer Fees
588	7-2-24	Amend and rename Ch. 1248: R-1, R-2, and R-3 One-Family Residential Districts, Ch. 1250: RT Two-Family Residential District, Ch. 1252: RM Multiple-Family Residential District, Ch. 1254: RM-1 Multiple-Family Residential District, and Ch. 1269 East Main Preservation District. Amend Ch. 1240, Ch. 1246, Ch. 1256, Ch. 1258, Ch. 1260, Ch. 1262, Ch. 1270, Ch. 1274, Ch. 1282, Ch. 1284, Ch. 1286, Ch. 1289, Ch. 1290, Ch. 1291, Ch. 1293, and Appendix I
589	9-4-24	Amend Ch. 1246: Zoning Map to reflect rezoning of 165 parcels into new residential zoning districts
590	10-2-24	Amend Ch. 1062: Parks and City Cemeteries
591	12-4-24	Amend and rename Ch. 1262: I-1 Light Industrial District. Amend Ch. 1240, Ch. 1246, Ch. 1284, Ch. 1289, Ch. 1290, Ch. 1291, Ch. 1293, and Appendix I

Section 2. If any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance is declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be published and recorded as provided in the City Charter and shall take effect upon publication.

ORDINANCE NO. 592 DECLARED ADOPTED

(V.2.) Public Hearing to consider Resolution 2025-03, a Resolution to approve the application for an Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Exemption Certificate from Enwork

Mayor Milewski opened the public hearing for comments on Resolution 2025-03 for the industrial facilities tax exemption certificate application submitted by Enwork at 6:34 PM.

Alex Powell, a representative of Enwork, addressed City Council describing the manufacturing operations of Enwork. Mr. Powell indicated that the expansion is on schedule for completion in one month and anticipated to create at least 10 new jobs.

Ryan Wilson Executive Director of the Ionia County Economic Alliance expressed appreciation for Enwork's investment in Ionia County.

Mayor Milewski closed the public hearing at 6:38 PM.

Councilmember Ketchum made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cook, to approve Resolution 2025-03 approving the Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) exemption certificate as requested by Enwork for 12 years, in accordance with Michigan PA 198 and Ionia City Policy 4-006: Industrial Facility Exemption Certificates.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Margot Cook, Brenda Cowling, Dawn Ketchum, Tim Lee, John Milewski, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Troy Waterman

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 2025-03



RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FILED BY ASSA GROUP INC., d/b/a ENWORK, INC., FOR REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 510 APPLE TREE DRIVE, IONIA, MICHIGAN.

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ionia, Ionia County, Michigan, held in the

Council Chambers, Ionia City Hall, 114 North Kidd Street,
Ionia, Michigan, on the 5th day of March, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Margot Cook, Brenda Cowling, Dawn Ketchum, Tim Lee, John Milewski, Tom
Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Troy Waterman

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Council Member Ketchum and seconded by Council
Member Cook:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Districts Act,
Public Act 198 of 1974, MCL 207.551 *et seq.*, as amended (the "Act"), the City Council established
the City of Ionia Industrial Development District No. 2021-1 (the "District") by resolution on May
4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, ASSA Group Inc., d/b/a Enwork, (the "Applicant"), a Michigan corporation whose
registered office address is 12900 Christopher Drive, Lowell, MI 49331, operates an industrial
facility located at 510 Street, Ionia, Michigan (the "Facility"), which is located within the District;
and

WHEREAS, the Applicant filed with the City Clerk an application for an Industrial Facilities Tax
Exemption Certificate ("Application") on or about January 30, 2025, which is attached as Exhibit
A; and

WHEREAS, the Application provides that the Applicant intends to make certain real
property improvements at the Facility; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5 of the Act, the Applicant, the City Assessor, and the
legislative body of each taxing unit that levies ad valorem property taxes in the City were given
notice of the hearing and were afforded an opportunity to be heard regarding the Application; and

WHEREAS, the real property improvements had not begun earlier than six (6) months before
January 30, 2025, the date of filing of the Application for the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption
Certificate; and

WHEREAS, completion of the improvements is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of
the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in
the City; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the City
after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the
City, plus the SEV of real property thus exempted; and

WHEREAS, the Application constitutes a new facility under the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 22 of the Act, the City has negotiated the terms of a proposed
Letter of Agreement with the Applicant, which has been signed by an authorized representative of
the Applicant. A copy of the proposed Letter of Agreement is attached as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the terms and conditions of the proposed Letter of

Agreement and has determined that it is in the best interests of the City and its residents to enter into the Letter of Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Ionia, Ionia County, Michigan, resolves as follows:

1. The Recitals set forth above are affirmed as accurate and adopted for all purposes at law.
2. The City Council finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Public Act 198 of 1974 and Public Act 255 of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the City or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit, which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City.
3. The Application in the amount of \$3,327,370 is hereby approved.
4. The Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force for a period of 12 years.
5. The City Council hereby approves the terms of the proposed Letter of Agreement in the form attached as Exhibit B, and made a part hereof, and does hereby authorize and direct the City Mayor to execute the same on behalf of the City.
6. Any and all resolutions that are in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Resolution full force and effect.

