FERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 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 4, 2023, City Council meeting minutes as printed.
   b. Adopt Criteria for Speed Calming Devices on City Streets.

7. New Business:
   a. Discussion, and to take action if appropriate, to approve a bid from Strain Electric for $2,995.00 for new parking lot lights at Ferrysburg City Hall.
   b. Discussion, and to take action if appropriate, appointments to the Community Energy Plan Task Force Steering Committee.
   c. Discussion, and to take action if appropriate, to adopt a Resolution Regarding Pension Assistance.
   d. Introduction of Ordinance No. 327, an ordinance, to regulate vehicles passing bicycles.
   e. Discussion, and to take action if appropriate, to schedule a work session as a regular agenda item on May 1, 2023.
   f. Consideration for adjournment to a closed session to consider the purchase or lease of real property prior to obtaining an option to purchase. *(Roll call vote)*
   g. Consideration for reconvening in open session.
   h. Discussion, and to take action if appropriate, to authorize/not authorize the City Manager to negotiate a proposal for City Council consideration.

8. Public Comments:

9. Reports:  City Manager

   City Council Members

   Mayor

10. Adjournment
CITY OF FERRYSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 3, 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.

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

Absent: William Montgomery

Also present: City Manager Bessinger, and 8 citizens.

23-049 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Cate, to excuse Council Member Montgomery. The motion passed unanimously.

23-050 Moved by Council Member Carlson, seconded by Council Member O’Donnell, to approve the March 20, 2022, City Council minutes as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

23-051 Moved by Council Member O’Donnell, seconded by Council Member Cate, to reject a bid from Gorno Ford for $89,467.00 for a 2024 Pickup Truck, equipped with a Service Box, Snowplow Equipment and a Crane.

23-052 The Council Members entered a work session to discuss North Shore Drive Speed Calming. The consensus of City Council was to install speed tables on North Shore Drive and North Shore Road at the proposed locations.

23-053 The Council Members entered a work session to discuss the Proposed 2023-2024 City Budget

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Blease
Mayor

Amber Schaner
City Clerk
April 12, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Craig Bessinger, City Manager

RE: Speed Calming Criteria

Below are recommended criteria to be used if the City receives a request for speed calming devices on a City Street.

2. Located on Public Act 51 designated streets.
3. The roadway segment is at least 1,000 feet long between traffic controls (stop sign or signal).
4. Must not be placed in front of driveways.
5. Must not be placed on curves.
6. Must not block road drainage.
7. The 85th percentile speed, as determined by documented speed survey exceeds the posted speed limit by at least 5 MPH.
8. City residents who may be impacted by speed calming devices receive a survey.
9. Survey returned rate of 60%.
10. Support rate of returned surveys of 67%.
11. No more than one speed calming area to be reviewed per calendar year.

c: Matt Schindlbeck, Public Services Supervisor
    Amber Schaner, City Clerk
April 12, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Craig Bessinger, City Manager

RE: City Hall Parking Lot Lighting

Currently there is one (1) parking lot light in the City Hall parking lot off of Ridge Avenue, on the west side. We have had an electrician look for wiring for lighting on the east side of the parking lot, however no power source is there. The attached quote is to supply power to the east side of the parking lot with an overhead line and install two poles and lights. Below is a picture of the steel pole Strain Electric offered to donate.

![Image of parking lot lighting](image-url)

c: Amber Schaner, City Clerk
Craig Bessinger

From: Matt Schindlbeck
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 12:11 PM
To: Craig Bessinger
Subject: RE: City Hall parking lot lighting

Craig,

This seems like a great idea and incredibly inexpensive. May I tell him to proceed?

Matt, per your request please see attached drawing of proposed layout for the new lights I am recommending for your parking lot, I have also attached a cut sheet of the proposed lights which are the same ones we just installed around our new parking lot at our new facility we just moved into, and after seeing the light output I am totally confident these will do a very nice job of lighting up your parking lot. These lights offer auto dimming feature so you or we can program them to come on at dusk and when they see no motion they will auto dim down to 20%-30%-40% of full light level until they see motion then they will go to full brightness for any preset amount of time, then they will return to your preset dim number or percentage, and turn off at Sunrise in the morning. Which means to you a considerable savings on your electric bill multiplied over many years, but more important whenever you have any functions at city Hall at night the parking lot will be properly lighted.
I have also attached a picture of the steel pole being a Ferrysburg resident I would like to donate to the project which should also last you for many years.
Once you have had a chance to look over the proposal let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to move forward with the project.

