

Harbor Springs City Council
February 16, 2009

Mayor Dika called the tenth 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, City Assessor / Zoning Administrator C. Tim Grimm and City Clerk Ronald B. McRae

2. City Clerk / Comptroller / Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes

It was noted that in the February 2, 2009 regular meeting minutes on Page 2, Item 4, first paragraph, first sentence reads, "Harbor Springs Chamber of Commerce". It should read "Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce".

#7536 – Motion by Pfeifer, second by Heinz, to approve the February 2, 2009 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:

Voucher Number	Description	Fund Name	Amount
7530	Payroll Ending 2/1/09	General Fund	\$34,375.42
		Major St. Fund	3,951.45
		Local St. Fund	1,239.89
		Historical Fund	443.60
		Electric Fund	8,795.54
		Water & Sewer Fund	3,685.72
		Waterfront Fund	207.83
		Equipment Fund	4,209.47
7531	Trust Payouts 1/16-1/31/09	Trust Fund	\$280,123.34
7532	Sales Taxes 1/31/09	General Fund	\$4,351.25
			13,209.13

7533	Accounts Payable - Council 2/16/09	General Fund	\$70,135.00
		Local St. Fund	7,295.25
		Electric Fund	52,101.65
		Water & Sewer Fund	40,348.74
		Waterfront Fund	4,920.47
		Equipment Fund	9,897.60

#7538 – Motion by Heinz, second by Hegedus, to approve the bills in the amount of \$539,686.90.

Ayes – 5
 Nays – 0

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that claims on voucher numbers 7530, 7531, 7532 and 7533 checked by the Finance Committee, in the amount of \$539,686.90 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	\$109,257.32
Major Streets Fund	3,951.45
Local Streets Fund	8,535.14
Police Reserve	0.00
Historical Fund	443.60
Electric Fund	74,106.22
Water & Sewer Fund	44,034.46
West Traverse Water Fund	0.00
Waterfront Fund	5,128.30
Equipment Fund	14,107.07
Trust Fund	280,123.34

Total	\$539,686.90
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3. Citizen Comments

Jean Jardine, 445 Short Street, stated that the Christmas Tree Lighting was a City function. She believed that Council should get public input before changing the date as requested by the Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce.

4. Location for Memorial Tree

City Manager Geuder stated that the City has a policy for planting Memorial Trees. The person wanting to plant a Memorial Tree is still alive. The individual will pay for all of the costs to plant the tree. The proposed location is northeast of the fountain on the north side of the north parking area of the City Hall on Zoll Street.

It was the consensus of Council to approve the proposed Memorial Tree planting.

5. Michigan Public Power Agency Energy Efficiency Committee Agreement

City Manager Geuder stated the City must follow the provisions of Public Act 448 of 2008 (the "Act"). The Act requires the City to have a "Renewable Portfolio Standard" of

energy as part of our supply chain. The Act also requires the City to do things to reduce energy consumption by our customers.

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Manager Geuder stated that the Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) is trying to establish a committee to address things that customers of its membership can do to reduce their electric usage. The purpose of the committee would be to develop what needs to be done to be in compliance with the Act. By approving the proposed agreement, Council will become part of the Energy Efficiency Committee of the MPPA. The City's share is expected to cost less than \$2,500. The proposed Energy Efficiency Committee would consist of twenty-five other public power systems.

#7538 – Motion by Kors, second by Heinz, to approve the City to become a member of the Energy Efficiency Committee and to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with the MPPA.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

6. Department of Public Works Purchases

City Manager Geuder stated that the DPW Superintendent Clark has requested approval to proceed with the budgeted purchases for the State Road Well Rehabilitation and the purchase of the Zero Turn Mower.

A. State Road Well Rehabilitation

City Manager Geuder stated that \$35,000 was budgeted for this expense. He explained that the \$35,000 was a worst case scenario.

Council questioned Superintendent Clark about the proposed rehabilitation and when the last time the well had been refurbished. Superintendent Clark believed the last rehab took place about fourteen years ago. Clark further explained that the State Road Well was the second well to go on when the demand for water exceeded the Peffer Street Well.

