FERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023
7:00 P.M

FERRYSBURG CITY HALL
17520 RIDGE AVENUE, FERRYSBURG, MI 49409

1. Call to Order: Mayor Blease

2. Roll Call: Blease, O’Donnell, Carlson, Montgomery, Sias, Murdoch, Cate

3. Invocation by Council Member Cate

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Public Comments:

This time on the agenda is for any citizen to direct brief comments or questions to the City Council. Time for public comments will be given when an agenda item is discussed. If you have a comment or question, please raise your hand to be recognized by the Mayor, and after being recognized by the Mayor, please give your name, and address for the record, and proceed with your comment or question. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes.
6. Consideration for Approval of Consent Agenda:
   a. Approve the April 17, 2023, City Council meeting minutes as printed.

7. New Business:
   a. Discussion, and to take action if appropriate, to approve a bid from Wolf Kubota for $20,016.00 for new riding lawnmower with bagger.
   b. Discussion, and to take action if appropriate, to waive Personnel Manual Section 2.5 C) Nepotism, to hire for seasonal help a relative of an employee who works in the same department.
   c. Discussion, and to take action if appropriate, to approve up to $2,000.00 for three (3) family nights at Wm. Ferry Park.
   d. Introduction of Ordinance No. 327, and ordinance to regulate miscellaneous offenses.
   e. Work Session: Solicitation Ordinance.
   g. Work Session: Proposed 2023-2024 City Budget

8. Public Comments:

9. Reports: City Manager

   City Council Members

   Mayor

10. Adjournment
CITY OF FERRYSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 17, 2023

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.


Absent: None

Also present: City Manager Bessinger, and 1 citizen.

23-054 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Sias, to approve the April 3, 2023, City Council minutes with a correction to section 23-051 stating the motion passed unanimously. The motion passed unanimously.

23-055 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Sias, to approve a bid from Strain Electric for $2,995.00 for new parking lot lights at Ferrysburg City Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

23-056 Moved by Council Member Montgomery, seconded by Council Member Murdoch, to approve advertising for applicants to the Community Energy Plan Task Force Steering Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

23-057 Ordinance No. 327, an ordinance to regulate vehicles passing bicyclists was introduced on first reading. The Council’s consensus was to not move forward with the ordinance.

23-058 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Carlson, to adopt a Resolution Regarding Pension Assistance. The motion passed unanimously.

23-059 Moved by Council Member Carlson, seconded by Council Member Montgomery, to schedule a work session as a regular agenda item on May 1, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

23-060 Moved by Council Member Montgomery, seconded by Council Member Sias, to adjourn to a closed session at 7:36 p.m. to consider the purchase or lease of real property prior to obtaining an option to purchase. Roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion passed.

23-061 Moved by Council Member Montgomery, seconded by Council Member Sias, to reconvene in open session at 8:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

23-062 Moved by Council Member Montgomery, seconded by Council Member Murdoch, to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a proposal for City Council consideration. The motion passed unanimously.
The City Manager, the City Council Members, and the Mayor, reported on several current items

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Scott Blease               Amber Schaner
Mayor                     City Clerk
April 14th, 2023

TO: Craig Bessinger (City Manager)

FROM: Matthew Schindlbeck (Public Services Supervisor)

RE: 2023 eXmark 72” Zero Turn Mower

Introduction:
Please consider the information and the attached quote as a request for approval to purchase a 2023 eXmark 72” zero turn mower with bagger system for the Public Services Department.

Background:
The new mower will be used in all the city parks, road shoulders and city hall grounds. It will also be used during spring and fall to pick up leaves, pine needles and other forms of yard waste, and in the summer to mow the above-mentioned locations on a weekly basis from April-November weather permitting. The 2014 John Deere mower has 1,644 hours of operation. There has been an issue with this mower burning oil and not cutting even. We have had it in the shop to repair on numerous occasions to fix the oil issue. John Deere repair staff and the Public Services Department have not been able to identify and fix the problem.

Recommendation:
We currently own and operate a 2018 eXmark 72” zero turn mower with a bagger system. This mower leaves an incredibly clean cut, and we have had zero mechanical issues in 4.5 years of use. The Public Services Department recommends City Council approve the purchase of a 2023 eXmark 72” zero turn mower from Wolf Kubota for $20,016.00. Wolf Kubota is a partner of OMNIA formerly known as Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing organization that competitively solicits local government contracts from domestic and worldwide suppliers.