Thanks,

Todd Strain
todd@strainelectric.com
Strain Electric Co.
We hereby submit specifications and estimates for:

Matt, per your request Strain Electric Co would like to offer for your consideration Labor Equipment and Materials,

To install new lighting in City Hall parking lot this would include;

Remove existing Steel pole and install 4 new Anchors in your existing concrete foundation and install 1 new 35' steel Galvanized light pole with 6' light pole arm and 1 new Viper LED Luminaire with motion detection and auto dimming.

Remove existing 30' wood pole and install new 35' class 5 wood pole with back guy and anchor and 10' light pole arm and Viper LED Luminaire with motion detection and auto dimming features, we will also install new aluminum triplex wire to feed the new steel pole on the east side of the parking lot.

We Propose hereby to furnish material and labor — complete in accordance with above specifications, for the sum of:

Within 15 days of Completion dollars ($ 2995.00 )

Payment to be made as follows:

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workman's Compensation Insurance.

Authorized Signature
Todd Strain
Apr 5 2023 11:42 AM

Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within 30 days.

Acceptance of Proposal — The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Date of Acceptance:

616-453-2108  2151 Beverly St. SW  Wyoming, MI 49519  Fax 616-453-5729  strainelectric.com

An Equal Opportunity Employer
Remove existing 25' wood pole and light, install new 40' wood pole and back guy and anchor and 10' galvanized light pole arm and LED light.

Install Triplex over head wire to feed new light on steel pole.

Remove Existing pole and install new anchors and new 35' Steel light pole and 6' arm and LED light.
**FEATURES**

- Low profile LED area/site luminaire with a variety of IES distributions for lighting applications such as auto dealership, retail, commercial, and campus parking lots
- Featuring two different optical technologies, Strike and Micro Strike Optics, which provide the best distribution patterns for retrofit or new construction
- Rated for high vibration applications including bridges and overpasses. All sizes are rated for 1.5G
- Control options including photo control, occupancy sensing, NX Lighting Controls™, wiSCAPE and 7-Pin with networked controls
- New customizable lumen output feature allows for the wattage and lumen output to be customized in the factory to meet whatever specification requirements may entail
- Field interchangeable mounting provides additional flexibility after the fixture has shipped

**CONTROL TECHNOLOGY**

**SPECIFICATIONS**

**CONSTRUCTION**

- Die-cast housing with hidden vertical heat fins are optimal for heat dissipation while keeping a clean smooth outer surface
- Corrosion resistant, die-cast aluminum housing with 1000 hour powder coat paint finish
- External hardware is corrosion resistant

**OPTICS**

- Micro Strike Optics (160, 320, 480, or 720 LED counts) maximize uniformity in applications and come standard with mid-power LEDs which evenly illuminate the entire luminous surface area to provide a low glare appearance. Catalog logic found on page 2
- Strike Optics (36, 72, 108, or 162 LED counts) provide best in class distributions and maximum pole spacing in new applications with high powered LEDs. Strike optics are held in place with a polycarbonate bezel to mimic the appearance of the Micro Strike Optics so both solutions can be combined on the same application. Catalog logic found on page 3
- Both optics maximize target zone illumination with minimal losses at the house-side, reducing light trespass issues. Additional backlight control shields and house side shields can be added for further reduction of illumination behind the pole
- One-piece silicone gasket ensures a weatherproof seal
- Zero up-light at 0 degrees of tilt
- Field rotatable optics

**INSTALLATION**

- Mounting patterns for each arm can be found on page 11
- Optional universal mounting block for ease of installation during retrofit applications. Available as an option (ASQU) or accessory for square and round poles
- All mounting hardware included

**INSTALLATION (CONTINUED)**

- Knuckle arm fitter option available for 2-3/8" OD tenon
- For products with EPA less than 1 mounted to a pole greater than 20ft, a vibration damper is recommended

**ELECTRICAL**

- Universal 120-277 VAC or 347-480 VAC input voltage, 50/60 Hz
- Ambient operating temperature -40°C to 40°C
- Drivers have greater than 90% power factor and less than 20% THD
- LED drivers have output power over-voltage, over-current protection and short circuit protection with auto recovery
- Field replaceable surge protection device provides 20kA protection meeting ANSI/IEEE C62.41.2 Category C High and Surge Location Category C3; Automatically takes fixture off-line for protection when device is compromised
- Dual Driver option provides 2 drivers within luminaire but only one set of leads exiting the luminaire, where Dual Power Feed provides two drivers which can be wired independently as two sets of leads are extended from the luminaire. Both options cannot be combined

