

**Harbor Springs City Council Minutes
September 17, 2007**

Mayor Jardine called the eighteenth 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, Michael K. Heinz, Laura Kors and Dennis Wiggins

Absent: James C. Grogan

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

#7351 – Motion by Heinz, second by Wiggins, to approve the August 20, 2007 regular City Council meeting minutes as read.

Ayes – 4

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:

#7403 – Payroll	P.P.E. 08/19/07	\$ 35,120.56 General Fund 369.72 Major St. Fund 239.88 Local St. Fund 422.40 Historical Fund 11,436.81 Electric Fund 5,670.50 W & S Fund 7,170.61 Waterfront Fd 1,533.06 Equipment Fd
#7404 – A/P	No Council 08/30/07	\$ 109,280.05 General Fund 0.00 Major St. Fund 7,640.74 Local St. Fund 50.00 Historical Fund 197,241.47 Electric Fund 25,045.26 W & S Fund 1,198.06 Waterfront Fd 87,554.61 Equipment Fd
#7405 – Payroll	P.P.E. 08/30/07	\$ 39,745.81 General Fund 664.67 Major St. Fund 736.76 Local St. Fund 422.40 Historical Fund 10,364.20 Electric Fund 4,831.92 W & S Fund 5,081.17 Waterfront Fd 1,281.85 Equipment Fd
#7406 – Tax Payouts	08/16/07 thru 08/31/07	\$ 190,085.78 Trust Fund
#7407 – Tax Payouts	09/01/07 thru 09/15/07	\$ 57,831.30 Trust Fund

7408 – A/P	Council 09/17/07	\$ 45,211.43 General Fd 599.49 Local St. Fd 112.91 Historical Fd 67,232.82 Electric Fd 36,832.76 W & S Fd 15,265.25 WTT Water Fd 5,725.88 Waterfront Fd 68,502.48 Equipment Fd
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#7352 – Motion by Heinz, second by Wiggins, to approve the bills in the amount of \$1,040,935.54.

Ayes – 4
 Nays – 0

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that claims on voucher numbers #7403, 7404, 7405, 7407 and #7408, checked by the Finance Committee, in the amount of \$1,040,935.54 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	\$229,263.98
Major Streets Fund	1,034.39
Local Streets Fund	9,216.87
Police Reserve	0.00
Historical Fund	1,007.71
B. A. Construction Fund	0.00
Electric Fund	286,275.30
Water & Sewer Fund	72,380.44
West Traverse Fund	15,265.25
Waterfront Fund	19,175.72
Equipment Fund	158,872.00
Trust Fund	247,917.08

Total	\$ 1,040,935.54
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3. Citizen Comments

None

4. Street and Sidewalk Projects

City Manager Geuder reviewed several street and sidewalk projects with Council. He talked about doing something to West Fourth Street from Mary Ellen Hughes home west to the Bull Moose Well House and the old morgue. The old morgue is being used for storage. Redoing Bay Street from State Street east to Gardner Street was also discussed. Doing a joint road project to resurface Ann Street from West Lake Street north to the City limits with West Traverse Township was discussed. Also doing a joint road project with both Little Traverse Township and West Traverse Township to resurface Hoyt Street Hill north from the Laundromat to the north side of the City reservoir property was discussed.

Sidewalk construction was discussed for the north side of Fairview Street from Ann Street east to State Street. Another sidewalk discussed was along the north side of Pine Street from Arbor Street east to Hoyt Street.

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It was suggested that the City look at chip and sealing Fourth Street. It was also suggested that Hoyt Street have a sidewalk.

There was no action taken concerning any of the projects discussed. Manager Geuder also asked Council members to let him know of any street or sidewalk projects that they would like considered.

5. Library Discussion

City Manager Geuder stated that the Harbor Springs Library is going to do some long range planning discussions. They are considering becoming a district library for the Harbor Springs Area. Manager Geuder believes that the City should be a part of those discussions.

Manager Geuder also discussed the City of Petoskey request for support from the area local units for their library operations. If they don't get the support from the local unit, the Petoskey Library will charge the residents of the non-participating local unit \$85 per year for a library card. Manager Geuder stated that the Petoskey Library currently receives the City of Harbor Springs share of penal fines. Manager Geuder stated that Council can change who gets the penal fines. For example, if the Harbor Springs Library becomes a public library, the penal fines could be directed to the Harbor Springs Library.

Council members discussed this issue. They concurred that the City should participate in the Harbor Springs Library discussions for their long term planning goals.

6. Board and Commissions

A. Harbor Commission (HC)

Mayor Jardine announced that the next HC meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 26, 2007 in the City Council Chambers.

B. Planning Commission (PC)

Mayor Jardine announced that the next PC meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Thursday, September 20, 2007 in the City Council Chambers.

C. Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Council reviewed the minutes from the September 12, 2007 ZBA meeting. Mayor Jardine announced that the next ZBA meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 10, 2007.

D. HSASDA Board Appointment

Mayor Jardine stated that she asked Councilperson Heinz to take the appointment. Councilperson Heinz agreed to do so. Mayor Jardine asked if there were any Council objections. There were no Council objections.

E. Next City Council Meeting

Mayor Jardine announced the next City Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 1, 2007 in the City Council Chambers.

7. Old and New Business

A. Harbor Hero's

Mayor Jardine stated that the Chamber of Commerce is looking for recommendations for various awards for their Harbor Hero's Dinner.

B. 2007 Best of the Good Life Winner

City Manager Geuder stated that the City of Harbor Springs was given the distinction of being voted by the "Detroit Home" magazine readers as the Best of the Good Life. The City will be featured in the September 11, 2007 edition of the "Detroit Home". Also, there will be a recognition party on September 30, 2007 where the 2007 Best of the Good Life Plaques will be given.

Manager Geuder stated he would contact the "Detroit Home" magazine people and they could mail the plaque to the City.

C. Electric Issues

Councilperson Wiggins questioned the status of several Electric System issues. City Manager Geuder stated that he would update Council on the issues.

D. Corner of East Main and State Streets and Electric Underground Policy

Councilperson Kors stated that the northeast corner of East Main Street and State Street looks very nice. The Chamber of Commerce Project came out very well.

Councilperson Kors also stated that she would like to see a policy approved by Council for the steps to be taken when residents wanted to have the electric lines buried underground.

E. Pine Street Project

Mayor Jardine stated that the area on Pine Street where the road project was done looks pretty good. However, she stated that there was an area she believes could use a little more grass seed. Manager Geuder stated that he would look into this issue.

8. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Jardine adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Approved: October 1, 2007

Ronald B. McRae, City Clerk

Jean Jardine, Mayor