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c: Amber Schaner, City Clerk
## Equipment Quote

**Prepared For**
Matt Schindlebeck  
City of Ferrysburg  
Ferrysburg, MI  
mschindlebeck@ferrysburg.org  
616-638-6630

**Prepared By**
Jay Gabbard  
Wolf Kubota (#3205531)  
430 100th St SW  
Byron Center, MI 49315  
(616) 877-0800  
scott@wolfkubota.com

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**Equipment Total** $20,016.00  
**Sales Tax** (0.000%) $0.00  
**Total Savings Amount** ($6,748.00)  
**Total** $20,016.00

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**Notes**  
BASED ON SOURCEWELL PRICING, NOW CALLED OMNIA  

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*Due to the volatile commodity market, pricing is subject to change and is not final until product delivery by your local dealer. Prices shown are in USD.
April 18th, 2023

TO: Craig Bessinger (City Manager)

FROM: Matthew Schindlbeck (Public Services Supervisor)

RE: Nepotism Waiver

I am requesting that City Council waive the nepotism rule for Tyler Bradtmueller. Tyler is the grandson of Lynn Bradtmueller who has been employed by the city since 2018. Tyler is a young charismatic, hard working young man who potentially wants a long-term career in Public Works.

Tyler would start as a seasonal employee who would mow grass, edge sidewalks, weed whip, blow leaves, chip brush, trim trees, operate medium size tractors etc. The thought is having Lynn work with him this summer, train and show him all the ins and outs of his job, with the potential for Tyler to be hired as a full-time Public Works Technician. Lynn has been an outstanding employee for the city, he is very thorough, meticulous, and hard working. Lynn is convinced without a doubt (as am I) that Tyler possesses the same character traits and would be a valuable asset to the City of Ferrysburg.

Under my Supervision he will be held to the same code of ethics, performance expectations regardless of his relation to Lynn. I will show no preferential treatment, and or favoritism during his employment. Therefore, we strongly encourage City Council to waive the nepotism rule and hire Tyler Bradtmueller July 9,th 2023.

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Matthew Schindlbeck

C: Amber Schaner, City Clerk
G. These procedures shall be construed to: 1) protect the substantive rights of interested persons, 2) meet appropriate due process standards, and 3) comply with the ADA and implementing regulations.

2.3 NONDISCRIMINATION

The City of Ferrysburg shall for employment afford equal treatment and service to all citizens and shall assure that all applicants for employment are afforded equal employment opportunity without regard to race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, marital status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability unless such disability effectively prevents the performance of essential duties required by the position and which are bonafide occupational qualifications and which cannot be accommodated without undue hardship. The City shall operate within the principles of equal employment opportunity set forth in federal, state and local laws and regulations.

All activities relating to employment including recruitment, testing, selection, promotion, training, and termination shall be conducted in a nondiscriminatory manner.

The City of Ferrysburg will cooperate fully with all organizations and commissions organized to promote fair practices and equal employment opportunity.

2.4 POLYGRAPH PROTECTION ACT

Federal, State and Local governments are not affected by the law.

2.5 NEPOTISM

It is the City’s policy that an applicant shall not be employed by the City where any of the following circumstances occur:

A. The applicant has a personal relationship with an elected City official.

B. The applicant has a personal relationship with another City employee and one of the individuals would have the authority to supervise, appoint, remove, discipline or evaluate the other.

C. The applicant has a personal relationship with another City employee working in the same department.

D. The applicant has a personal relationship with another City employee and the employment of the applicant would result in the potential or appearance of a breach of confidentiality, conflict of interest or other impropriety resulting from the personal relationship.

As used in this section, the term personal relationship refers to a relationship with a spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew, including an in-law or step relationship of any of these types.

The policy in this section shall not apply to any current City employee who already has a personal relationship with another City employee or City elected official.
April 26, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Craig Bessinger, City Manager

RE: Wm. Ferry Park Events

The Recreation Commission has been discussing hosting events at Wm. Ferry Park. Possibly a band and food truck, and other. Dates and times have not been finalized.

