

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

The Special Work Session of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Geri McCaleb in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Present: Council Members Bob Monetza, Josh Brugger, Dennis Scott, Mike Fritz, and Mayor Geri McCaleb.

Absent: None.

Others Present: City Manager Patrick McGinnis, City Clerk Linda L. Browand, Management Intern Ashley Latsch, Public Works Director Derek Gajdos, Public Safety Director Jeff Hawke, Public Safety Lieutenant Chris Wright, Public Safety Captain Clint Holt, and Public Safety Officers Mike Ercole and Justin Canan.

1. Groundwater Restricted Zone Presentation

- Nancy Johnson, MDEQ

MDEQ Representative Nancy Johnson reviewed the information presented in the agenda packet. The former Ottawa Steel property was contaminated with vinyl chloride. The substance was a highly volatile carcinogen. Due to the water table there was not a potential for vapor impact but use of wells was an issue. The push had been for the utilization of the City's ordinance to enforce the banned use of wells in the areas of contamination. The MDEQ now offered to be the applicant to the City for a ground water restricted zone per Section 17.5-6 of the City's Code of Ordinances. The MDEQ was willing to pay for the abandonment of any wells found in the contaminated area with a couple of minor stipulations.

City Manager's Office Intern Latsch said she had researched and found approximately 100 known wells in the contaminated area. She would like to conduct more surveys for a more accurate number.

City Manager McGinnis added that the City would do the labor of identifying properties and keeping track of information. If needed, the State would be available to appeal for capping funding. The process would take time, effort, education, explanation and would involve hundreds of homes.

Ms. Johnson said other sites could be added to the ordinance or sites, such as Dake, could also choose to have a restrictive covenant.

Council members thanked the MDEQ for stepping up to become the applicant for the ground water restricted zone. It was time to get started.

2. City of Grand Haven ISO Fire Protection Review

- Chief Jeff Hawke, Public Safety Director

Public Safety Director Hawke reported the City of Grand Haven had improved its fire protection rating through the Insurance Service Office. The City moved from ISO 5 to ISO 4 which placed the City in the top 15% statewide. The Public Safety Department wanted to recognize the Mayor McCaleb, City Manager McGinnis, Public Works Director Gajdos, and Ottawa County Central Dispatch Executive Director Smith for making the rating possible.

3. Adjournment

After hearing no further business, Mayor McCaleb adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.



Geri McCaleb, Mayor



Linda L. Browand, City Clerk