

**Harbor Springs City Council Minutes  
July 10, 2006**

Mayor Jardine called the fifteenth 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, Mick Heinz, Laura Kors, Jim Grogan, and Dennis Wiggins  
 Absent: None  
 Also Present: City Attorney James Ramer, City Manager Fred Geuder, City Police Chief Dan Branson, Electric Department Supervisor Dennis Ory, City Clerk, Ron McRae, and City General Secretary Jennifer Kruzel.

2. City Clerk / Comptroller / Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes

#7185 – Motion by Heinz, second by Kors to approve the June 19, 2006 regular City Council meeting minutes as read.

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:

#7298 – A/P	P.P.E. 6/30/06	\$ 36,619.90 General Fund 492.94 Major Sts Fund 76.76 Local Sts Fund 422.40 Historical Fund 10,771.00 Electric Fund 5,099.58 W & S Fund 8,076.11 Waterfront Fd 382.90 Equipment Fd
#7299 – A/P	Payouts 6/1 – 6/30/06	\$ 2,187.36 Trust Fund
#7300 – A/P	No Council 7/3/06	\$ 10,556.44 General Fund 46.99 Police Res Fd 39.62 Historical Fund 1950.00 BA Const Fund 149,964.33 Electric Fund 5,379.22 W & S Fund 2,495.77 Waterfront Fd 156.71 Equipment Fd
#7301 – A/P	Council 7/10/06	\$ 12,859.35 General Fund 1,763.40 Major Sts Fund 64.99 Police Res Fd 71.80 Historical Fund 203.67 BA Const Fund 49,122.72 Electric Fund 22,130.35 W & S Fund 13,968.70 W.T. Water Fd 5,732.94 Waterfront Fd 6,873.34 Equipment Fd

#7186 – Motion by Wiggins, second by Grogan, to approve the bills in the amount of \$347,509.29.

Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that claims on voucher numbers #7298, #7299, #7300 and #7301, checked by the Finance Committee, in the amount of \$347,509.29 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	60,035.69
Major Streets Fund	2,256.34
Local Streets Fund	76.76
Police Reserve	111.98
Historical Fund	533.82
B. A. Construction Fund	2,153.67
Electric Fund	209,858.05
Water & Sewer Fund	32,609.15
West Traverse Fund	13,968.70
Waterfront Fund	16,304.82
Equipment Fund	7,412.95
Trust Fund	2,187.36
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Total	\$347,509.29
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### 3. Citizen Comments

Mr. & Mrs. Win Schrader have resided at 138 W. Bay Street in Harbor Springs for the last 20 years. Mr. Schrader addressed members of Council concerning Zorn Park Fountain's condition and the loitering of teenagers at the fountain. Schrader stated that the fountain is not only for drinking but is also a war memorial. The fountain is in need of some repair. The plaques need to be cleaned and the lighting is not working. He noted that teenagers have been loitering less this year than in years past. Schrader expressed his concern about the reckless skateboarding that does happen near the fountain from time to time. He further requested that the City consider a "No Skateboarding, No Rollerblading" sign at the fountain, as they have done with the downtown City sidewalks.

Mr. Fred Castle, of 364 Church Street, Harbor Springs, addressed Council members regarding the noise generated by M-119 traffic that can be heard from his residence on Church Street. He has written several letters to the Department of Transportation, former State Representative Scott Shackleton, and City Council asking for help to include a sound barrier, speed restrictions, and more signage. City Manager Geuder stated that he and Chief Branson will look into this matter further and report back.

### 4. City Manager

#### A. R-1-D District

The R-1-D District has been discussed by Council over the last few meetings, with specific consideration for the Southard & Crandall's subdivision. Revisions have been made to this proposal so as not to create an unwanted precedent allowing new 50' lot subdivisions. The "R-1-D Like" provisions will be limited only to the Southard & Crandall's plat; any other lots in the City that are smaller would still need to apply for a variance. Discussion by Council followed. Grogan stated that these new provisions

would give the ZBA guidance and tools for the area of West Third and Fourth Streets. Consensus was given by all Council members to send the proposal back to the Planning Commission for their review.

B. Purchase of Electric Boom Truck

City Manager Geuder presented Council members with a quote from DUECO Corporation in the amount of \$133,755.00 for a new bucket truck for the electric department. This new truck has a boom that reaches six feet further, a longer chassis, and a fiberglass body. Grogan questioned the fact that there was only one bid to be considered. After consulting the City Code, City Attorney Ramer stated that bid would be sufficient, at Council's discretion. Dennis Ory, supervisor of the electric department, answered questions from council members regarding the truck, stating that this is the "Cadillac" of bucket trucks. The fiberglass body will last longer and it is the safest, best quality piece of machinery on the market.

#7187 – Motion by Kors, second by Heinz, to approve the purchase of a new electric boom truck in the amount of \$133,755.00, as requested.

Ayes – Jardine, Heinz and Kors  
Nays – Wiggins and Grogan

Motion carries.

C. HARBOR, Inc.

Council member Heinz and City Manager Geuder have been attending meetings regarding Recreation, Trails and Open Space, through Harbor, Inc. Many townships in Emmet County have been meeting on a regular basis to discuss the possibility of having one bicycle path extend from Charlevoix all the way to Cross Village, with the cooperation of each township along the way. A power structure needs to be built and each of the townships have to cooperate with each other in planning and funding. City Manager Geuder and Council member Heinz asked for consensus by Council as to whether to continue discussions, which was given.

D. Water Letter

City Manager Geuder let Council members know that a letter was drafted by the Department of Environmental Quality and then approved by DPW Supervisor Rick Ward explaining what happened recently with the water, why we had to issue a "Boil Water Notice" and what the City has done to correct the problem. This letter was mailed to the 1,500 water customers within the City's limits. Geuder anticipated that the chlorination process will go on indefinitely, or until we receive further word from the DEQ.

E. Bench Donation

Eight benches were recently ordered by City Manager Geuder. The DPW department will install them – two on Judd Hill, two on the West Hill, two in Zorn Park, and two at the Hoyt Road playground. There was some discussion about residents donating funds for the benches. It was decided by Council members not to accept donations for the park benches.

5. Boards and Commissions

- A. Harbor Commission – Meeting set for July 19, 2006, at 4:00 pm  
Minutes from the June 21, 2006 included.
- B. Zoning Board of Appeals – Public Hearing July 12, 2006, 5:30 pm  
Variance Request from Walter & Sandra Pfander at 305 E. Third St, for a  
second story addition to their garage.
- C. Planning Commission – Meeting set for July 20, 2006 at 5:30 pm

6. Old and New Business

Delinquent Taxes

City Manager Geuder provided a Memo to Council members regarding Delinquent taxes written by City Clerk Ron McRae. According to McRae, the City has collected over 95% of the property taxes for 2005. This is far better than most townships can hope for in any given year, but about status quo for the City.

4<sup>th</sup> of July

Geuder also provided a copy of a Memo written by Chief Dan Branson complimenting his employees on a hectic but extremely safe and uneventful 4<sup>th</sup> of July. There were record crowds in town, and we experienced no major incidents.

Mayor Jardine also complimented Kathy Lott, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, for all her efforts and hard work over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Lott stated that the event ran smoothly thanks to her staff, the efforts of the police, and also the help of the DPW department on that busy day.

7. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Jardine adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm.

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Ronald R. McRae, City Clerk

Approved: July 24, 2006.

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Jean Jardine, Mayor

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Attachments