To better help plan, the Recreation Commission is requesting authorization of up to $2,000 for the Commissioners to use for three (3) events during the summer at Wm. Ferry Park.

c: Amber Schaner, City Clerk
April 26, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Craig Bessinger, City Manager

RE: Draft Ordinance no. 327

There have been a couple of incidents recently where a person has urinated in public. The Sheriff’s Department reviewed this with the Prosecutor Attorney’s Office and no charges were filed as no genitals were viewed.

The City has the ability to prohibit urinating in public via an ordinance. The attached draft ordinance is based on the City of Grand Haven’s ordinance.

c: Amber Schaner, City Clerk
CITY OF FERRYSBURG

Ordinance No. 327

An Ordinance to amend the City Code by amending Chapter 91, Nuisances, adding Section 91.06, an ordinance to regulate miscellaneous offenses in the City.

THE CITY OF FERRYSBURG ORDAINS:

Section 1. Chapter 91, Nuisances, is hereby amended by adding Section 91.06 Miscellaneous Offenses, to read:

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

(1) Engage in any window peeping

(2) Swim or bathe in the nude in any public place or on private property without the specific permission of the owner.

(3) Expectorate, urinate, defecate or perform any other act which creates a hazardous, unsanitary, or deleterious condition in any public place or upon the property of any other person. This subsection shall not apply to the property use of public or private restroom facilities.

Section 2    EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance was approved and adopted by the City Council on the ___ day of _______, 2023, and shall take effect upon publication in the Grand Haven Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Ferrysburg.

CITY OF FERRYSBURG

Scott Blease, Mayor

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Amber Schaper, City Clerk
October 8, 2020

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Craig Bessinger, City Manager

RE: Solicitation

At the Monday, October 5 City Council meeting, there was discussion regarding solicitation taking place at the entrance to Leppinks Plaza.

At the US-31 northbound exit ramp to Third Street, west side, there has been solicitation taking place as well.

Attached are ordinances from other communities which regarding solicitation. The City of Norton Shores, City of Kentwood, Grandville, Wyoming, Hudsonville, Grand Haven, and Zeeland have the same ordinance.

Also attached is the ordinance from the City of Holland.

None of these ordinances would prohibit solicitation at the entrance into Leppinks.

c: Debbie Wierenga, City Clerk
other instruments or implements or empty gelatin capsules are used, sold, dispensed, furnished, given away, stored or kept illegitimately.

(Code 1975, § 11-13; Ord. No. 197, §§ 1—5, 6-20-1974)

Sec. 22-161. - Begging and soliciting.

(a) The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings provided in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Accosting means approaching or speaking to a person in such a manner as would cause a reasonable person to fear imminent bodily harm or the commission of a criminal act upon his person, or upon property in his immediate possession.

Ask, beg or solicit mean and include, without limitation, the spoken, written or printed word or such other acts as are conducted in furtherance of the purpose of obtaining donations.

Charitable or civic organization means a nonprofit organization that is qualified under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 501, or a veterans' organization that has tax-exempt status under the internal revenue code, which is located in or has a local chapter in the County of Muskegon.

Daylight hours means the time period beginning one (1) hour after sunrise and ending one (1) hour before sunset.

Forcing oneself upon the company of another means continuing to ask, beg or solicit from a person after that person has made a negative response, blocking the passage of the individual addressed, or otherwise engaging in conduct which could reasonably be construed as intended to compel or force a person to accede to demands.

Solictor means a person who solicits on behalf of a charitable or civic organization.

(b) Unless otherwise authorized by chapter 32, or by subsection (d) of this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to solicit money or other things of value:

1. On private property if the owner, tenant or lawful occupant has asked the person not to solicit on the property or has posted a sign clearly indicating that solicitations are not welcome on the property;
2. Within 15 feet of the entrance to or exit from any public toilet facility;
3. Within 15 feet of an automated teller machine, provided that when an automated teller machine is located within an automated teller machine facility, such distance shall be measured from the entrance or exit of the automated teller machine facility;
4. Within 15 feet of any pay telephone, provided that when a pay telephone is located within a telephone booth or other facility, such distance shall be measured from the entrance or exit of the telephone booth or facility;
5. Within any public transportation vehicle, or within 15 feet of any bus stop, taxi stand or rapid transit stop;
6. From any occupant of a motor vehicle that is in traffic on a public street; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to services rendered in connection with emergency repairs requested by the owner or passengers of such vehicle;
7. From any person who is waiting in line for entry to any building, public or private, including, but not limited to, any residence, business or athletic facility; or
8. Within 15 feet of the entrance or exit from a building, public or private, including, but not limited to, any residence, business or athletic facility.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit money or other things of value by:

