

Harbor Springs City Council Minutes
June 6, 2005

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney James Ramer, City Manager Fred Geuder, Police Chief Dan Branson and City Clerk/Comptroller/Treasurer Ron McRae

2. City Clerk / Comptroller / Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes

The following corrections to the May 16, 2005 regular City Council meeting minutes were noted:

1. Item 8, page 5, first paragraph, second sentence reads, "...during their City Council meeting to decide..." It should read, "...during their City Council meeting, to decide..."
2. Item 8, page 5, third paragraph, third sentence reads "...that Councilperson Grogan would be available will be worked out..." It should read, "...that Councilperson Grogan to hold his hours will be worked out..."
3. Item 11A, page 6, first paragraph reads, "Pfeifer reminded City Manager Geuder..." It should read, "Councilperson Pfeifer reminded City Manager Geuder..."

#7051 – Motion by Pfeifer, second by Kors, to approve the May 16, 2005 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:

#7201 – Payroll	PPE 05/15/05	\$ 11,013.66	General Fund
		448.65	Major Streets Fd
		73.52	Local Streets Fd
		12,145.10	Electric Fund
		6,894.23	Water & Sewer
		4,155.58	Waterfront Fund
		932.33	Equipment Fund
		441.37	Historical Fund
#7202 – A/P	Misc End-Of-Month Bills	\$ 3,506.89	General Fund
		41,706.94	Major Streets Fd
		252.79	Electric Fund
		5,710.25	Water & Sewer
#7203 - Payroll	PPE 05/29/05	\$ 4,218.48	General Fund
		351.54	Major Streets Fd
		296.36	Local Streets Fd
		13,037.22	Electric Fund
		6,048.61	Water & Sewer
		7,468.72	Waterfront Fund
		384.01	Equipment Fund
		441.37	Historical Fund
#7204 – A/P	06/06/05 Council Bills	\$ 22,614.57	General Fund
		9,864.07	Major Streets Fd
		2,680.67	Local Streets Fd
		110,383.90	Electric Fund
		3,595.48	Water & Sewer
		39,394.48	Waterfront Fund
		8,329.45	Equipment Fd
		724.32	Historical Fund
		185.00	Police Reserves

#7052 – Motion by Grogan, second by Heinz, to approve the bills in the amount of \$317,499.56.

Ayes – 5
 Nays – 0

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims on voucher numbers 7201, 7202, 7203, and 7204, checked by the finance committee, in the amount of \$317,499.56 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	\$ 41,553.60
Major Streets Fund	52,371.20
Local Streets Fund	3,050.55
Electric Fund	135,819.01
Water & Sewer Fund	22,248.57
Waterfront Fund	51,018.78
Equipment Fund	9,645.79
Historical Fund	1,607.06
Police Reserves	<u>185.00</u>
Total	\$317,499.56

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3. Citizen Comments

Kathy Lott, Executive Director of the Harbor Springs Chamber of Commerce, commented on the mess at the recycling site at the IGA parking lot, which she saw when she did her recycling last weekend. She asked what she could do as a concerned citizen to keep the area cleaner.

Elisa Seltzer, the executive Director of the Emmet County Department of Public Works, suggested that Lott contact the Emmet County Department of Public Works to inform them of such conditions and they would address the problem.

4. Resolution to Assess Delinquent Utility Bills on Property Taxes

City Manager Geuder stated that the "Resolution to Special Assess for Delinquent Utility Charges" (hereinafter referred to as the "Resolution") is not often needed, but there are times when it is necessary.

City Clerk McRae stated that the Resolution given to Council members in their packets was incorrect. The corrected Resolution was reviewed by City Council. City Clerk McRae stated the corrected Resolution must be approved by City Council.

After a brief discussion, the following motion was offered:

#7053 – Motion by Heinz, second by Grogan, to approve the "Resolution to Special Assess for Delinquent Utility Charges". This Resolution authorizes levying a special assessment of \$298.96 on parcel code number 24-51-15-200-104, owned by James P. and Valerie J. Biro; and \$65.68 on parcel code number 24-51-13-104-101, owned by Robert and Elizabeth Humphrey.

Ayes – Kors, Pfeifer, Jardine, Grogan and Heinz
Nays – None

5. Update on Mapping Project

City Manager Geuder reviewed the status of the mapping project (handout dated May 25, 2005). Manager Geuder also discussed some alternatives to get the project completed. He and Council discussed the alternatives proposed. Manager Geuder addressed City Council concerns expressed over deadlines for completion of the mapping project.

6. Proposal to Place an Informational Sign at the IGA Recycling Drop Site

City Manager Geuder stated that he received a request from the Emmet County Department of Works to place a Recycling Robot, with a recycling information sign, at the IGA recycling drop site.

Elisa Seltzer, the Emmet County Department of Public Works Director, stated that the Recycling Robot is six to seven feet tall and would support a sign twenty inches by thirty inches at eye level to make it easier for people to read. Council members discussed this issue. After the discussion the following motion was offered:

#7054 – Motion by Heinz, second by Pfeifer, to approve a one year trial period for the placement of a Recycling Robot, with an informational sign, at the IGA recycling drop site. Further the Recycling Robot can be no taller than the surrounding fence.

Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

Recycling in Harbor Springs was also discussed. Seltzer also discussed curbside pick up of recyclables from seasonal homes and resort areas.

7. Larks Lake Lions Club Request to Sponsor their “White Cane” Fundraiser

Councilperson Heinz asked if the City would approve the “White Cane” fundraiser. City Manager Geuder stated that this has been done in the past. Manager Geuder stated that Harbor Springs does not have a separate Lions Club.

By consensus, Council members concurred with the City Manager’s request to approve the “Larks Lake Lions Club White Cane Fundraiser” on June 25, 2005, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

8. Boards and Commissions

A. Planning Commission (PC)

Council reviewed the May 19, 2005 PC meeting minutes. Mayor Jardine announced that the next PC meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Thursday, June 16, 2005. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers.

B. Harbor Commission (HC)

Council reviewed the June 1, 2005 HC meeting minutes. Mayor Jardine announced that the next HC meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 13, 2005. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers.

C. Next City Council Meeting

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm, Monday, June 20, 2005. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at 160 Zoll Street, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

9. Old and New Business

A. Waterfront Vandalism

Council reviewed the vandalism incident on the waterfront with City Manager Geuder and Police Chief Branson. Chief Branson stated that no concrete information has come out concerning the vandalism. The Police Department will continue to follow any leads they are given.

B. Pipe Bomb Scare

City Manager Geuder and Police Chief Branson also discussed the “pipe bomb” incident. The “pipe bomb” turned out to be a container holding items for a GPS Game set up by a group of people who live in our area. Local agencies were not made aware of this game. A bomb squad was sent to Harbor Springs from Grand Rapids at the request of Chief Branson. Manager Geuder stated that he believed that Chief Branson acted professionally and appropriately, given the circumstances at the time.

10. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Jardine adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Approved: June 20, 2005

Ronald B. McRae, City Clerk

Jean Jardine, Mayor

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Attachments