YEAS: Margot Cook, Brenda Cowling, Dawn Ketchum, Tim Lee, John Milewski, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Troy Waterman

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION 2025-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

(V.3.) Public Hearing to receive comments on Resolution 2025-05, a resolution authorizing the submission of a \$400,000 grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund grant program for improvements to McConnell Park

Mayor Milewski opened the public hearing for comments on Resolution 2025-05 to authorize the submission of a grant application and pledge matching funds for McConnell Park at 6:39 PM.

City Manager Precia Garland and Tiffany Smith the City's consultant for this project from MCSA Group, Inc., presented the concept plan and Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application for McConnell Park with grant and local match cost sharing anticipated as follows:

Grant Program	Grant Request (%)	Local Match (%)	Total Project Cost
MNRTF	\$400,000 (45%)	\$492,035 (55%)	\$892,035

Ms. Smith answered Councilmember's questions about the project. Mayor Milewski closed the public hearing at 6:48 PM.

Councilmember Winters made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Millard, to approve

Resolution 2025-05 authorizing grant application submission to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund program and pledging a 55% match of \$492,035 for McConnell Park.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Margot Cook, Brenda Cowling, Dawn Ketchum, Tim Lee, John Milewski, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Troy Waterman

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 2025-05



**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IONIA
AUTHORIZING THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT AN
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES
TRUST FUND GRANT PROGRAM TO FINANCE IMPROVEMENTS TO
MCCONNELL PARK**

At a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Ionia held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, the following Resolution was offered by Councilmember Winters, seconded by Councilmember Millard:

WHEREAS, McConnell Park is a popular neighborhood park located on E. Washington Street which has served residents of the City of Ionia for more than 30-years. Due to its age and frequent use, the park facilities are reaching the end of their useful life and improvements are needed to various components some of which include: playground equipment, drinking fountain, and picnic shelter; and,

WHEREAS, the application and intended improvements are supported by the City's approved Five-year Community Parks and Recreation Plan (2024-2029) and included in the City's Capital Improvement Plan, currently scheduled for improvement during the 2026-2027 fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to avail itself of the funding available through the Michigan Department of Natural Resource's Trust Fund Grant program to assist in funding improvements to McConnell Park; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held for the proposed project on March 5, 2025, at Ionia City Hall, following publication of a notice in the Daily News newspaper and on the City of Ionia website, and no written or oral comments were received regarding the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ionia City Council hereby:

1. Authorizes the Parks and Recreation Director to submit an application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust

Fund (MNRTF) Grant program to finance improvements to McConnell Park, including playground equipment, drinking fountain, picnic shelter, and pathways and benches throughout the area for universal access, with said grant request totaling \$400,000 from the MNRTF, which is 45% of the estimated total project cost of \$892,035.

2. Upon receiving notification that the grant has been awarded, agrees to allocate at least \$492,035 from the City's budget to act as a match for the grant to complete the improvements to McConnell Park;
3. Agrees to complete the improvements to McConnell Park in a manner consistent with Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant guidelines.

AYES: Margot Cook, Brenda Cowling, Dawn Ketchum, Tim Lee, John Milewski, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Troy Waterman

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION 2025-05 DECLARED ADOPTED.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

(VI.1.) 2024 State of the City Presentation

Mayor John Milewski reviewed the highlights from the past year during the annual State of the City Presentation.

(VI.2.) City of Ionia DDA Annual Report

Councilmember Cowling made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Millard, to accept the 2024 Annual Ionia Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Report provided by DDA Director Cassie Rice.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

(VI.3.) Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) - Public Engagement Annual Report

Councilmember Lee made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Millard, to accept the 2024 Annual Redevelopment Ready Communities Public Engagement Report provided by City Manager Garland.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

(VI.4.) Local Officers Compensation Commission (LOCC) - Salary Determination

City Manager Garland presented the Local Officers Compensation Commission's determination as filed with the City Clerk from the Commission's February 20, 2025, meeting. The following determination was made for the salaries of City of Ionia elected officials with an effective date of April 1, 2025:

Position	Salary
City Council Member	\$125 per meeting
Mayor	\$2,100 per year (\$175 per month) plus \$125 per meeting

In accordance with Chapter 280: Local Officers Compensation Commission (LOCC), no action

was required by City Council on the determination.

