

**Harbor Springs City Council Minutes**  
**January 17, 2005**

Mayor Jardine called the sixth 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, Mick Heinz, Laura Kors and Pringle Pfeifer

Absent: Jim Grogan

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

#6992 – Motion by Pfeifer, second by Kors, to approve the January 4, 2005 regular City Council meeting minutes as read.

Ayes – 4

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:

#7168 – State of Michigan	Dec 14 Sales tax & w/h	\$ 5,261.58	General Fund
		9,606.73	Electric Fund
#7169 – Trust Payouts	Collection 12/16-12/31/04	\$1,129,81.33	Trust Fund
#7170 - Payroll	PPE 01/09/05	\$ 18,343.82	General Fund
		2,363.40	Major Streets Fd
		746.28	Local Streets Fd
		11,912.61	Electric Fund
		7,538.57	Water & Sewer
		1,459.38	Waterfront Fund
		1,584.45	Equipment Fund
		441.37	Historical Fund
#7171 – A/P	Council Bills 01/17/05	\$ 41,171.08	General Fund
		75,440.44	Electric Fund
		31,817.91	Water & Sewer
		2,328.99	Waterfront Fund
		7,337.54	Equipment Fund
		1,999.71	B.A. Const Fund
		3,220.00	B.A. Debt Fund

#6993 – Motion by Heinz, second by Pfeifer, to approve the bills in the amount of \$1,352,255.19.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims on voucher numbers 7168, 7169, 7170, and 7171 checked by the finance committee, in the amount of \$1,352,255.19 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	\$ 64,776.48
Major Streets Fund	2,363.40
Local Streets Fund	746.28
Electric Fund	96,959.78
Water & Sewer Fund	39,356.48
Waterfront Fund	3,788.37
Equipment Fund	8,921.99
B.A. Construction Fund	1,999.71
Historical Fund	441.37
Trust Fund	1,129,681.33
B.A. Debt Fund	<u>3,220.00</u>
Total	\$1,352,255.19 =====

### 3. Citizen Comments

Kathy Lott, Executive Director of the Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, stated that a meeting was planned for a community discussion on ways to keep businesses active and profitable from the Labor Day holiday through the Memorial Day holiday; the "off season". The Traverse City Downtown Development Authority Director is coming to Harbor Springs to discuss his experiences with this issue and relate what he did to make businesses profitable during the "off season". The meeting for the community discussion is set for 11:30 am, Thursday, January 27, 2005 in the City Council Chambers. Lott invited Council Members to attend.

### 4. Chamber of Commerce – Presidents' Day Weekend

Mayor Jardine requested that Lott comment on her request for having a shuttle bus during Presidents' Day weekend.

Lott stated that she would like Council's approval to utilize a shuttle bus traveling from Harbor Springs to Boyne Highlands to Nubs Nob each hour. The bus would utilize the loading zone on the northwest corner of Main and Spring Streets.

The Downtown Business Committee and the Chamber of Commerce thought that this would be a good way to get people into town to experience the excellent shopping and have a great dinner. The shuttle will be no cost to the users and the Chamber of Commerce plans to have an ambassador ride the bus. The ambassador will assist the visitors with ideas for things to see and do in Harbor Springs. The Chamber of Commerce would like to use the loading zone from noon to 8:00 pm on Saturday, February 19, 2005, and from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Sunday February 20, 2005.

Lott also discussed the Chili Cook Off to be held at the Walstrom Marine West Bay Street location from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Sunday, February 20, 2005.

Council discussed the activities with Lott, City Manager Geuder and Police Chief Branson. It was the consensus of the Council Members present that the Chamber of Commerce could use the loading zone on the northwest corner of Main and Spring Streets in front of the Woolly Bugger.

5. 2005 Calendar of Events

City Manager Geuder stated that the 2005 Calendar of Events, as presented, could be changed. He did ask Council to consider how they wanted to handle the Fourth of July celebration and if they wanted to gather public input as to having the Christmas Tree Lighting held on Saturday or Sunday.

Manager Geuder pointed out that the Fourth of July holiday fell on Monday this year, and the Art Fair could not be on Sunday. Police Chief Branson pointed out that having the Fourth of July celebration held over a two-day period was easier for the Police Department as the first day was a 5:00 am to 5:00 pm day. Sunday would have been a 10:00 am to midnight day, but the fireworks were held over for a third day due to the rain. The Fourth of July celebration could be held as a one or two-day event. The Police Department will handle it either way.

Council discussed this issue with City Manager Geuder. The consensus was to take no action this evening. City Manager Geuder and Police Chief Branson are to discuss the date of the Art Fair with the School District, as the Art Fair is a Community School fundraiser.

Council discussed the Christmas Tree Lighting date. Council member Kors stated that she would like to get public input on whether or not to have the lighting on Saturday or Sunday. City Manager Geuder will request comments in writing and schedule a date to have a discussion on this issue during one of the upcoming City Council meetings. It was also suggested that Jim Grogan's idea to have a Council member hold "office hours" might work for receiving comments.

6. City Code – Nuisances / Animals

City Manager Geuder stated that he and the City Attorney reviewed the City Code Section 6.41 (2), which deals with an animal barking enough to become an annoyance or nuisance. It is their belief that the code does not need to be changed.

Police Chief Branson explained the process the police go through to get compliance from an animal owner. Chief Branson estimates that about ninety-eight percent of the people contacted about a loud noise complaint, comply with the law and the issue is taken care of. However, after a person is contacted once or twice, and the complaint still exists, the owner is ticketed. Chief Branson also believes that the City Code does not need to be amended.

7. 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 19, 2005. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers.

C. Next City Council Meeting

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

8. Old and New Business

A. Website Observation

Council member Kors stated that she thought the City's website was being kept current. She complimented both City Manager Geuder and Harbor Springs Web Design for their work.

B. Effect on Harbor Springs from County Sheriff Agreement with Tribal Police

Mayor Jardine asked if there would be any effect on Harbor Springs if the County Sheriff deputizes the Tribal Police. Chief Branson stated that it would be minimal. If the Harbor Springs Police needed backup, the Tribal Police could respond the same powers as an Emmet County Sheriff Deputy. Inside of the Harbor Springs City limits there are no tribal lands. Because of no ownership of property, Chief Branson does not believe that there will be any enforcement of laws within the City of Harbor Springs by Tribal Police.

9. Closed Session

City Manager Geuder stated that he needed to review the potential purchase or lease of real estate with City Council and requested to go to "Closed Session".

#6994 – Motion by Pfeifer, second by Heinz, to go to "Closed Session" under Section 8 (d) of Public Act 267 (the "Open Meetings Act) of 1976, as amended, to consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained.

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

Mayor Jardine recessed from "Open Session" at 7:40 pm to go to "Closed Session".

Mayor Jardine called the "Open Session" to order at 7:58 pm.

10. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Jardine adjourned the meeting at 7:59 pm.

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Ronald B. McRae, City Clerk

Approved: February 7, 2005

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Jean Jardine, Mayor

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Attachments