**CONTROLS**

- Photo control, occupancy sensor programmable, and Zigbee wireless controls available for complete on/off and dimming control
- Please consult brand or sales representative when combining control and electrical options as some combinations may not operate as anticipated depending on your application
- 7-pin ANSI C136.41-2013 photocell receptacle option available for twist lock photocells or wireless control modules (control accessories sold separately)

**CERTIFICATIONS**

- DLC® (DesignLights Consortium Qualified) with both Premium and Standard Qualified configurations. Please refer to the DLC website for specific product qualifications at http://www.designlights.org
- Listed to UL1598 and CSA C22.2 #250.0-24 for wet locations and 40°C ambient temperatures
- 1.5 G rated for ANSI C13.31 high vibration applications
- Fixture is IP65 rated
- Meets IES recommendations using 3K CCT configuration at 0 degrees of tilt
- This product qualifies as a "designated country construction material" per FAR 52.225-11 Buy American Construction Materials under Trade Agreements effective 04/30/2020

**WARRANTY**

- 5 year warranty

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**Current Lighting, LLC**

currentlighting.com/beacon

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Hi Craig,

Our Community Energy Plan Task Force reviewed and recommended a Scope of Work and an RFQ process for selecting consultants today. Our date to issue the bids is April 19th and our date to open is May 22nd.

I am recommending that we transition into a Steering Committee that will review proposals, make recommendations to the City Councils, extend oversight to the consultants, and make recommendations on eventual strategies.

Such Steering Committee should have input from all the participating communities chief administrative officers, elected officials, and citizens. I am assuming that Ferrysburg would continue with Jerry and Will’s participation? I am assuming you would be the best administrative official unless another member of your team is designated? I am also assuming you would appreciate volunteers from the community to represent the citizenry? If so, Garry Post came to our meeting today and was at one of the July City Council meetings due to this agenda item. We think he would be a great addition to the Steering Committee and just wanted to put in a plug for him. I think he might be contacting you separately.

Betty Porter came to the last meeting yet cannot be on the Steering Committee if you think there should be more. I can contact Nick Pietrangelo if so unless you have other Ferrysburg citizens in mind? I think it would be ideal for any such volunteers to be formally appointed by the City Council? (If that is a bridge too far, no issue.) Grand Haven is doing so on April 17th similarly.

Thank you for Ferrysburg’s interest in the community energy plan effort.

Ryan

P.S. Consumers contacted me again to see if I knew of any businesses that are outside of the BLP area that would like free financing of energy improvements via the flyer attached. If any names pop to mind, I will follow up with them directly.

Sent from Mail for Windows
Hi Ryan,

Thank you for the update. I think Will and Jerry would continue on the Steering Committee. How many members is being proposed to be on the committee?

Craig Bessinger  
City of Ferrysburg  
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Ferrysburg, MI 49409-0038  
P: 616-842-5803  
C: 616-843-5028

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From: Ryan Cotton <ryan.d.cotton@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, April 7, 2023 12:56 PM  
To: Craig Bessinger  
Cc: garrypost@gmail.com  
Subject: Number of Community Energy Plan Steering Committee and Citizen Volunteers?

Hi Craig,

Thanks for the question.

I think it would be ideal to have City Council, Administrative, and Citizen representation on the Steering Committee from each participating community. The number can be more or less depending on your and Council’s preferences. I just hope someone representing each one of those constituencies would best anticipate the needs/desires of each participating community.

In short, I think 2 from Council, 1 from Administration, and 2 from the Citizensry is ideal, yet ultimately it is up to you and Ferrysburg’s Council?

I am copying Garry just to be sure he knows we communicated. Thanks so much for your time!

Ryan  
616-638-8910
April 12, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Craig Bessinger, City Manager

RE: Pension – State Grant

In 2022, House Bill 5054 was introduced which would provide $1 billion to local units to use towards unfunded pension costs. The breakdown was $750 million to communities whose pension was funded less than 60%, $250 million to communities funded 60% or higher. The outcome was to make a $750 million allocation in the budget for communities funded below 60%.