(VI.5.) Recognition of Ionia Community Library Foundation (ICLF) as a Nonprofit Organization

Councilmember Millard made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cowling, to approve Resolution 2025-06, a resolution to recognize a nonprofit organization (Ionia Community Library Foundation) operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Margot Cook, Brenda Cowling, Dawn Ketchum, Tim Lee, John Milewski, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Troy Waterman

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 2025-06



**A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
OPERATING IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING
CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSES**

The following Resolution was offered for adoption by City Council Member Millard and was supported by City Council Member Cowling:

WHEREAS, the City of Ionia received a request from the Ionia Community Library Foundation (ICLF) requesting recognition as a nonprofit organization operating in the Ionia community; and

WHEREAS, this recognition is required by the Bureau of State Lottery of the State of Michigan for purposes of obtaining future charitable gaming licenses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ionia has received proof of the ICLF's 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax exempt status by its local Ionia representative; and

WHEREAS, the ICLF regularly conducts fundraising activities throughout the greater Ionia community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Ionia hereby recognizes Ionia Community Library Foundation, of the city of Ionia and county of Ionia, as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses.

AYES: Margot Cook, Brenda Cowling, Dawn Ketchum, Tim Lee, John Milewski, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Troy Waterman

NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION 2025-06 DECLARED ADOPTED.

VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

(VII.1.) Introduction and First Reading - Ordinance No. 593 - Rezoning of 848 & 850 E. Lincoln Ave. from B-1 Neighborhood Business District to HDR High-Density Residential District

Since 1979, Relief After Violent Encounter (RAVE), a 501C (3) nonprofit agency, has been serving Ionia and Montcalm counties with a variety of services including a crisis and support hotline, support groups, counseling, advocacy, and an emergency shelter to protect women and children from abusive living situations. A review of the property's zoning discovered the current use to be a legal nonconformity, which cannot be expanded in accordance with Section 1278.03 of the Zoning Code. RAVE's properties at 848 and 850 E. Lincoln Avenue are zoned B-1, Neighborhood Business District. The facility meets the definition of "Transitional Housing." This use is not permitted in the B-1 District, but it is allowed as a special land use in the Low, Medium, or High-Density Residential Districts. In order to remedy the existing nonconforming status and enable the expanded use, RAVE is requesting that 848 and 850 E. Lincoln Avenue be rezoned from B-1, Neighborhood Business District to HDR, High-Density Residential District.

Councilmember Winters made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Starr, to introduce and conduct a first reading of Ordinance No. 593, an ordinance to rezone parcels 34-204-017-000-010-00 (848 E. Lincoln Avenue) and 34-204-017-000-011-00 (850 E. Lincoln Avenue) from the B-1 Neighborhood Business District as identified in Chapter 1256 to the HDR High-Density Residential District as identified in Chapter 1252; and to include the parcels with noted rezoning on the Zoning Map identified in Section 1246.02 Districts Generally and Zoning Map District Boundaries of Chapter 1256 - Title Six - Zoning of Part Twelve - Planning and Zoning Code of the City of Ionia Codified Ordinances. The motion also scheduled a Public Hearing regarding the proposed ordinance for 6:30 PM, Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at Ionia City Hall.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**CITY OF IONIA
IONIA COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Ordinance No. 593**

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PARCEL 34-204-017-000-010-00 (848 E. LINCOLN AVENUE) AND 34-204-017-000-011-00 (850 E. LINCOLN AVENUE) FROM THE B-1 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT AS IDENTIFIED IN CHAPTER 1256 TO THE HDR HIGH-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AS IDENTIFIED IN CHAPTER 1252; AND THE INCLUSION OF THE PARCELS AS DEFINED ON THE ZONING MAP IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 1246.02 DISTRICTS GENERALLY AND ZONING MAP DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF CHAPTER 1246 - TITLE SIX – ZONING OF PART TWELVE – PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF SAID CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF IONIA

THE CITY OF IONIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section One: Rezoning of Property

That the following described parcels are hereby rezoned from the B-1, Neighborhood Business Zoning District, to the HDR, High-Density Residential Zoning District:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Parcel ID Number</u>
848 E. Lincoln Avenue	34-204-017-000-010-00
850 E. Lincoln Avenue	34-204-017-000-011-00

Section Two: Amendment of Zoning Map

That the official Zoning Map of the City of Ionia, Michigan, referenced in Part Twelve, Title Six, Section 1246.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Ionia, shall be amended upon the effective date of this Ordinance to reflect the rezoning of the parcels set forth in Section 1, above.

