

**Harbor Springs City Council Minutes
July 11, 2005**

Mayor Jardine called the fifteenth 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: Jean Jardine, Jim Grogan, Michael Heinz, Laura Kors and Pringle Pfeifer

Absent: None

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

2. City Clerk / Comptroller / Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes

#7060 – Motion by Pfeifer, second by Grogan, to approve the June 20, 2005 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:

#7208 - Payroll	PPE 06/26/05	\$ 19,490.58	General Fund
		686.15	Major Streets Fd
		311.39	Local Streets Fd
		12,263.71	Electric Fund
		5,671.04	W&S Fund
		8,318.45	Waterfront Fund
		614.90	Equipment Fund
		441.37	Historical Fund
#7209 – A/P	Misc Bills – 7/04/05 Council	\$ 7,375.70	General Fund
		1,400.00	Local Streets Fd
		128,144.16	Electric Fund
		336.07	W&S Fund
		30,117.00	Waterfront Fund
		48.32	Equipment Fund
		713.03	B.A. Const Fund
#7210 – Trust Payouts	2004 Delinquent P.P. Taxes	\$ 520.74	Trust Fund

#7211 – A/P	07/11/05 Special Council	\$ 23,129.79	General Fund
		492.95	Major Streets Fd
		482.59	Local Streets Fd
		42,770.77	Electric Fund
		34,312.66	Water & Sewer
		11,712.68	Waterfront Fund
		7,549.86	Equipment Fund
		2,500.00	B.A. Const Fund
		910.61	Historical Fund

#7061 – Motion by Heinz, second by Grogan, to approve the bills in the amount of \$340,314.52.

Ayes – 5
 Nays – 0

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims on voucher numbers 7208, 7209, 7210 and 7211, checked by the finance committee, in the amount of \$340,314.52 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	\$ 49,996.07
Major Streets Fund	1,179.10
Local Streets Fund	2,193.98
Electric Fund	183,178.64
Water & Sewer Fund	40,319.77
Waterfront Fund	50,148.13
Equipment Fund	8,213.08
B.A. Const Fund	3,213.03
Historical Fund	1,351.98
Historical Fund	<u>520.74</u>
 Total	 \$340,314.52 =====

3. Public Hearing on Walstrom Marine Dock Expansion Project

Mayor Jardine opened the Public Hearing on the Walstrom Marine Dock Expansion Project at 7:05 p.m.

Fred Walstrom of Walstrom Marine, reviewed the proposed project and noted specific parts of the proposal, including having a bridge to the dock from the existing shore (to allow circulation) and having a 60' gap between the shore and the east side floating breakwall. Walstrom also noted that both the Planning Commission and Harbor Commission have approved the proposed project.

City Manager Geuder stated the Planning Commission reviewed the dock expansion project from the landside perspective, and determined that the proposed project met the minimum parking requirement. The Harbor Commission approved the proposed project, with the conditions that no transient docking be permitted on the outside wall and that a fire suppression system be included.

Mayor Jardine then opened the floor to public comment.

Count Darling, 524 East Bay St., #1, spoke on behalf of all three Marina Village associations. Darling read a letter to Council, which asked the Council to consider view, parking and noise impacts on their properties, before making any decisions. (Darling also presented a letter to the Council.)

Charles Winston, 524 East Bay St., #2, was opposed to the project because he because he felt his view of Little Traverse Bay would be destroyed.

Jim Offield, a Harbor Point resident and Little Traverse Township property owner, stated that he supported the project because Walstrom Marine has been a good steward of the waterfront, and he felt that the 39 additional slips would not adversely impact boat traffic in the harbor.

Beverly Ostetek, 7444 State Road, was opposed to the project because she believes it will ruin vistas at the Zoll Street Beach and Ford Park. She also asked City Council to consider the results of the Northwest Emmet County 2000 Quality of Life Survey where many people felt that harbor views should be preserved.

Sarah (Sally) Rowland, 526 East Bay St., #20, said she was opposed to the project because she believed there would be more air pollution from the additional boats and that views would be adversely impacted.

Marilyn White, 526 East Bay St., #17, said she was opposed to the project. When she and her husband purchased their property in 2003 was made, no one mentioned a potential dock expansion project. She believes that the dock expansion project will ruin her view and also have a negative effect on her property value. She is also opposed to the project because of potential negative environmental impacts and noise concerns.

