The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blease at 7:00 PM. Council Member Cate gave the invocation. Mayor Blease led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Council Members Present: Scott Blease, Tim O’Donnell, Richard Carlson, Jerry Sias, William Cate, Deborah Murdoch.

Council Members Absent: William Montgomery

Also present: City Manager Bessinger, City Clerk Wagenmaker, and 9 citizens.

22-126 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Carlson, to excuse Council Member Montgomery. The motion passed unanimously.

22-127 Moved by Council Member Cate, seconded by Council Member O’Donnell, to strike item 7.f. from the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

22-128 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Carlson, to approve the July 18, 2022, City Council meeting minutes as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

22-130 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Carlson, to table the claim for vehicle compensation for Todd Madison and refer the matter to the City’s attorney. Roll call vote: 2 yeas (Carlson and O’Donnell), 4 nays, motion failed.

22-131 Moved by Council Member Sias, seconded by Council Member Cate, to approve a claim by Todd Madison for vehicle compensation in the amount of $3,919. Roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion passed unanimously.

22-132 Moved by Council Member Sias, seconded by Council Member Carlson, to not approve an Agreement between ARM Consulting Services, LLC, and the City of Ferrysburg. The motion passed unanimously.

22-133 Moved by Council Member Sias, seconded by Council Member Cate, to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a .2000 mill Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA) proposal to the voters on the November 8, 2022, ballot. The motion passed unanimously.

22-134 Merita Fowler-Bierman introduced herself as a candidate for the City Clerk/Treasurer position and answered questions from Council Members.

22-135 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Carlson, to confirm the City Manager’s appointment of Merita Fowler-Bierman as City Clerk/Treasurer, effective
August 8, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

22-136 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Cate, to waive the residency requirement for City Clerk/Treasurer Merita Fowler-Bierman. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager, the City Council Members, and the Mayor reported on several current items.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Scott Blease      Jessie Wagenmaker
Mayor            City Clerk