

Harbor Springs City Council Meeting
August 2, 2004

Mayor Dika called the seventeenth 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 4, page 3, third paragraph, third sentence reads, "...in the hospital to provide a greater opportunity to provide the necessary aid..." It should read, "...in the hospital so they can provide the necessary aid..."
- b. Item 4, page 3, the fifth paragraph reads, "...for the proposed millage 0.15 mills..." It should read, "...for the proposed millage of 0.15 mills..."
- c. Item 7, page 5, first paragraph, second sentence should have a quotation mark at the end of the sentence.

#6939 – Motion by Pfeifer, second by Kors, to approve the July 19, 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:

#7124–Trust Payouts	Summer '04 & Delinquent P.P.T.	\$615,281.05	Trust Fund
#7125 - Payroll	PPE 07/25/04	\$ 15,814.32	General Fund
		965.61	Major Streets
		227.69	Local Streets
		11,098.14	Electric Fund
		6,002.87	Water & Sewer
		9,072.84	Waterfront Fund
		807.16	Equipment Fund
		428.06	Historical Fund

#7126 – A/P	08/02/04 Council Bills	\$ 22,125.48	General Fund
		2,608.67	Major Streets
		1,325.27	Local Streets
		95,742.18	Electric Fund
		54,205.62	Water & Sewer
		4,706.09	Waterfront Fund
		4,767.05	Equipment Fund
		2,227.52	B.A. Const Fund
		251.22	Historical Fund
		200.00	Police Reserves

#6940 – Motion by Baldwin, second by Pfeifer, to approve the bills in the amount of \$848,056.84.

Ayes – 5
 Nays – 0

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims on voucher numbers 7124, 7125, and 7126 checked by the finance committee, in the amount of \$848,056.84 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	\$ 37,939.80
Major Streets Fund	3,574.28
Local Streets Fund	1,552.96
Electric Fund	106,840.32
Water & Sewer Fund	60,208.49
Waterfront Fund	13,778.93
Equipment Fund	5,774.21
B.A. Construction Fund	2,227.52
Historical Fund	679.28
Trust Fund	251.22
Police Reserves	<u>200.00</u>
 Total	 \$ 848,056.84 =====

3. Citizen Comments

Police Chief Dan Branson introduced Haley Reed, our newest full-time police officer, to Council members.

Linda Young, Executive Director of the Harbor Springs Area Historical Society, introduced herself to Council and spoke about the Old City Hall. She also thanked Council and the City Staff for all they did in helping to make “Shay Days” a very successful event.

4. Curbside Recycling

City Manager Geuder reviewed his memorandum on paying for curbside recycling. The first option reviewed was the utility bill option.

To pay for the curbside recycling program using the "Utility Bill" method, the City would have to define residential units differently from the contract for curbside recycling with the Emmet County Department of Public Works (the "County"). Further, the City Council would need to adopt an ordinance to place the curbside recycling fees on the utility bills. Under the contract with the County, the City must pay for minimum usage as defined by "single-family homes". Any additional units that would be added at the City's option would be an additional cost.

The second option would be to pay for the curbside recycling program through the General Fund as a budget line item. The revenues would be generated to pay for the curbside recycling program by increasing the amount of the "Return on Investment" charged to the Electric Fund by the General Fund. This would be finalized through the budget process.

City Manager Geuder then reviewed the areas that could receive the curbside recycling service within the City.

Council discussed these various options and additional customers that may receive curbside recycling. By consensus, Council agreed to pay for curbside recycling by placing it in the General Fund as a line item cost and to review it through the budget process.

5. Touring Gear Request

City Manager Geuder stated that Bill Prall, owner of the Touring Gear, requested that the City authorize him to place a couple of port-a-johns downtown for when the "DalMac Bike Tour" comes through Harbor Springs on Labor Day weekend. The "DalMac Bike Tour" usually has a participation of hundreds of cyclists.

The organizers of the "DalMac Bike Tour" offered to place the port-a-johns. The City's restrooms at the Marina are usually busy that weekend and both the Touring Gear and the Outfitter allow the bikers to use their restrooms. Manager Geuder stated that he would work with Prall on the location of the port-a-johns.

Council discussed the request with Manager Geuder. They had no objections to Prall's request for the port-a-johns.

6. Annual Police Report

City Manager Geuder reviewed the annual police report with Council members. Council members noted the amount of training that is provided by the Police Department. They were pleased that the training is offered.