Le Roy (Dwight) Finch, 1209 West Bay Rd., stated he was in favor of the dock expansion project. He believes that the expansion project will help the economy, and provide needed additional dock slips in Harbor Springs. He also noted the lengthy waiting list for municipal slips.

Randy White, 526 East Bay St., #17, asked Council to proceed with care and use good judgment when making their decision.

Linda Rachwitz, 519 East Third St., said that Walstrom Marine is a great business, and she hoped they continued to prosper. However she was not in favor of the project because she believes public property needs to be protected for public use.

Barbara Young, 14 Woods Dr., was not in favor of the project because of the quality of life issues previously mentioned and she believed the harbor should be left open for public use.

John Galvin, 528 East Bay St., #23, is opposed to the dock expansion project due to noise and environmental issues. He also discussed the expansion of the east basin and the problems incurred when that project took place.

David McSherry, 526 East Bay St., #18, said he was opposed to the dock expansion project because of view and environmental concerns. He also suggested that the City follow the recommendations of outside consultants to preserve views.

Tom Smith, 549 East Third St., said he had been discussing the project with a lot of "old timers" and it was his belief that most of those that he talked to were not in favor of the proposed dock expansion project. He also asked if City Council was making the decision to allow the project, or gathering public information to make a recommendation to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)?

City Manager Geuder stated that City Council was going through the public information gathering process to make a recommendation to the MDEQ. The final approval will come from the MDEQ and United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Mayor Jardine stated that usually the MDEQ does listen to the recommendations of City Council.

Charles Winston, 524 East Bay Street, No 2, complimented Walstrom Marine on reducing the proposed dock expansion project. He inquired if it were possible for Walstrom Marine to move their proposed dock expansion project to the west, in front of their buildings.

Walstrom said that the area in front of the buildings would be changed to accommodate their boat service area and a service slip. Walstrom also noted that they would be demolishing a portion of the building closest to the water to expand their outside boat service area. He also noted that this area already has a bottomlands lease for the Dredge & Dock operation.

James Bartlett, Chairman of the Harbor Commission, said he was pleased that the City Council was receiving public input on the proposed dock expansion project, before making a decision on their recommendation to the MDEQ.

Mayor Jardine closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

4. Community Events

City Manager Geuder said he had received a letter from the Harbor Springs Area Historical Society for approval to hold "Shay Days" from set up on Thursday, July 14, 2005 through Sunday, July 17, 2005. Final cleanup will take place on Monday, July 18, 2005. The Historical Society would use the park across from the Shay House.

The actual event will take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The hours for Friday and Saturday will be from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The hours for Sunday will be from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. This event has been on the City calendar for several years.

Manager Geuder also said the Harbor Springs Public Schools would like to host the Shoreline Bike Tour. The Bike Tour Camp would camp out on Friday evening, August 5, 2005 and leave Saturday morning, August 6, 2005. Approximately 400 cyclists would take part. The school will have the middle school locker rooms open for the campers and have three port-a-johns set up.

Council, by consensus, approved the "Shay Days" and the "Shoreline Bike Tour Camp" requests, as presented.

5. Michigan Municipal League Annual Conference

City Manager Geuder stated that Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention would take place in Grand Rapids from Tuesday, September 20, 2005 to Friday, September 23, 2005. Council Member Kors indicated that she may be able to attend the meeting. City Manager Geuder stated that he would be attending.

6. Old and New Business

A. Recommendation of Walstrom Marine Proposed Dock Expansion Project

Councilperson Grogan asked if the MDEQ would wait for City Council's recommendation to approve the Walstrom Marine proposed dock expansion project. City Manager Geuder stated that he believed they would. Manager Geuder also stated that he notified the MDEQ of the public hearing schedule and will forward copies of the public comments to them.

7. Boards and Commissions

A. Planning Commission (PC)

Mayor Jardine announced that the next PC meeting will be held on July 21, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Mayor Jardine announced that the next ZBA meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, 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, July 13, 2005. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers.

D. Next City Council Meeting

Mayor Jardine announced that the next City Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 18, 2005. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers.

8. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Jardine adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Approved: July 18, 2005

Ronald B. McRae, City Clerk

Jean Jardine, Mayor

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Attachments