

**Harbor Springs City Council Minutes  
February 2, 2009**

Mayor Dika called the ninth meeting of the Harbor Springs City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at 160 Zoll Street, Harbor Springs, Michigan.

1. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum

Present: Alan Dika, Alan Hegedus, Michael K. Heinz, Laura Kors and Pringle Pfeifer

Absent: None

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

2. City Clerk / Comptroller / Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes

#7527 – Motion by Pfeifer, second by Heinz, to approve the January 19, 2009 regular City Council meeting minutes as read.

Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

#7528 – Motion by Heinz, second by Pfeifer, to approve the January 20, 2009 special City Council meeting minutes as read.

Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

It was noted that in the January 30 and 31, 2009 special meeting minutes on Page 1, Item 2, the eighth paragraph reads, "Mayo Dika". It should read "Mayor Dika".

#7529 – Motion by Pfeifer, second by Heinz, to approve the January 30 and 31, 2009 special 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:

Voucher Number	Description	Fund Name	Amount
7526	Trust Payouts 1/1/09 Through 1/15/09	Trust Fund	\$139,534.74
7527	Accounts Payable - No Council 1/21/09	General Fund	\$1,135.00
		Electric Fund	104.67
		Water & Sewer Fund	104.67
		Waterfront Fund	58.91
		Equipment Fund	3,614.23

7528	Payroll Ending 1/18/09	General Fund	\$10,496.10
		Major St. Fund	2,964.95
		Local St. Fund	1,254.26
		Historical Fund	434.96
		Electric Fund	9,857.74
		Water & Sewer Fund	2,855.05
		Waterfront Fund	335.99
		Equipment Fund	4,083.14
7529	Accounts Payable - Council 2/2/09	General Fund	\$17,485.11
		Major Street Fund	329.88
		Local Street Fund	329.88
		Police Reserve Fund	9.89
		Historical Fund	284.80
		Electric Fund	170,613.44
		Water & Sewer Fund	4,312.99
		West Traverse Water	4,387.00
		Waterfront Fund	8,838.43
		Equipment Fund	4,686.80

#7530 – Motion by Hegedus, second by Heinz, to approve the bills in the amount of \$388,112.63.

Ayes – 5  
 Nays – 0

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that claims on voucher numbers 7526, 7527, 7528 and 7529 checked by the Finance Committee, in the amount of \$388,112.63 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	\$29,116.21
Major Streets Fund	3,294.83
Local Streets Fund	1,584.14
Police Reserve	9.89
Historical Fund	719.76
Electric Fund	180,575.85
Water & Sewer Fund	7,272.71
West Traverse Water Fund	4,387.00
Waterfront Fund	9,233.33
Equipment Fund	12,595.19
Trust Fund	139,534.74
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Total	\$388,112.63
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3. Citizen Comments

None

4. 2009 Calendar of Events

Manager Geuder stated that the Harbor Springs Chamber of Commerce (the "Chamber") has requested changing the dates of three events. They are:

1. Change the date of the Sidewalk Sale to the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend.
2. Change the date of the Christmas Open House from the first Wednesday in December to the second Saturday in December.
3. Change the date of the Christmas Tree Lighting from the Sunday after Thanksgiving to the Friday after Thanksgiving.

The Chamber President, Gregg Garver, stated the proposed date changes were based upon a survey of the businesses downtown. Caleb MacCready, owner of HUZZA, stated that his customers thought that the proposed date changes would allow the customers to participate in these events. After hearing about the proposed date changes from his customers, MacCready stated that the enclosed survey was sent to downtown businesses. Most of the businesses replied; a few did not. However the majority of businesses did agree that the proposed date changes would be more favorable to them.

Council members discussed the requested date changes. It was their consensus that the dates of the sidewalk sales and the Open House could be changed at the request of the merchants and downtown businesses. However, the Christmas Tree Lighting is a Community Event, not only a Chamber event. Before that event date is changed, a survey for public input needs to take place.

#7531 – Motion by Hegedus, second by Heinz, to approve the 2009 Calendar of Events as presented, including the changes of the dates for the sidewalk sales to the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend and the Open House to the second Saturday of December.

Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

#### 5. Street Musique

City Manager Geuder stated that the Chamber has requested that the City help fund the Street Musique Program. The Chamber has asked for a \$500 donation toward the Street Musique Program. Manager Geuder stated that the City has contributed to this program in the past. The City's Electric Fund has given \$250, \$500 and nothing. When the City has contributed nothing, it is because the City was not asked.

#7532 – Motion by Hegedus, second by Kors, to contribute \$500 from the Electric Fund for a sponsorship of the Street Musique Program with the condition that the Chamber notes the Sponsorship from the City of Harbor Springs Electric Fund on their posters.

Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

#### 6. Approval of a Resolution to Open an Investment Account with the Bank of Michigan

City Manager Geuder stated that the City Clerk has requested that Council approve opening an investment account at the Bank of Michigan. The account is only for the purpose of investing surplus City monies.

Clerk McRae addressed Council concerns on this issue.

#7533 – Motion by Heinz, second by Pfeifer, to approve the "Resolution to Open an Investment Account with the Bank of Michigan".

Ayes – Hegedus, Heinz, Kors, Pfeifer and Dika  
Nays – None

7. Boards and Commissions

A. Planning Commission (PC)

Mayor Dika stated that the next PC meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Thursday, February 19, 2009.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Mayor Dika announced that the next ZBA meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 11, 2009 has been cancelled. The next ZBA meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 11, 2009.

C. Next Council Meeting

Mayor Dika announced the next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 16, 2009 in the City Council Chambers.

8. Old and New Business

A. Request to Attend Educational Conferences

Councilperson Hegedus requested Council approval to attend two conferences for newly elected public officials. The two conferences are:

1. Elected Officials Academy Core Weekender, Friday and Saturday, February 20 and 21, 2009, at the Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth, MI 48734.
2. Essential Skills for Elected Officials, Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at the Lansing Center, Lansing, MI 48933

Councilperson Hegedus stated that the total costs he anticipates to need to cover the conferences are approximately \$950.

#7534 – Motion by Pfeifer, second by Kors, to approve Councilperson Hegedus' request to attend the "Elected Officials Academy Core Weekender" conference, Friday and Saturday, February 20 and 21, 2009, at the Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth, MI 48734, at an approximate cost of \$435; and to attend the "Essential Skills for Elected Officials" conference, Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at the Lansing Center, Lansing, MI 48933, at an approximate cost of \$515.

Ayes - 4  
Nays - 0  
Abstentions - 1 (Hegedus)

9. City Manager Selection

City Council discussed the interviews and their individual thoughts on the City Manager Applicants. They reviewed the Applicants' experience in municipal leadership, their education and strengths, their interview statements and each candidate's personality and demeanor during the interviews. After the discussion, the following motion was offered:

#7535 – Motion by Hegedus, second by Heinz, to submit a conditional offer of employment to Chris A. Yonker for the position of City Manager for the City of Harbor Springs, subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions:

1. A comprehensive background check of the candidate, with results acceptable to the City Council in its discretion.
2. A comprehensive check of the candidate's references, with results acceptable to the City Council in its discretion.
3. Agreement, in writing to a contract containing the terms and conditions of employment, acceptable to the City Council in its discretion.
4. A standard pre-employment physical of the candidate, including drug screening, with results acceptable to the City Council in its discretion.

Ayes – Heinz, Kors, Pfeifer, Dika and Hegedus

Nays – None

10. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Dika adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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Ronald B. McRae, City Clerk

Approved: February 16, 2009

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Alan J. Dika, Mayor

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Attachments