

Harbor Springs City Council Minutes
May 16, 2005

Mayor Jardine called the twelfth 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, Laura Kors and Pringle Pfeifer

Absent: Mick Heinz

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 to the May 2, 2005 regular City Council meeting minutes were noted:

1. Be consistent with "a.m." and "p.m." Do not express it as "am" in one part of the minutes, then "a.m." in another part of the minutes. Henceforth, the time notation will be expressed as "a.m." or "p.m."
2. Item 5, page 4, third paragraph, first sentence reads, "...if Harbor Springs would enter into discussions to discuss funding the Petoskey Public Library in some way to pay for the use of the Petoskey Public Library by the Harbor Springs cardholders." It should read, "...if Harbor Springs would discuss funding the Petoskey Public Library in some way to pay for its use by the Harbor Springs cardholders."
3. Item 6, page 4, first sentence reads "...requests from various service organizations for events to be held on or displays of art to be displayed, on City Property." It should read, "...requests from service organizations for events to be held or art to be displayed on City Property."
4. Item 6A, page 4, first paragraph, fourth sentence reads, "...with Colonial Fire Wireworks of Toledo..." It should read, "...with Colonial Fireworks of Toledo..."
5. Item 6A, page 5, Motion Number 7039 reads, "...and keep it safe..." It should read, "...and keep them safe..."
6. Item 6D, page 6, first paragraph on the page, first sentence reads, "...until 2:00p.m." It should read, "...until 2:00 p.m."
7. Item 6D, page 6, first paragraph on the page, third sentence reads, "...would be a fund-raiser to raise monies for the new auditorium..." It should read, "...would be a fund-raiser for the new auditorium..."
8. Item 6E, page 6, third paragraph, first sentence reads, "...would be a good place to place the art..." It should read, "...would be a good location for the art..."
9. Item 6E, page 6, third paragraph, third sentence reads, "...but would decide..." It should read, "...but they would decide..."

10. Item 6F, page 6, second paragraph, last sentence reads, "...churches have in saying..." It should read, "...churches have of saying..."
11. Item 9, page 8, second paragraph, last sentence reads, "...available to do the project." It should read, "...available to do the utilities for the project."
12. Item 10, page 8, second paragraph, the first two sentences read, "However, the project cannot be done until summer or early fall. Rather than create a road blockage for week or two..." They should read, "The project cannot be done until summer or early fall. Rather than create a road blockage for a week or two..."

#7047 – Motion by Kors, second by Pfeifer, to approve the May 2, 2005 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:

#7196 – Berger Chevrolet	'05 Chevy Impala P.D.	\$ 17,859.00	Equipment
#7197 – Payroll	PPE 05/01/05	\$ 15,948.36	General Fund 75.18 Major Streets Fd 115.62 Local Streets Fd 11,816.55 Electric Fund 5,110.07 Water & Sewer 1,921.14 Waterfront Fund 532.39 Equipment Fund 441.37 Historical Fund
#7198 – Trust Payouts	2004 Delinquent P.P.T.	\$ 2,917.56	Trust Fund
#7199 – State of Michigan	April '05 Sales & W/h Tax	\$ 2,282.31	General Fund 10,736.13 Electric Fund
#7200 – A/P	05/16/05 Council Bills	\$ 41,280.66	General Fund 171.87 Major Streets Fd 28,210.92 Local Streets Fd 52,512.30 Electric Fund 27,992.19 Water & Sewer 2,439.36 Waterfront Fund 16,809.15 Equipment Fund 70.29 Historical Fund 277.73 Police Reserves 3,327.33 W.T.T. Water

#7048 – Motion by Grogan, second by Kors, to approve the bills in the amount of \$243,847.48.

Ayes – 4

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims on voucher numbers 7196, 7197, 7198, 7199 and 7200, checked by the finance committee, in the amount of \$243,847.48 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	\$ 60,511.33
Major Streets Fund	247.05
Local Streets Fund	28,326.54
Electric Fund	75,064.98
Water & Sewer Fund	33,102.26
Waterfront Fund	4,360.50
Equipment Fund	35,200.54
Historical Fund	511.66
Trust Fund	2,917.56
Police Reserves	277.73
W.T.T. Water	<u>3,327.33</u>
Total	\$243,847.48 =====

3. Citizen Comments

None.

4. Community Event Requests

A. Celtic Festival

City Manager Geuder introduced Jim Gillespie, Director of the Blissfest Music Organization. Manager Geuder stated that he received a letter from the Blissfest Music Organization requesting approval to hold the third annual Celtic Festival. The Celtic Festival would be held at Zorn Park on Friday, August 26, and Saturday, August 27, 2005. The plan is to have Celtic and Irish entertainment on Friday from 4:00 p.m. until midnight at various downtown restaurants. Also, on Friday, a film will be shown from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in a tent at Zorn Park. On Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. there will be workshops on Celtic and Irish culture and history at Zorn Park. Beginning at 8:00 p.m., there will be a concert at the Middle School gym.

Council discussed the proposal with Manager Geuder and Gillespie. After discussion, the following motion was offered:

#7049 – Motion by Grogan, second by Pfeifer, to approve holding the Blissfest Music Organization's third annual Celtic Festival in Zorn Park, as requested, on Friday evening, August 26, 2005, and Saturday, August 27, 2005.

Ayes – 4
Nays – 0

C. Stutsmanville Chapel Church Service at Ottawa Stadium

City Manager Geuder stated he received a request from Stutsmanville Chapel to hold a church service on Sunday Morning, July 3, 2005 at Ottawa Stadium at 9:30 a.m. The School District has approved the use of Ottawa Stadium. Council asked Chief Branson if he had any problems with Stutsmanville Chapel using the parking area for its church service. Chief Branson stated he saw no conflict with Stutsmanville Chapel using the parking area, since the service was not being proposed for July 4th. Council asked City Attorney Ramer if he saw any Church and State conflict by approving the church service. Attorney Ramer stated that he did not see any conflict.

