

Harbor Springs City Council Minutes
July 19, 2004

Mayor Dika called the sixteenth 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: Al Dika, Charlie Baldwin, Jean Jardine, Laura Kors and Pringle Pfeifer

Absent: None

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

2. City Clerk / Comptroller / Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes

The following changes were noted for the minutes:

- a. Item 7, page 4, Motion No. 6933 reads, "Motion Pfeifer,..." Motion No. 6933 should read, "Motion by Pfeifer,..."
- b. Item 8, page 4, the first paragraph, the first sentence reads, "...on the deck behind the Quarters..." The sentence should read, "...on the deck behind Quarters..."
- c. Item 10(B), second paragraph reads, "...since it was virtually brand new." The paragraph should read, "...since it was brand new."

#6934 – Motion by Pfeifer, second by Jardine, to approve the July 6, 2004 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:

#7120–Beach Groomers	Deep Clean City Beach	\$ 3,234.00	Waterfront Fund
H.S. Chamber of Comm	"Str Musique" Contribution	\$ 500.00	Electric Fund
State of Michigan	June '04 Sales Tax	\$ 3,815.62 8,685.48	General Fund Electric Fund

#7121 - Payroll	PPE 07/11/04	\$18,235.23	General Fund
		664.77	Major Streets
		181.39	Local Streets
		11,340.55	Electric Fund
		5,817.96	Water & Sewer Fd
		8,774.96	Waterfront Fund
		997.00	Equipment Fund
		428.06	Historical Fund
#7122 – Trust Payouts	Delinquent Personals '03	\$ 7,856.06	Trust Fund
#7123 – A/P	07/19/04 Council Bills	\$36,940.53	General Fund
		610.00	Major Streets
		45.00	Local Streets
		41,788.60	Electric Fund
		33,862.77	Water & Sewer Fd
		8,272.31	Waterfront Fund
		7,560.47	Equipment Fund
		3,845.00	B.A. Const Fund
		2,506.00	Historical Fund

#6935 – Motion by Jardine, second by Pfeifer, to approve the bills in the amount of \$205,761.76.

Ayes – 5
 Nays – 0

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims on voucher numbers 7120, 7121, 7122, and 7123 checked by the finance committee, in the amount of \$205,761.76 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	\$ 58,991.38
Major Streets Fund	1,274.77
Local Streets Fund	226.39
Electric Fund	62,314.63
Water & Sewer Fund	39,680.73
Waterfront Fund	20,281.27
Equipment Fund	8,557.47
B.A. Construction Fund	3,845.00
Historical Fund	2,934.06
Trust Fund	<u>7,656.06</u>
 Total	 \$ 205,761.76 =====

3. Citizen Comments

None.

4. Allied EMS Systems, Inc. Presentation for Proposed Ballot Question

City Manager Geuder introduced David Slifka, Director of Allied EMS Systems, Inc. Slifka stated that he was present to address any questions that Council may have on the proposed ballot question for a millage to support Allied E.M.S. Systems, Inc. and the Mackinaw City Ambulance. Slifka stated that the millage is being requested to fund the difference between the increasing costs of medical emergency services and the decreasing Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements that fund sixty-nine percent (69%) of the runs for patients assisted.

In 2002 the Federal Government passed the Balanced Budget Amendment (BBA). The BBA affects the amount of Medicare reimbursement that an ambulance service can receive for services provided. The amount of reimbursement has been declining since 2002 and will continue to do so through 2006. Further, the State of Michigan has also lowered the Medicaid reimbursements. To help offset the increasing gap between costs and reimbursements, the emergency service providers are requesting a tax millage levy of 0.15 mills. Slifka stated that the millage is needed to keep the services operating at a maximum level.

Slifka discussed all of the services provided by Allied E.M.S. Systems, Inc. He also explained the legal and training requirements. Slifka discussed the cost of the equipment required for the services provided and described the way that the EMS personnel communicate with the doctors in the hospital to provide a greater opportunity to provide the necessary aid required for life support.

Council discussed the millage question with Slifka. Councilperson Baldwin stated that as of next month he will have eighteen years in working for the ambulance service. He started when the service was still an all-volunteer service called "Emmet Ambulance".

Mayor Dika thanked Slifka for taking the time to meet with Council to inform them of the reasons for the proposed millage 0.15 mills for the emergency ambulance services.

5. Curbside Recycling

City Manager Geuder reviewed the last two memos written to Council to explain the proposed methods of financing the approved recycling contract with the Emmet County Department of Public Works. Manager Geuder stated that he would like to try a financing mechanism that is a combination of utilizing the "Return on Investment" option recommended by Mayor Dika and the "Millage" or "Property Tax" option. Manager Geuder did not choose the option of an equal monthly billing for participants and single-family homes.