7. Will's Wieners

Will's Wieners, the Marina vendor licensee's business, appeared to be fairly successful. The young man, Will Grogan, did a terrific job based on what Manager Geuder has heard and seen. Manager Geuder stated he would request a report and see if Grogan is interested in coming back next year.

8. City Hall Project

City Manager Geuder stated that he would like to update Council on some City Hall Project related items.

A. Heating and Cooling System

Manager Geuder stated that he was still working on a couple of items, but it was under control.

B. Additional Lighting

Manager Geuder stated that there were some concerns that there was not enough light by the front door. He is working with Dave Swanson on an idea to provide some additional lighting by the front entryway to the City Hall, and will proceed with that change.

C. Automatic Door Opening System

Manager Geuder stated that he is working with Dave Swanson on a plan to install an automatic door opening system for the front doors of City Hall. This is being done because of the concerns expressed about the front doors being too heavy for someone with a cane, walker, or in a wheelchair, to operate. Manager Geuder stated that he is having the automatic door opening system priced by Sky Electric.

D. Sidewalk

Manager Geuder stated that there is no sidewalk going from the sidewalk along Zoll Street to the entrance of the City Hall on the north side. He believes that a sidewalk would be beneficial along the north side of the parking lot where the employees park; from the water fountain east to a point across from the sidewalk on the east end of the City Hall Administrative Building.

E. Pave Driveway

Manager Geuder stated that the driveway from the parking area on the south side of the new City Hall to Pennsylvania Avenue seems like it is in the right location. He would like to get a price for asphaltting the driveway. It would not include the area that circles by the Deer Park or the overnight boat trailer storage area.

Council briefly discussed the problems of the heating and cooling system with Manager Geuder. Council had no objections to Manager Geuder getting costs for items "C" through "E".

9. H.A.R.B.O.R. Inc.

City Manager Geuder announced the annual meeting for H.A.R.B.O.R. Inc. is scheduled for 7:00 pm, Wednesday evening, August 12, 2004 at the Blackbird School activity room.

10. Boards and Commissions

A. Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

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)

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)

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 appoint Cecilia Johnston as the alternate board member to the ZBA. She will finish Barbara Paige's term that expires January 1, 2005. There were no Council objections. Ms. Johnston's term will expire January 1, 2005, and she could be reappointed at that time.

E. Next City Council Meeting

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 7, 2004. It will be held in the City Council Chambers at 160 Zoll Street, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. The meeting scheduled for August 16, 2004, has been cancelled.

11. Old and New Business

A. Parking on Grass at Jean Jardine Park

Councilperson Pfeifer stated that when events are held at the Jean Jardine Park, the event holders should discourage the vendor or event workers parking on the grass and encourage them to park in the parking lot by City Hall.

City Manager Geuder stated that he would address that issue with each individual user.

B. Washington Street Access

Councilperson Pfeifer stated that the Washington Street Access looks very nice. The perennials look very healthy, the grass is growing in good, the area is well maintained, except the weeds in the gravel walk area.

City Manager Geuder stated he would review this issue with Superintendent Ward.

C. Performance of the Marina Staff

Council members complimented the marina staff for their good work this summer and especially during regatta weekend.

D. Benches for the Waterfront

Councilperson Baldwin asked if more benches could be placed on the waterfront at the beach.

Manager Geuder stated he would look into this issue.

E. Council Member Resignation

Councilperson Baldwin stated that he is moving outside of the City limits before the August 15th City Council meeting and is therefore resigning his position. He did thank the other Council members, City Manager Geuder and City Clerk McRae for their assistance in teaching him about local government and how our City works. Councilperson Baldwin called his almost six years on Council an awesome experience.

F. Old City Hall Appearance

Mayor Dika stated that the trim on the Old City Hall is looking very poorly. He asked City Manager Geuder if he could look into getting it painted or spruced up a bit. Mayor Dika did not want to spend a lot of money if the Harbor Springs Area Historical Society was taking over the building and changing everything.

City Manager Geuder stated he would look into this issue.

G. Rubbish on Zoll Street

Mayor Dika stated that there is a lot of trash in bags being left out on Zoll Street. He wondered if the City could require the owners to provide a place for their rubbish.

City Manager Geuder stated he would look into this issue.

12. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Dika adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Approved: September 7, 2004

Ronald B. McRae, City Clerk

Alan J. Dika, Mayor

City Council Minutes
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Attachments