

**Harbor Springs City Council Minutes
August 4, 2008**

Mayor Jardine 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: Jean Jardine, Alan Hegedus, Michael Heinz, Laura Kors and Pringle Pfeifer

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney James T. Ramer, City Manager Frederick W. Geuder, Police Chief Daniel J. Branson and City Clerk Ronald B. McRae

2. City Clerk / Comptroller / Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes

#7475 – Motion by Kors, second by Heinz, to approve the July 21, 2008 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:

Voucher Number	Description	Fund Name	Amount
7477	Payroll Ending 7/20/08	General Fund	\$36,050.08
		Major St. Fund	77.84
		Local St. Fund	58.38
		Historical Fund	432.80
		Electric Fund	10,115.81
		Water & Sewer Fund	32,005.64
		Waterfront Fund	5,664.07
		Equipment Fund	3,400.85
7478	Trust Payouts 7/01/08 Through 7/15/08	Trust Fund	219,994.79
7479	Accounts Payable - Council 8/4/08	General Fund	\$15,516.10
		Major Street Fund	511.20
		Local Street Fund	329.89
		Police Reserve Fund	9.89
		Historical Fund	928.40
		Electric Fund	183,526.70
		Water & Sewer Fund	53,604.70
		West Traverse Water	6,810.13
		Waterfront Fund	45,245.12
Equipment Fund	19,651.43		

#7476 – Motion by Hegedus, second by Pfeifer, to approve the bills in the amount of \$633,933.61.

Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that claims on voucher numbers 7477, 7478, and 7479 checked by the Finance Committee, in the amount of \$633,933.61 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	\$51,566.18
Major Streets Fund	589.04
Local Streets Fund	388.27
Police Reserve	9.89
Historical Fund	1,361.20
Electric Fund	193,642.30
Water & Sewer Fund	85,610.34
West Traverse Water Fund	6,810.13
Waterfront Fund	50,909.19
Equipment Fund	23,052.28
Trust Fund	219,994.79

Total	\$633,933.61
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3. Citizen Comments

Mark Rondel, 598 East Main St., stated that he would like the City to look at Zoll Street Beach. The dog owners using the dog friendly beach are not picking up their dog leavings. Council discussed this issue with the City Manager. It was suggested that the DPW crew could clean the beach after a busy weekend.

4. Classic Car Drive-In

City Manager Geuder stated that he was approached by a couple of gentlemen representing a group of Auto enthusiast's. They are requesting having a "Classic Car" showing on Thursday evening, August 21, 2008. This would be similar to the one that Council approved for the Porsches sometime back. The showing would take place in Upper Zorn Park, immediately south of Holy Childhood Catholic Church. Neither City Manager Geuder nor Police Chief Branson had a problem with what was being proposed.

Council discussed this issue with the representatives of the Auto enthusiasts, Dave Birchmeier, Guy Britton and Dave Hinz. After the discussion, Council concurred that the "Classic Car" showing is approved on a one-year basis.

5. Ottawa Street Sidewalk

City Manager Geuder stated that he received seven bid proposals for the proposed Ottawa Street Sidewalk to connect the existing sidewalk on the east side of Ottawa Street to the East Lake Street sidewalk. The bids received are as follows:

Cupps Masonry	\$4,844.00
Tri-County Excavating	\$5,094.00
Northern Excavating	\$5,743.00
KRG Excavating	\$6,701.00
Harbor Springs Excavating	\$6,769.42
MDC Contracting	\$7,227.95
H&D	\$8,153.00

Manager Geuder stated that Benchmark Engineering, Inc. recommended that the contract be awarded to Cupps Masonry. Further, due to the need for additional excavation and fill at the north end of the project, Cupps Masonry indicated that \$450.00 would be added to the base proposal, if necessary.

In addition, the homeowner requested that a tree be moved from the right-of-way and transplanted on the owner's property. Manager Geuder stated that the tree removal and transplanting would be an additional cost to the project. He recommended that Council authorize the removal and transplanting of the tree. Manager Geuder did not believe that the cost would be more than few hundred dollars.

Council discussed the project proposals. After the discussion, the following motion was offered:

#7477 – Motion by Heinz, second by Pfeifer, to have Cupps Masonry do the project for the base amount of \$4,844, plus the additional work of \$450; and further to authorize the removal and transplanting of the tree as requested by the homeowner and as presented by the City Manager.

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

6. Update on City Manager Search Process

City Manager Geuder stated that he would like Council to consider a "Search Firm" to hire a new City Manager. He proposed a special meeting for August 25, 2008 to review the process and review potential firms.

Manager Geuder also stated that he prepared and passed out a form to each Council member to fill out. The form would help Council members to review traits and skills that they would like to see in the new City Manager. Manager Geuder stated that Council members could fill out the forms and turn them in at their pleasure. After receiving the forms, he would compile the responses.

Council discussed the process. Council members concurred to have the special meeting on August 25, 2008.

7. Library

City Manager Geuder stated that he received the data requested from the Petoskey Library. Councilperson Heinz stated that he was concerned over control of the penal fines. He would not want to commit the penal fines to one place and then have state law change to tie them up forever.

Councilperson Kors stated that she is leaning toward the one-year payment. Council discussed this issue. City Manager Geuder suggested that he and City Attorney Ramer develop a letter for Council consideration for the August 25, 2008 special meeting.

Council concurred with City Manager Geuder's recommendation.

8. State and Main Streets Intersection Confusion

City Manager Geuder stated that Police Chief Branson had the issue raised about the confusion of the three-way stop at the intersection of State and Main Streets. Chief Branson had responded to the citizen's concerns, noting that the intersection is on a state highway.

9. Boards and Commissions

A. Planning Commission (PC)

Mayor Jardine announced that the next regularly scheduled PC meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 21, 2008.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Mayor Jardine announced that the next ZBA meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 13, 2008.

C. Harbor Commission (HC)

Mayor Jardine announced that next HC meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 13, 2008 in the City Council Chambers.

D. Next City Council Meeting

Mayor Jardine announced the next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 18, 2008 in the City Council Chambers.

10. Old and New Business

None

11. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Jardine adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Ronald B. McRae, City Clerk

Approved: August 18, 2008

Jean Jardine, Mayor

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