He also stated that he proposed offering an option so that some commercial establishments, condominium owners and the residents of the Harbor Estates Trailer Park could also benefit from and use the curbside recycling option. It was his intent to allow for a \$26 credit and they would pay the Emmet County Department of Public Works directly for any additional cost, should there be any. There would be no credit to consider or additional costs should the commercial establishments, condominium owners and Harbor Springs Estates Trailer Park chose not to participate.

Council members discussed Manager Geuder's proposed compromise of funding options. Councilperson Jardine thought his proposal too complicated. Councilpersons Kors and Pfeifer did not want to see the millage option used at all. They would prefer to have the cost billed monthly on the utility bill. Mayor Dika stated that he did not object to the proposed compromise plan because it did not bill all of the costs to the residents. He preferred that the Electric Fund pay the curbside recycling costs. Mayor Dika considered that to be a benefit to City residents. Councilperson Baldwin did not care how the costs were paid, but rather that the service was provided.

City Manager Geuder stated that from the discussions at this evening's meeting, he had some additional questions that he would like to review with City Attorney Ramer.

6. Michigan Municipal League (MML) Considerations

A. Selection of a Delegate and Alternate for the Annual MML Meeting

City Manager Geuder stated Council needs to select a "delegate" and an "alternate" to vote on MML issues. Manager Geuder suggested that Councilperson Kors be selected as the "delegate" and he as the "alternate". After a brief discussion, the following motion was offered:

#6936 – Motion by Pfeifer, second by Jardine, to appoint Councilperson Kors as the City's delegate for the upcoming MML Annual Meeting and to appoint City Manager Geuder as the alternate, if Councilperson Kors is not available.

Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

B. Election of the Board of Trustees to the MML Workman's Comp Fund

City Manager Geuder stated that he received the ballot for the Board of Trustees election. Manager Geuder did know a couple of those running for a Board position, but not all. However, in the past, Council usually voted for the slate of candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee.

#6937 – Motion by Jardine, second by Baldwin, to cast the ballot for the City of Harbor Springs for the slate of candidates as selected by the Nominating Committee.

Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

7. Consideration of Ordinance No. 352

City Manager Geuder stated that the Planning Commission (PC) has recommended that Council adopt Ordinance No. 352, which regulates accessory buildings in Harbor Springs. Councilperson Pfeifer discussed the thoughts expressed in the PC review of Ordinance No. 352.

City Attorney Ramer stated the draft of Ordinance No. 352 being considered by Council needed amending. The first sentence needs to be amended to read, "An ordinance to amend Section 5.32(1) and Section 5.52 of Chapter 51, Title V, of the Zoning Code of the City of Harbor Springs, and to add Sections 5.53(6), 5.62(8), 5.62(9) and 5.112(5) to Chapter 51, Title V, of the Zoning Code of the City of Harbor Springs. The date in Paragraph 4 needs to be changed to July 15, 2004.

Council discussed the proposed ordinance with City Manager Geuder and Councilperson Pfeifer.

#6938 – Motion by Baldwin, second by Kors, to approve Ordinance No. 352, with the amendments as stated by City Attorney Ramer, which regulates the construction and use of accessory buildings in Harbor Springs.

Ayes – Kors, Pfeifer, Dika, Baldwin and Jardine
Nays – None

8. Boards and Commissions

A. Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Council reviewed the minutes of the July 14, 2004 ZBA meeting. Mayor Dika announced the next regular ZBA meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm, Wednesday, August 11, 2004. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers.

B. Planning Commission (PC)

Council reviewed the minutes of the July 15, 2004 PC meeting. Mayor Dika announced the next PC meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm, Thursday, August 19, 2004. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers.

C. Harbor Commission (HC)

Council reviewed the July 14, 2004 HC meeting minutes. Mayor Dika announced the next HC meeting is scheduled for 4:00 pm, Wednesday, August 11, 2004. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers.

D. Appointments

Mayor Dika stated that he would like to have Jack Deegan continue on the PC if there were no Council objections. There were no Council objections. Mr. Deegan's term will expire January 1, 2007.

E. Next City Council Meeting

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm, Monday, August 2, 2004. It will be held in the City Council Chambers at 160 Zoll Street, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

9. Old and New Business

A. Look of the Town

Councilperson Kors commented on how nice the City's appearance is. She also stated some weeding needs to be done around the City Hall grounds.

B. CPR Training

Councilperson Kors commented on an individual that passed out at the Marina. She wondered if the Harbormaster's staff should be CPR trained. City Manager Geuder stated that he would look into this issue further.

C. Beach Bathroom Hours

The issue of whether or not the beach house restrooms should be open later than the beach hours was raised. The restrooms were closed earlier than six o'clock PM one evening during the Fourth of July weekend. Further, some evenings, there are a lot of people on the beach. There was no consensus reached. Manager Geuder stated that he would look into this issue.

10. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Dika adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Approved: August 2, 2004

Ronald B. McRae, City Clerk

Alan J. Dika, Mayor

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Attachments