1. Accosting another; or
2. Forcing oneself upon the company of another.

(d) The prohibition in subsection (b)(6) does not apply to a person who is soliciting contributions on behalf of a charitable or civic organization during daylight hours, if all of the following are satisfied:

1. The charitable or civic organization complies with applicable local government regulations set forth at subsections (e) through (g) of this section.
2. The person is 18 years of age or older.
3. The person is wearing high-visibility safety apparel that meets current American standards promulgated by the International
Chapter 31. Solicitations

Sec. 31-1. "Solicit" defined.

[Code 1955, § 3-5.1.] For the purposes of this chapter, the term "solicit" shall have its commonly accepted meaning and shall include oral and written requests and shall apply to direct and indirect solicitation.

Sec. 31-2. License—required; exceptions.

[Code 1955, § 3-5.2.] No person shall solicit any funds or assistance for any purposes other than those prohibited by Section 31-6, unless such person shall have first obtained a license to do so; provided, that the prohibition herein contained shall not apply to the solicitation of funds or contributions by representatives of an organization from its own members.

Sec. 31-3. Same—Applications generally; standards for granting license; applicability of Chapter 17.

[Code 1955, § 3-5.2.]
(a) To whom application made; form. Each application for a license to solicit within the City shall be made to the City Clerk, on forms provided by him.

(b) Applications from national, state, City, etc., organizations. In the case of national, state, regional and City organizations which propose to solicit on an organized basis, the application for a license to solicit shall be made by the promoter or other person or agent designated by such organization, who shall file with the City Clerk proof of his appointment or designation as the promoter or agent of such organization for the purpose of soliciting in the City.

(c) Submission of applications to Council; standards for granting license. Applications for licenses to solicit upon the streets or other public places of the City shall be submitted by the City Clerk to the Council not later than its next regular meeting. The Council shall grant any such license upon a showing in the application filed that the proposed solicitation is for a religious, charitable, philanthropic, health, benevolent, educational or cultural purpose, that not more than 15% of the gross amount to be collected under the provisions of the license applied for will be paid to or retained by the collector thereof or will be paid to defray the cost of collection, and that the object of, or the conduct of, the solicitation will not be a fraud upon the public.

(d) Soliciting on private premises. In each case of an application for a license to solicit upon private premises within the City, the City Clerk shall grant a license to solicit upon the same showing as is set forth for the granting of a license by the Council.

(e) Applicability of Chapter 17. The application for, granting of, expiration of and the suspension and revocation of licenses to solicit shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 17.

Sec. 31-4. Same—Contents of application.

[Code 1955, § 3-5.3.] The application forms provided by the City Clerk under the provisions of this chapter shall be designed to show, among other things, the identity of the person or organization making application for a license to solicit, the purpose or object to which funds collected by the solicitation will be devoted, the name of the local person in charge of or responsible for the solicitation on behalf of an organization, the amount which will be retained by or paid to such person and his subordinate collectors out of any funds collected by the solicitation, and the percentage of all funds collected which will be used or are estimated to be used to defray the cost of solicitation and collection. The City Clerk may also require of any applicant such other information as he deems pertinent for the purpose of determining the bona fide nature of the application and the object or purpose for which the proposed solicitation is intended. Such additional information may include financial statements.
Sec. 31-5. Identification of solicitors.

[Code 1955, § 3-5.4.]
Each individual licensee under the provisions of this chapter and each person charge of or responsible for solicitation on behalf of an organization, under the requirements of Section 31-2, shall be identified by the license issued to him. Each such person shall furnish to his subordinate solicitors adequate identification to be approved by the City Clerk. No person shall solicit without such identification, nor shall any solicitor fail to show his identification upon request by any police officer or any person from whom solicitation is made.

Sec. 31-6. Soliciting funds, alms, etc., for personal use prohibited; soliciting during Tulip Time week prohibited.

