

**PRE-COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 4, 2021**

Mayor Patricia Randall called the meeting to order at 08:00 AM. The meeting was held in a partially virtual format as permitted by PA 228, in accordance with December 2020 Kalamazoo County Emergency Declaration. Mayor Patricia M. Randall and Councilmember Vic Ledbetter were present. All members joined from Portage, Michigan. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Pearson and Councilmembers Chris Burns, Lori Knapp, Claudette Reid, and Terry Urban were absent with excuse. Also in attendance were Acting City Manager Adam Herringa, Deputy City Manager Mike Carroll, and City Clerk Erica Eklov. Citizen Lisa Brayton also attended.

With regard to the Proclamation, Mayor Randall inquired as to who would be reading the document. Clerk Eklov responded that the representatives from the Kalamazoo Youth Development Network had yet to confirm attendance at the meeting. Mayor Randall asked Councilmember Ledbetter to prepare to read the Proclamation if needed. Councilmember Ledbetter confirmed.

With regard to Item A.5, Department of Public Works performing Spring Cleanup Program, Mayor Randall noted the questions e-mailed by Councilmember Burns before the meeting including a request for clarification regarding the pay rate. Acting City Manager Herringa confirmed that he would include responses to Councilmember Burns' questions in his regular Pre-Council Meeting follow-up e-mail.

With regard to Item A.7, Property Acquisition (9112 South Westnedge Avenue), Mayor Randall noted the amount of marshland illustrated on the map provided and inquired whether the city would encounter issues constructing the desired archery field. Acting City Manager Herringa confirmed that Parks and Recreation Director Kathleen Hoyle and Discover Kalamazoo had planned a course with the wetlands in mind.

With regard to Item D.1, Stryker Corporation Tax Abatement Public Hearing, Mayor Randall inquired whether a representative of Stryker would be present at the Regular Meeting. City Clerk Eklov confirmed.

With regard to Item E.1, Board & Commission Appointments, Mayor Randall inquired whether the applicants would be attending in person. Clerk Eklov confirmed all applicants would be attending in person.

PETITIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Following a summary of the meeting, Mayor Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:06 AM.

Erica L. Eklov, City Clerk