

**Harbor Springs City Council Minutes
January 21, 2008**

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, Michael K. Heinz, Laura Kors and Pringle Pfeifer

Absent: None. There is one vacancy on the Council.

Also Present: City Attorney James T. Ramer, City Manager Frederick W. Geuder, Police Chief Daniel J. Branson and City Clerk Ronald B. McRae

2. City Clerk / Comptroller / Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes

The following change was requested to be made to the January 7, 2008 regular meeting minutes:

Page 2, Item 4, first paragraph, first sentence, the word "clerk" should be capitalized.

#7397 – Motion by Pfeifer, second by Heinz, to approve the January 7, 2008 regular City Council meeting minutes as amended.

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:

Voucher Number	Description	Fund Name	Amount
7436	Trust Payouts 12/16/07 – 12/31/07	Trust Fund	\$1,021,277.36
7437	Payroll Ending 1/06/08	General Fund	\$38,844.14
		Major St. Fund	1,457.14
		Local St. Fund	762.75
		Historical Fund	427.60
		Electric Fund	9,615.76
		Water & Sewer Fund	5,840.21
		Waterfront Fund	0.00
		Equipment Fund	1,804.44
7438	Accounts Payable Council 1/21/08	General Fund	\$42,960.92
		Major Street Fund	709.01
		Local Street Fund	709.01
		Historical Fund	199.20
		Electric Fund	45,969.35
		Water & Sewer Fund	10,071.87
		West Traverse Water	4,343.21
		Waterfront Fund	4,885.90

#7398 – Motion by Kors, second by Pfeifer, to approve the bills in the amount of \$1,194,495.14.

Ayes – 4
Nays – 0

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that claims on voucher numbers #7436, #7437, and #7438, checked by the Finance Committee, in the amount of \$1,194,495.14 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	\$81,805.06
Major Streets Fund	2,166.15
Local Streets Fund	1,471.76
Historical Fund	626.80
Electric Fund	55,585.11
Water & Sewer Fund	15,912.08
West Traverse Water Fund	4,343.21
Waterfront Fund	4,885.90
Equipment Fund	6,421.71
Trust Fund	1,021,277.36

Total	\$1,194,495.14
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3. Citizen Comments

None

4. H.A.R.B.O.R., Inc. Proposal for Use of Ford Park Building

City Manager Geuder stated that H.A.R.B.O.R., Inc. would like to use the Ford Park Building when the Historical Society vacates it. Danna Widmar, Executive Director of H.A.R.B.O.R., Inc., stated that planning for the use of the Ford Park Building is in the conceptual stage. She did, however, discuss some of the needs of the building to fit H.A.R.B.O.R., Inc.'s purposes. When asked if the structure needed to be enlarged, Widmar stated the Building size is actually a good fit.

Heinz questioned if the proposal opens the door for the City to have to provide building space to other organizations. City Manager Geuder stated that he did not believe that this should be a problem. The City has permitted other non-profit organizations use of building space and even worked with organizations on the remodeling of buildings. Any issues would be worked out in a lease.

Council members thought that this could be a good use of the building and would like to see planning continue.

#7399 – Motion by Kors, second by Heinz, to encourage H.A.R.B.O.R., Inc., to continue planning for a potential agreement for the use of the Ford Park building as an office for H.A.R.B.O.R. Inc.

Ayes – 4
Nays – 0

5. Proposed Star Class Regatta

City Manager Geuder stated that he received a request from Dave Irish of the Irish Boat Shop, Inc. to host the Star Class 2008 North American Championship Regatta. The Star Class is an Olympic-class sailboat. Manager Geuder stated that he had requested comments from the Harbor Commission, and the comments had all been positive. He noted that docking rates could be discounted in the shoulder season.

Dave Irish, requested the City's participation as follows:

- a. Permit the use of the Two-Hour / Shoppers' Dock for berthing sixteen to twenty Star Class Boats during the Regatta;
- b. Authorize the event for September 8, 2008 through September 13, 2008; and
- c. Authorize the Host Committee to coordinate the docking of the Star Class Sailboats.

Irish illustrated with a sketch how the boats would be docked at the Courtesy Dock. He also reviewed the method that the Star Class sailboats would be attached to the Courtesy Dock.

Harbor Commission Chairman Jim Bartlett said that the Commission supported the event, and that the timing of the event in September was good also.

After Council discussed this issue, the following motion was offered:

#7400 – Motion by Heinz, second by Pfeifer, to approve the Star Class 2008 North American Championship regatta, as proposed by David Irish, to be held in Harbor Springs from September 8, 2008 through September 13, 2008, and to authorize the use of the Two-Hour Courtesy Dock for berthing boats. Details of the regatta will be worked out later and presented to City Council for final approval.

Ayes – 4
Nays – 0

6. Board and Commissions

A. Planning Commission (PC)

Council reviewed the January 17, 2008 PC meeting minutes. Mayor Jardine announced that the next scheduled PC meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Thursday, February 21, 2008 in the City Council Chambers.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Mayor Jardine announced that the next ZBA meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 13, 2008, pending any agenda items.

C. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Mayor Jardine stated that she would like to reappoint Robert Thoma to the Zoning Board of Appeals. His term would expire April 2, 2011. There were no Council objections to the reappointment.

D. Next City Council Meeting

Mayor Jardine announced the next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 4, 2008 in the City Council Chambers.

7. Closed Session

Mayor Jardine stated that she would like to go to Closed Session to consult with the City Attorney on the City's legal strategy relating to the David and Mary Wood Law Suit.

#7401 – Motion by Pfeifer, second by Heinz, to go to Closed Session under Section 8(e) of Public Act 267 of 1976 (the "Open Meetings Act"), as amended, to consult with the City Attorney to review legal strategy relating to the Woods vs. the City of Harbor Springs law suit.

Ayes – Pfeifer, Jardine, Heinz and Kors

Nays – None

Mayor Jardine recessed the Open Session at 7:25 p.m. to go to Closed Session.

Mayor Jardine called the Open Session back to order at 7:46 p.m.

No actions were taken.

8. Old and New Business

A. Replacement of Vacated City Council Position

Mayor Jardine stated that Council needs to consider the appointment of a person to fill the City Council seat which was vacated due to the death of James C. Grogan.

Council members briefly discussed this issue.

The consensus was to open the position to interested individuals. Interested residents (who must be City-registered voters) would be asked to send a letter of interest to the City Council by February 29, 2008. After Council receives the letters, the Council would review the qualifications of those interested and would then choose the new Council member.

Manager Geuder also noted that whoever Council appoints, the individual would complete the remainder of Councilperson Grogan's term (through the November 4, 2008 election). If the individual appointed desires to serve beyond the current term, that individual would have to submit nominating petitions by August 5, 2008, in order to be on the ballot for the November election.

Manager Geuder stated that he would issue a press release on the appointment process.

B. Presidential Primary Election Memorandum

Councilperson Kors thanked the City Clerk for the memorandum on the Presidential Primary Election. She thought it was informative.

C. Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Councilperson Kors commented on the request to sell Girl Scout Cookies in Harbor Springs. Manager Geuder noted that this was an “informational item”.

8. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Jardine adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Approved: February 4, 2008

Ronald B. McRae, City Clerk

Jean Jardine, Mayor

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Attachments