Members of the Managers Association drafted the attached resolution to request the Legislature and Governor to re-consider including $250 million in the 2023-2024 budget to allocate to communities who are funded above 60%. At December 31, 2021, the City’s pension was funded at 77% and we will not know the percentage funded at December 31, 2022, until sometime in June.

c: Amber Schaner, City Clerk
CITY OF FERRYSBURG
RESOLUTION
REQUEST THAT LEGISLATURE/GOVERNOR INCLUDE FUNDING IN THE 2023 BUDGET
FOR COMMUNITIES FOLLOWING PENSION BEST PRACTICES ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF FERRYSBURG has taken financially difficult steps to stabilize its pension program and get its pension costs and liabilities under control; and

WHEREAS these steps followed best practices established by the State of Michigan and kept the City of Ferrysburg operationally viable in the face of enormous financial pressure; and

WHEREAS, HB 5054 of 2022 would have divided $250 million between City of Ferrysburg, and other communities like it, that made the tough decisions and followed those best practices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ferrysburg and others like it are ineligible for $750 million in pension relief allocated by the State in 2022 despite experiencing the same pension-related financial stresses as those who will receive that relief; and

WHEREAS, these stresses have been amplified by market losses in 2022 and a volatile market in 2023; and

WHEREAS, this $250 million would have immeasurable impact on our ability to address our pension liabilities, maintain employment levels, and provide the services our taxpayers depend upon; and

WHEREAS, both the $750 million allocated and the $250 million requested here had broad, bipartisan support in the House a year ago; and

WHEREAS, HB 5054 created an equitable balance between those with pensions the House considered substantially underfunded and those who had followed best practices to achieve a higher funding ratio; and

WHEREAS, unallocated revenues are available to the State in 2023 to again make this pension assistance equitable by helping those communities struggling with pension costs, but ineligible for the $750 million;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City Council of the City of Ferrysburg asks the State of Michigan Legislature and Governor’s Office to revisit HB 5054; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature and Governor give bipartisan support to the inclusion of the $250 million in the 2023 State budget to be divided between communities including City of Ferrysburg that meet the best practices required in that Bill.

Offered by Council Member ________,
Supported by Council Member ________

Yea:  
Nay:  
Absent:  
Dated: April 17, 2023

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Amber Schaner, City Clerk
DRAFT

ORDINANCE NO. 327
CITY OF FERRYSBURG
CHAPTER 73: VEHICLES PASSING BICYCLISTS

An Ordinance to Add Chapter 73 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ferrysburg, Vehicles Passing Bicyclists.

THE CITY OF FERRYSBURG ORDAINS:

Section 1.

§ 73.01 DEFINITIONS

BICYCLE: Also called a pedal cycle, bike, push-bike or cycle, is a human-powered or motor-powered assisted, pedal-driven, single-track vehicle, having two wheels attached to a frame, one behind the other. A bicycle rider is called a cyclist, or bicyclist.

§ 73.02 PASSING OF BICYCLES

Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the following rules shall govern a driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle proceeding in the same direction:

(1) If there is more than one lane for traffic proceeding in the same direction, move the vehicle to the lane to the immediate left, if the lane is available and moving into the lane is reasonably safe;

(2) If there is only one lane for traffic proceeding in the same direction, pass to the left of the person operating a bicycle at a safe distance, which must be not less than five feet between any portion of the vehicle and the bicycle, and shall not move again to the right side of the highway until the vehicle is safely clear of the overtaken person operating a bicycle. If there is not enough room on the roadway to allow for a five-foot separation, motorists are directed to slow down and, considering the safety of the bicyclist, proceed with caution.

(3) The driver of a motor vehicle may drive to the left of the center of a roadway, including when a no passing zone is marked, to pass a person operating a bicycle only if the roadway to the left of the center is unobstructed for a sufficient distance to permit the driver to pass the person operating the bicycle safely and avoid interference with oncoming traffic. This paragraph does not authorize driving on the left side of the center of the roadway when otherwise prohibited by local ordinance or state law.
§ 73.99 PENALTY.

Any person, firm or corporation violating or failing to comply with any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a fine of not more than $100, or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 2. Effective Date.

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

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Scott Blease, Mayor

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Amber Schaner, City Clerk
April 12, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Craig Bessinger, City Manager

RE: Work Session

By policy, City Council is to consider at its first monthly meeting whether or not to schedule a work session for a special City Council meeting, or to include a work session as an agenda item at the next regular meeting.

At the June 6, 2022, meeting, the consensus of City Council was to schedule a work session on the first monthly meeting.

Suggested topics for a work session:

- Proposed 2023-2024 City Budget

cc: Amber Schaner, City Clerk