After discussing the request, the following motion was offered:

#7050 – Motion by Kors, second by Grogan, to approve the use of the Ottawa Stadium and parking area for a church service to be held on Sunday, July 3, 2005 at 9:30 a.m., as proposed by Stutsmanville Chapel.

Ayes – 4
Nays – 0

6. Update on Street and Sidewalk Projects

City Manager Geuder stated that the State Street project from Main Street south to Bay Street is coming along well. Some changes have been incorporated into the project, based on conditions found after opening the street. Curb work is almost completed, and if the weather holds, the project should be completed within a week or so.

Ron Ira completed sidewalk installation and repairs along Second Street, Third Street and Glenn Drive. Manager Geuder said the new sidewalks look good.

Manager Geuder reviewed plans to install a sidewalk on Center Street. He discussed two plans with Council. One plan showed the sidewalk being installed from East Lake Street south to Pine Street on the west side of Center Street. The second plan showed the sidewalk being installed on the east side of Center Street from East Lake Street to Maple Street, then crossing over to the west side of Center Street from Maple Street south to Pine Street. City Council and Manager Geuder discussed the advantages and disadvantages of both plans.

Manager Geuder stated that Pine Street, from Arbor Street east to Hoyt Street has deteriorated over the last few years. Manager Geuder believes that Pine Street needs to be resurfaced and hoped to be able to include a sidewalk in the project. He said he would review the preliminary drawings done on this stretch of road.

Manager Geuder informed Council the City needs to start looking at installing sidewalks in the Leighton Park Subdivision. He has received a request for a sidewalk on Fairview Street.

Manager Geuder informed Council that the drainage improvements made on East Third Street seem to be working fine. The priority to do the rest of the drainage improvements has diminished.

Manager Geuder stated Bay Street, from State Street east to Gardner Street is also deteriorating. That work may need to be done in the near future. Both Beach Street and Pennsylvania Avenue are getting to the point that they may also need resurfacing.

Council discussed these future projects with City Manager Geuder. Council members concurred that Manager Geuder should make the Pine Street Project from Arbor Street east to Hoyt Street a high priority. They believe that Pine Street is a very busy street and during the school year, there is traffic on it all of the time.

7. Art in Public Places

City Manager Geuder stated that he believes a good spot for the Crooked Tree Art Center art display would be just east of the Harbormaster parking lot, off the sidewalk in the green space. The City Council generally concurred with this location for the display.

8. Schedule Discussions for Christmas Tree Lighting Date and Public Input on the Walstrom Marine Dock Project

City Manager Geuder stated that he would like to set the dates for public input and making a decision on the date for the Christmas Tree Lighting Program. He requested that Council set June 20, 2005, during their City Council meeting to decide on the date for the Christmas Tree Lighting Program.

Council members discussed this issue. Councilperson Grogan stated that he would like to set some evening hours for members of the public to come in and discuss this issue with himself or another Council member. Manager Geuder suggested that Councilperson Grogan consider having hours for the public to meet with Councilperson Grogan on Wednesday, June 15, 2005, and have City Council receive additional public comment and consider the question at their June 20, 2005 City Council meeting. Council members concurred with City Manager Geuder on the proposed schedule. The actual time for Councilperson Grogan to hold his hours will be worked out and advertised for June 15, 2005.

City Manager Geuder suggested having a special meeting on Monday, July 11, 2005 and Thursday, August 4, 2005 to receive public comment on the Walstrom Marine proposed dock project. Councilperson Grogan stated that he would have special hours for the public to come in and discuss the Walstrom Dock Project and any other issues on Wednesday evening, July 20, 2005 and on Monday evening, July 25, 2005. The actual times those evenings that Councilperson Grogan would be available will be worked out with the City Manager. The next Council meeting following these dates is August 15, 2005.

Council members discussed the schedules presented and concurred with City Manager Geuder's recommendations for public input.

9. Petoskey Public Library Discussion

City Manager Geuder discussed the request by Karen Sherard, the Executive Director of the Petoskey Library, to sit down and discuss funding of the Petoskey Library for its future use by Harbor Springs' residents. Manger Geuder suggested that perhaps he and one or two Council members meet with Ms. Sherard to discuss this issue.

Council discussed this issue with Manager Geuder and concurred with his recommendation. Councilperson Kors will accompany Manager Geuder when a meeting can be arranged, most likely in the fall.

10. Boards and Commissions

A. Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Council reviewed the May 11, 2005 ZBA meeting minutes. Mayor Jardine announced that the next ZBA meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 8, 2005. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers.

B. Planning Commission (PC)

Mayor Jardine announced that the next PC meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 19, 2005. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers.

C. Harbor Commission (HC)

Mayor Jardine announced that the next HC meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 1, 2005. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers.

D. Next City Council Meeting

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm, Monday, June 6, 2005. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at 160 Zoll Street, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

11. Old and New Business

A. Land Information Access Association

Councilperson Grogan stated he read the Land Information Access Association letter concerning the "Partnerships for Change" project that is being done through H.A.R.B.O.R., Inc. and found it very interesting.

City Manager Geuder stated that the Council had approved participation in this project and contributed \$5,000 toward its cost. Mayor Jardine will sign the participation agreement.

Pfeifer reminded City Manager Geuder to keep up the list of "Old and New Business" items to bring back to Council.

12. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Jardine adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

Approved: May 16, 2005

Ronald B. McRae, City Clerk

Jean Jardine, Mayor

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Attachments