[Code 1955, § 3-5.1; Ord. No. 799.]
No person shall solicit funds, alms, aid, assistance or support for himself nor shall a license be issued to solicit funds during the week of the annual Tulip Time Festival held each year during the month of May.
2021-22 Economic Development Task Force Report

December 7, 2022

Mission Statement: The EDTF will analyze Ferrysburg’s current economic development. Through an exploration of alternative ways to promote further development congruent with the City’s Master Plan, the EDTF will make recommendations to City Council where appropriate.

Members: John Reifen, Chairperson
Roger Jonas, Vice Chairperson
Travis Andrews
Scott Blease
Elizabeth Butler
Alec Magaluk
Jerry Sias
Planning Commission
Planning Commission
Representative at Large
Ferrysburg Mayor
The Chamber of Commerce
Representative at Large
Ferrysburg Councilperson

Note: After all appointments were made by City Council the first meeting was held on July 14, 2021 and for the remainder of that year Mayor Rebecca Hopp and Councilperson Bill Cate served on the EDTF. City Manager Craig Bessinger served as Recorder for EDTF meetings.

Activities

At its regular monthly and additional special meetings, the EDTF did the following:

- Developed a Mission Statement
- Reviewed recommendations from the 2005 EDTF and what has been accomplished
- Reviewed status of plans for new fixed span bridge to replace US-31 drawbridge and of new Smith Bayou bridge
- Ferrysburg authorized a Brownfield Redevelopment Finance Authority in 2008. Volunteer Roman Wilson of Fishbeck tutored the Task Force on how brownfield programs work
- Sent information to all business owners in Ferrysburg about state sanctioned programs to help businesses ((Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Industrial Property Tax Abatement (PA of 1974, as amended), Commercial Rehabilitation Act (PA 210 of 2005), and Brownfield Redevelopment opportunities)) and invited them to a Public Forum / Information Session about the programs on October 20, 2021. Also, included a questionnaire (with return postage) asking what Ferrysburg could do better to assist their businesses
- Held a Public Forum / Information Session about the various programs designed to help businesses on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 7 p.m. Roman Wilson from Fishbeck
explained Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities while Elizabeth Butler, Task Force member and Director of Economic Development Strategic Directions of The Chamber of Commerce, explained the remaining programs

- Held detailed discussions about the Pine Street, Van Wagoner, and 174th Avenue corridors
- Held detailed discussions about how Ferrysburg can make a favorable impression to the growing number of visitors to the new Ottawa Sands County Park
- Held detailed discussions about designating and developing a clearly identifiable downtown
- On Friday, June 17 held a walking tour with Pine Street corridor business owners mobilized by Elizabeth Butler
- On Friday, August 19 held a walking tour with Service District business owners mobilized by Elizabeth Butler
- Held joint meeting on October 19, 2022 with the Ferrysburg Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Roman Wilson of Fishbeck provided guidance on how economic synergy could be generated by replacing the current BRA with a new body that has both BRA and economic development responsibilities. EDTF and BRA members agreed that this should be one of the EDTF’s recommendations.

**Economic Overview**

Population growth is the best measure of a city’s economic health. Ferrysburg’s population grew 6.57% between 2010 and 2020 and this is comparable to Grand Haven’s 5.75% and Spring Lake’s 6.84% growth rates. The good news is that increasing numbers of households want to live here. Business community feedback from our multiple outreach efforts did not reveal major, pressing issues. So, before listing recommendations to City Council we would like to share thoughts on five specific areas of general interest: drawbridge replacement, downtown Ferrysburg, Johnston Boiler, Ottawa Sands County Park, and Zip code.

1. **Replacement of drawbridge with fixed span bridge**

   Michigan is currently investing a large amount of money to upgrade and improve the Bascule Bridge over the Grand River and five other structures nearby on US-31 / M-104. The state informs us that though there are plans to eventually replace the drawbridge with a fixed span bridge that will not happen for decades to come. It is important to know this as construction of a higher, fixed span bridge would greatly affect Ferrysburg and business investment decisions in the city.

