

**SENIOR CITIZENS' COMMISSION
MINUTES OF November 19, 2024 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER:

Catherine J. Dumke, Secretary, Acting Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Commission Members:

Present: Catherine Dumke, Karen Everham, Karen McLeod, Don Witt, and Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone (Helm Life Center), constituting a quorum.

Absent: Kevin Quasarano, Pamela Solomon, Janet Weber, and Ron Wehrmann

Rita O'Farrell, the City of GPW Recreation and Event Programmer, and City Council Representative Vicki Granger were also in attendance. Bri Wallace, an Intern at the Helm, a Wayne State University Social Worker student, was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Karen McLeod, seconded by Karen Everham, to approve the minutes of the Senior Citizens' Commission meeting held on September 18, 2024. Said motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Holiday Social, Friday, December 6, 2024

The requested funds in the amount of \$300 submitted to City Council to cover the expenses towards desserts for the Holiday Social was approved by Council at its meeting on November 18, 2024. The requested funds in the amount of \$100 submitted to City Council to cover the expense of the purchase of ten \$10 Kroger gift cards as prizes for the Holiday Social was approved by Council at its meeting on November 18, 2024.

A general discussion followed regarding this Commission's participation in the Holliday Social, resulting in the following motions.

Rita O'Farrell's update to the Commission: the menu and entertainment and photo booth; opening remarks by Mayor Bryant; and Director Kosanke's short presentation regarding holiday scams. She requested Commission members, on the day of the event, arrive between 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM to help with set up and registration.

NEW BUSINESS

The date for the Ice Cream Social for 2025 in Friday, May 16, 2025, at 1:00 PM. In light of the number of "no shows" at this year's event, the idea of charging a fee at registration (perhaps \$5 for residents) for this event was again discussed. It was also suggested the Commission meeting following the Ice Cream Social event be set at 2:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone, seconded by Don Witt, that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:18 PM.

The next meeting of this Commission will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 4:00 PM, at Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center-Community Center – Lake Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Dumke, Secretary