Section Three: Publication and Effective Date

The City Clerk shall cause a notice of adoption of this ordinance to be published. This ordinance shall take effect seven (7) days after it, or a summary thereof as permitted by law, along with the date of its adoption, is published in the *Daily News*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, unless otherwise provided by law.

Section Four: Repealer

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

(VII.2.) City of Ionia Personnel Policy Manual Update

City Manager Garland presented updates to the City of Ionia Personnel Policy Manual to address changes required by the Employee Sick Time Act (ESTA) which took effect in the state of Michigan on February 21, 2025. The City of Ionia is an employer subject to ESTA and, as a result, changes were necessary to the city's Personnel Policy Manual to achieve compliance with the new law. Additional changes were recommended to two sections of the policy regarding employee benefits related to the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk position.

Councilmember Cowling made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Millard, to approve the changes to the City of Ionia Personnel Policy Manual as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Margot Cook, Brenda Cowling, Dawn Ketchum, Tim Lee, John Milewski, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Troy Waterman

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

MOTION CARRIED

(VII.3.) 2025 Streets Resurfacing Project

Funds were included in the FY24-25 budget to initiate resurfacing of sections of three city streets and one alley as part of the City's annual street improvements project. Fishbeck, the City's contracted engineering firm, conducted a review of all five bids and indicated that each was complete. It was recommended that the City consider awarding the low bid from Michigan Paving of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$398,855.

Councilmember Winters made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ketchum, to approve the low bid of \$398,855 from Michigan Paving of Grand Rapids, Michigan to complete the 2025 Streets Resurfacing Project. Based on timing, some funds for this project were appropriated in the current fiscal year budget, while the balance will be included in the upcoming FY25-26 budget, in accounts 202-463.000-801.000 for Union Street and 203-463.000-801.000 for the project remainder.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Margot Cook, Brenda Cowling, Dawn Ketchum, Tim Lee, John Milewski, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Troy Waterman

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

MOTION CARRIED

(VII.4.) Coordination of Service Plan and Transit Development Plan

Ionia Dial-A-Ride was awarded \$75,000 in grant funding through the Section 5304 Metropolitan Transportation Planning and State and Non-Metropolitan Planning and Research Program to allow IDART to hire a consultant to gather community input and create a Coordination of Service (COS) Plan and Transit Development Plan (TDP). The goal of the project is to conduct a Coordination/Countywide Feasibility study to determine if coordination among the current transportation providers in the county is possible, and/or if there is a community desire for countywide transportation to meet the gaps in mobility in the area. As part of the project, IDART issued a Request for Proposals (RFP), soliciting professional service providers with applicable expertise. The scope of work requested included providing a current profile of IDART services and ridership, extensive community engagement, development of recommended options and strategies, and preparation and presentation of the Plans. IDART received seven (7) responsive proposals that were evaluated by a selection committee.

Councilmember Winters made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Starr, to approve the proposal from KFH Group, Inc for \$74,951. Funds for this purchase will be budgeted in 588-570.000-807.700, reflecting 80% Federal and 20% State grant funding.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Margot Cook, Brenda Cowling, Dawn Ketchum, Tim Lee, John Milewski, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Troy Waterman

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. APPOINTMENTS

None.

IX. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM BOARDS AND

COMMISSIONS

(IX.1.) Accounts Payable

March 6 - Councilmember Ketchum and/or Councilmember Waterman

March 20 - Councilmember Millard and/or Councilmember Cowling

(IX.2.) February Reports & Minutes

Written department reports and minutes from various City boards and commissions were provided to Council.

X. GOOD OF THE ORDER/ CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

City Clerk Jonathan Bowman: Thanked Council for the warm welcome.

City Manager Precia Garland: Informed everyone of an upcoming pancake breakfast fundraiser on March 15 at the Ionia High School to support the Ionia Department of Public Safety.

Margot Cook: Welcomed Jonathan as City Clerk.

Tom Millard: Looking forward to upcoming spring and summer downtown events such as the annual Car Show which he will be coordinating street closures for with DDA Director Rice.

Rich Starr: Welcomed Jonathan.

Jeff Winters: Seconded other's comments on welcoming Jonathan as Clerk.

Troy Waterman: (1) Welcomed Jonathan to his new position; (2) Announced a Senior Lock-In Fundraiser at the Moose on March 16 with music and an auction.

Brenda Cowling: Informed everyone of another free movie at the Ionia Theatre sponsored by local businesses on March 17 showing Raiders of the Lost Ark.

Mayor John Milewski: (1) Thanked all of Council for their time spent at the Capital Improvement Plan and State of the City meeting. (2) Highlighted that March 1 marked City Manager Garland's 4-year anniversary with the City. He noted that he is working to coordinate the City Manager's annual performance review.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Cook made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cowling, to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan T. Bowman
Ionia City Clerk