2. **Where is downtown Ferrysburg?**

   Ferrysburg does not have a clearly defined downtown. Most would probably say that if we have a downtown, it is the Pine Street corridor. But, topography and state road restrictions combine to make that a challenging call. As Task Force member Andrews observed, urban planners would call Pine Street a “stroad” meaning it is a critical road for moving traffic quickly, while simultaneously trying to be a street with slow traffic, businesses and pedestrians, and
ultimately failing at both. Our Pine Street walk with business owners also revealed a deafening amount of noise on the section south of Third Street. Perhaps Pine Street north of Third Street and the Service District could collectively evolve into a “downtown,” but City Hall is not there and parking is limited. Alternatively, undeveloped property on 174th Avenue north of Dogwood would allow for a clean start to creating a downtown. This would require a zoning change for this stretch of 174th Avenue.

3. Johnston Boiler property

Johnston Boiler dates back to 1864 and has been an integral part of Ferrysburg’s economic development. Though it was built on the water for transportation needs, trucks now serve that purpose. The Johnston Boiler property constitutes Ferrysburg’s LI-3 zoning district. It has that special designation because the Planning Commission recognizes that its waterfront location is not the highest and best use for that parcel of land. Should Johnston Boiler ever decide to move the property would probably be converted to a waterfront amenity type use. The EDTF recognizes Johnston Boiler’s great citizenship over the years and is opposed to any effort to encourage Johnston Boiler to move.

4. Ottawa Sands County Park

As the park develops and the word spreads about this gem, growing numbers of visitors will come. Non-residents will reach the park from the north using Van Wagoner Road and 174th Avenue or from the south using Third Street and 174th Avenue. These trips to the park will give Ferrysburg an opportunity to positively impress non-residents with how great a place Ferrysburg is to live.

5. Zip Code

Interactions with the business community revealed a continuing desire by many for a single zip code for the entire city. This was one of the recommendations from the 2005 Economic Development Task Force. But, follow up at that time revealed that the U.S. Post Office did not support it. Those hoping for a single zip code do so even though it would mean that they would need to update their stationery, directory listings, etc.

**Recommendations to City Council for Economic Development**

1. Pursue the addition of wider sidewalks, a fishing platform, and a bike lane to the critical new Smith Bayou bridge that has been approved for MDOT funding. This should have immediate attention as MDOT may already have begun bridge design engineering.

2. Work with Grand Haven and Spring Lake Village to jointly select a preferred plan when MDOT begins planning for a replacement for the drawbridge over the Grand River.

3. Recommend to MDOT that Ferrysburg exit signs be placed on southbound US-31 before the two Ferrysburg exits.
4. To avoid projecting a depressed look on the south end of Pine Street, do all the city can to promote/encourage repurposing or replacing the vacant Pizza Hut and developing the undeveloped lots to the north.

5. Citywide periodically clean and remove vegetation from curbs and streets to make them visually attractive.

6. Work with MDOT to replace and maintain their fence along the US-31 right of way.

7. Recommend that Johnston Boiler, the oldest continuously operating business in Ferrysburg, and other historically significant places be brought into Ferrysburg’s identity with historical markers.

8. Encourage the Planning Commission to continue its efforts to promote economic development in the Core Commercial (CC) and Service (S) zoning districts by reduced setbacks, increased lot coverage, and mixed commercial/residential construction (allow residential on second floor of retail businesses).

9. To increase parking in the Core Commercial (CC) and Service (S) districts consider reconfiguring the traffic lanes on Pine Street north of 4th Street to Ridge Avenue so as to make the curb lane on the east side of Pine Street available for parking.

10. Revise the Zoning Ordinance to make signage options more business friendly.

11. Promote economic development on the currently undeveloped stretches of LI-2 and GC zoned property on Van Wagoner Street.

12. Promote economic development on undeveloped parcels on both sides of 174th Avenue. See the last two sentences in item #2 (Where is downtown Ferrysburg?) above.

13. The railroad crossing on Third Street should be frequently inspected and, if in need of repair, the city should promptly make the needed repairs.

14. Install helpful signage for visitors to travel to Ottawa Sands County Park and make certain that the approaches from the north (Van Wagoner and 174th Avenue) and from the south (Third Street and 174th Avenue) are well maintained so as to provide a favorable impression of Ferrysburg.

15. Now that the Zoning Ordinance has been updated to allow/encourage Electric Vehicle Charging Stations pursue policies that encourage their installation.

16. Replace the current Brownfield Redevelopment Authority with a newly constituted body that has both BRA and economic development responsibilities. This new body should be encouraged to work with the Chamber of Commerce to identify economic development possibilities. The new body would be small and would meet four times per year or as circumstances warrant.