

**Harbor Springs City Council Minutes
December 1, 2008**

Mayor Dika called the second meeting of the Harbor Springs City Council to order at 7:02 pm, in the City Council Chambers at 160 Zoll Street, Harbor Springs, Michigan.

1. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum

Present: Alan J. Dika, Alan Hegedus, Michael K. 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

The following changes and corrections were noted:

Page 2, Item 4, first paragraph, second sentence reads, "...purpose of the Library Committee..." It should read, "...purpose of the Library Planning Committee..."

Page 3, Item 4, third paragraph, first sentence reads, "...the Library Committee because Rutherford has..." It should read, "...the Library Planning Committee because Dika has..."

Page 3, Item 5, second paragraph reads, "...he brought this consideration of this issue..." It should read, "...he brought consideration of this issue..."

Page 4, Item 6, sixth paragraph, the second sentence reads, "...he would work the City Attorney..." It should read, "...he would work with the City Attorney..."

Page 4, Item 7, first paragraph, last sentence reads, "...Council would approve..." It should read, "...Council could approve..."

Page 5, Item 11 reads, "...Mayor Jardine adjourned..." It should read, "...Mayor Dika adjourned..."

#7511 – Motion by Pfeifer, second by Heinz, to approve the November 17, 2008 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:

Voucher Number	Description	Fund Name	Amount
7511	Trust Payouts 11/1/08 Through 11/15/08	Trust Fund	\$91,263.73

7512	Payroll Ending 11/23/08	General Fund	\$30,998.21
		Major St. Fund	1,396.02
		Local St. Fund	806.38
		Historical Fund	432.80
		Electric Fund	10,803.24
		Water & Sewer Fund	4,604.92
		Waterfront Fund	417.82
		Equipment Fund	945.89
7513	Accounts Payable - Council 12/1/08	General Fund	\$39,097.07
		Major Street Fund	984.00
		Local Street Fund	984.00
		Police Reserve Fund	0.00
		Historical Fund	18.34
		Electric Fund	149,973.39
		Water & Sewer Fund	4,249.77
		West Traverse Water	4,403.40
		Waterfront Fund	255.48
		Equipment Fund	7,275.16

#7512 – Motion by Hegedus, second by Heinz, to approve the bills in the amount of \$348,909.62.

Ayes – 5
 Nays – 0

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that claims on voucher numbers 7511, 7512 and 7513 checked by the Finance Committee, in the amount of \$348,909.62 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	\$70,095.28
Major Streets Fund	2,380.02
Local Streets Fund	1,790.38
Police Reserve	0.00
Historical Fund	451.14
Electric Fund	160,776.63
Water & Sewer Fund	8,854.69
West Traverse Water Fund	4,403.40
Waterfront Fund	673.30
Equipment Fund	8,221.05
Trust Fund	91,263.73

Total	\$348,909.62
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3. Citizen Comments

None

4. Appointment of Second Representative to the Harbor Springs Area District Library Planning Committee

City Manager Geuder stated that this issue is on the agenda due to Council's direction from the November 17, 2008 City Council meeting.

Mayor Dika reviewed the purpose of the Harbor Springs Area District Library Planning Committee (DLPC). He stated that Cynthia Rutherford had withdrawn her name from consideration to serve on the DLPC.

Mayor Dika asked if any Council Members had an idea for the appointment. Councilperson Kors stated that she believed that Judy Harvey would be a good appointee.

Councilperson Heinz stated that he thought Council was looking to appoint someone not involved in the proposed Harbor Springs Area District Library (District Library).

Carolyn Sandford reviewed some of the issues that the DLPC would be reviewing in recommending to the governmental units a plan for the District Library.

After some further discussion, the following motion was offered:

#7513 – Motion by Kors, second by Hegedus, to appoint Judy Harvey as the City's second representative to the DLPC.

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

Sanford thanked Council for their approval of the Resolution to Participate in the DLPC and appointing Harvey and Pfeifer to the same.

5. Discussion of a Sidewalk Master Plan

City Manager Geuder reviewed the ways that the City becomes involved in sidewalk repair or construction projects. He then discussed the Planning Commission's review of the areas within the City where sidewalks should be considered, either as separate initiatives or in conjunction with street repair projects.

Mayor Dika stated that the list reviewed by Manager Geuder looks like a wish list because some don't make a lot of sense to be constructed to him at the present time.

Councilperson Heinz stated that the proposed Fairview sidewalk should be reconsidered. The project was pulled from consideration due to poor economic conditions in 2008.

Councilperson Pfeifer does not believe that sidewalks should be constructed unless they are determined to be needed for safety. A sidewalk on Pennsylvania Street might be a good example.

Mayor Dika noted that a sidewalk on Pine Street would be difficult to construct.

Councilperson Kors does not believe that safety should be the only reason for a sidewalk. There may be other issues to consider.

Councilperson Heinz asked to change the discussion to road projects. He then asked if there may be a band aid for the Bull Moose Well area on Fourth Street.

Mayor Dika asked if the City did a street inventory. Manager Geuder stated that it has been a number of years since the inventory was updated.

Manager Geuder reviewed the sidewalk policy in more detail with Council. Councilperson Pfeifer offered a suggestion concerning a new section for owner initiated sidewalk projects that would be more in line with the right-of-way policy.

Council took no action on this issue.

6. Introduction of the Proposed 2009 Budget and Spending Plan

City Manager Geuder stated that Council members had their copies of the proposed 2009 Budget and Spending Plan. He suggested that they review the document. If they had any questions, contact the City Clerk on the document. Should there be questions on the Capital Items, contact him. Both the City Clerk and he will review Council member concerns. Manager Geuder reminded Council members that the Budget Workshop is scheduled for Monday evening at 7:00 p.m., December 8, 2008.

7. Boards and Commissions

A. Planning Commission (PC)

Council reviewed the PC meeting minutes from November 20, 2008. Mayor Dika announced that the next regularly scheduled PC meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 18, 2008. Manager Geuder stated that depending on the agenda, the meeting may be cancelled.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Mayor Dika announced that the next ZBA meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 10, 2008 has been cancelled.

C. Appointments for 2009

Mayor Dika stated that he is working on the appointments for 2009 to the various boards and commissions.

D. Next City Council Meeting

Mayor Dika announced the next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 15, 2008 in the City Council Chambers. He also reminded Council that the Budget Work Session, a special meeting, is scheduled of 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 8, 2008.

8. Old and New Business

A. Chlorine in the Water System

Councilperson Hegedus questioned if the City could get away from having to chlorinate its water. City Manager Geuder did not believe so, but did state that perhaps a meeting

could be set up with Bryan Thurston, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) representative. Thurston could explain the MDEQ's position on this issue.

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B. Christmas Tree Lighting

Councilperson Kors commented on the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. She believed that it went very well and was nice.

9. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Dika adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Ronald B. McRae, City Clerk

Approved: December 15, 2008

Alan J. Dika, Mayor

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