

Harbor Springs City Council Minutes
January 4, 2005

Mayor Jardine called the fifth meeting of the Harbor Springs City Council to order at 7:00 pm, in the City Council Chambers at 160 Zoll Street, Harbor Springs, Michigan.

1. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum

Present: Jean Jardine, Jim Grogan, Mick Heinz, Laura Kors and Pringle Pfeifer

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney James Ramer, City Manager Fred Geuder, and City Clerk/Comptroller/Treasurer Ron McRae

2. City Clerk / Comptroller / Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes

The following corrections were noted to the December 20, 2004 City Council Meeting minutes:

- a. Page 4, Item 8, first paragraph, first sentence reads, "...City Council approve to new rules..." It should read, "...City Council approve new rules..."
- b. Page 5, Item 9B, second sentence reads, "...scheduled for 6:30 pm..." It should read, "...scheduled for 6:00 pm..."
- c. Page 5, Item 9D, fourth sentence reads, "They used to meet at 6:30 pm." It should read, "They formerly met at 6:30 pm."

#6987 – Motion by Pfeifer, second by Kors, to approve the December 20, 2004 regular City Council meeting minutes as amended.

Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

B. Approval of Bills

I have examined the bills appearing on the vouchers below and recommend they be allowed and payment be made from the following funds:

#7162 – Jennings of Michigan	Hoyt Playground Equip	\$ 7,186.00	General Fund
#7163 – Payroll	PPE 12/26/04	\$ 12,752.22	General Fund
		4,402.95	Major Streets Fd
		1,640.33	Local Streets Fd
		11,093.94	Electric Fund
		4,074.32	Water & Sewer
		276.28	Waterfront Fund
		1,293.52	Equipment Fund
		441.37	Historical Fund

#7164 – Trust Payouts	Collections 12/01/04 to 12/15/04	\$413,053.16	Trust Fund
#7165 – Trust Payouts	Delinquent PPT Heller Financial	\$ 98.51	Trust Fund
#7166 – A/P	2004 Year End Bills	\$ 15,610.22	General Fund 12.28 Major Streets Fd 12.28 Local Streets Fd 97,205.29 Electric Fund 1,861.92 Water & Sewer 931.68 Waterfront Fund 2,163.04 Equipment Fund
#7167 - A/P	Council Bills, 01/04/05	\$ 6,897.39	General Fund 471.00 Major Streets Fd 471.00 Local Streets Fd 7,218.02 Electric Fund 2,498.21 Water & Sewer 5,434.00 Waterfront Fund 803.45 Equipment Fund 717.00 B.A. Const Fd

#6988 – Motion by Heinz, second by Grogan, to approve the bills in the amount of \$598,619.38.

Ayes – 5
 Nays – 0

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims on voucher numbers 7162, 7163, 7164, 7165, 7166, and 7167 checked by the finance committee, in the amount of \$598,619.38 be allowed for payment, and the City Manager and the Mayor are hereby authorized to execute warrants to be drawn on the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 42,445.83
Major Streets Fund	4,886.23
Local Streets Fund	2,123.61
Electric Fund	115,517.25
Water & Sewer Fund	8,434.45
Waterfront Fund	6,641.96
Equipment Fund	4,260.01
B.A. Construction Fund	717.00
Historical Fund	441.37
Trust Fund	<u>413,151.67</u>
 Total	 \$ 598,619.38 =====

3. Citizen Comments

John and Judi Dawson, 250 Artesian, requested that Council authorize more space for kayak storage at Ford Park. Council discussed this issue with City Manager Geuder and referred this issue to the Harbor Commission for further consideration.

4. H.A.R.B.O.R. Inc. Request

City Manager Geuder stated that he had received a request from Danna Widmar, Executive Director of H.A.R.B.O.R., Inc., to have Mayor Jardine appoint a Council member to serve on the committee for the "Recreation and Open Space Initiative".

Widmar stated in her memorandum that the "Frey Foundation" and "Partnerships for Change" are requiring that a committee be put together and make some decisions on agreeable outcomes of the "Recreation and Open Space Initiative", specifically, "what is everyone looking for?"

Mayor Jardine stated that she asked Council member Heinz to serve on the committee. There were no Council objections to the appointment of Council member Heinz.

5. Boards and Commissions

A. Planning Commission (PC)

Mayor Jardine announced the next PC meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm, Thursday, January 20, 2005. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers.

B. Harbor Commission (HC)

Mayor Jardine announced the next HC meeting is scheduled for 4:00 pm, Wednesday, January 12, 2005. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers.

C. Appointments

Mayor Jardine stated that she would like to appoint Joe Wespiser, 70 Birch Court, to the Harbor Springs Area Sewage Disposal Authority Board. His appointment will begin in February 2005. Wespiser will replace City Manager Geuder on the Board. Wespiser's term will end February 1, 2008. There were no Council objections to the appointment of Wespiser.

D. Next City Council Meeting

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm, Monday, January 17, 2005. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at 160 Zoll Street, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

6. Old and New Business

A. Snow Removal Complaint

Councilperson Kors stated that she thought the complaint about the snow removal was not in the best interest of the City. Further, she hears the trucks hauling snow in the early morning hours. She thinks how lucky we are in Harbor Springs that our crew is out making the roads and sidewalks safe for the citizens. Also, snow hauling doesn't happen every day.

7. Closed Session

City Manager Geuder stated that he needed to review the strategy connected with the negotiation of the collective bargaining agreements with City Council and requested to go to "Closed Session".

#6989 – Motion by Heinz, second by Kors, to go to "Closed Session" under Section 8 (c) of Public Act 267 (the "Open Meetings Act) of 1976, as amended, to review the strategy connected with the negotiation of the collective bargaining agreements with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union and the Police Officers Labor Council.

Ayes - Grogan, Heinz, Kors, Pfeifer, and Jardine
Nays - None

Mayor Jardine recessed from "Open Session" at 7:15 pm to go to "Closed Session".

Mayor Jardine called the "Open Session" to order at 7:42 pm.

8. Consideration of the Bargaining Unit Contracts

Council members discussed briefly with City Manager Geuder and City Attorney Ramer the proposed Bargaining Unit Contracts with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the Police Officers Labor Council. City Manager Geuder recommended that Council approve the contracts and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the contracts.

#6991 – Motion by Pfeifer, second by Grogan, to approve the proposed Labor Contracts with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the Police Officers Labor Council, as presented. Further, to authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute said Labor Contracts.

Ayes – Heinz, Kors, Pfeifer, Jardine and Grogan
Nays – None

9. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Jardine adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Approved: January 20, 2005

Ronald B. McRae, City Clerk

Jean Jardine, Mayor

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Attachments