#7539 – Motion by Kors, second by Pfeifer, to authorize Superintendent Clark to proceed with the State Road Well rehabilitation at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

B. Zero Turn Mower

Superintendent Clark stated that he would like to proceed with the purchase of the Zero Turn Radius Mower. He believes that the Zero Turn Mower will be more efficient to operate. The older mowers are four wheel drive mowers that serve as snow removal equipment during the winter months. Four-wheel drive vehicles cost more to operate than two wheel drive mowers, such as the Zero Turn Mower. He believes that the grass cutting will take less time because of how sharply the Zero Turn Mower turns. Further, if the current mowers need to be used, the DPW would work with those. Lastly, Clark stated that it would cost approximately \$20,000 to replace the existing mowers. The Zero Turn Mower is quoted to cost \$11,650 from Ginop Sales in Alanson.

#7540 – Motion by Heinz, second by Hegedus, to authorize the purchase of a Zero Turn Mower from Ginop Sales in Alanson at a cost of \$11,650.

Ayes – Hegedus, Heinz, Kors, Pfeifer and Dika

Nays – None

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7. Assessor Contract for 2009-2010

City Manager Geuder stated that Tim Grimm, the City's Assessor and Zoning Administrator, is retiring effective April 17, 2009. However, Grimm has agreed to contract the assessing and zoning administration services with the City from April 17, 2009 through March 31, 2010. Grimm will perform the assessing service for \$36,000 and the zoning administration service for \$5,000.

Councilperson Heinz stated that he would prefer to get other prices before agreeing to a contract. This issue was discussed by Council. Mayor Dika believed that it was better to approve a one-year contract during the City Manager transition.

#7541 – Motion by Kors, second by Dika, to approve a one-year contract for assessing and zoning administration services with C. Tim Grimm at a cost of \$36,000 for assessing and \$5,000 for zoning administration.

Ayes – Kors, Pfeifer, Dika and Hegedus
Nays – Heinz

8. Appointment of an Acting City Manager

City Manager Geuder stated that he believed that Council should appoint an "Acting City Manager" to direct the day to day operations of the City until a new City Manager is hired. He recommended that Council appoint the City Clerk.

#7542 – Motion by Heinz, second by Pfeifer, to appoint Ron McRae, City Clerk, as the "Acting City Manager", effective February 23, 2009, until a new City Manager is hired.

Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

9. 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, March 11, 2009.

C. Board of Review

Mayor Dika announced that the Board of Review will be meeting two days; Monday, March 9, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

D. Next Council Meeting

Mayor Dika announced the next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 2, 2009 in the City Council Chambers.

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10. Old and New Business

A. Withdrawal of Chris A. Yonker from Consideration of City Manager Appointment

Mayor Dika stated that Chris A. Yonker sent a letter of withdrawal from the appointment of City Manager. Mayor Dika read the letter.

Council discussed the next step to hiring a City Manager. It was the consensus of Council to think about their next step for two weeks and address this issue at their March 2, 2009 regular meeting.

B. Joint Working Agreement between Northern Michigan Regional Hospital and the Mackinaw City Hospital

Mayor Dika read a communication from Northern Michigan Regional Hospital announcing their new working arrangement with the Mackinaw City Hospital.

C. Stimulus Package

Councilperson Kors stated that she had been reading and hearing about the Federal Stimulus Program for infrastructure and wondered if the City was in a position to get any of those dollars for City projects.

City Manager Geuder stated that the City may be able to get monies for the proposed Lake Street Road Project. Mayor Dika stated that he heard the monies were not for local road projects.

City Manager Geuder stated that the details are not available for applying for the projects, yet. For the time being, the best thing that the City could do is get ready for projects and apply once the specifications and forms are available.

D. Thank You Fred

Councilperson Kors stated that she would like to thank City Manager Geuder for his service to the City of Harbor Springs. She also announced the "Fred's Happy Hour" at the Pier Restaurant from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, February 20, 2009.

11. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Dika adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Ronald B. McRae, City Clerk

Approved: March 2, 2009

Alan J. Dika, Mayor

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Attachments