

**Harbor Springs City Council Minutes
December 8, 2008**

Mayor Dika called the third meeting of the Harbor Springs City Council to order at 7:03 pm, in the City Council Chambers at 160 Zoll Street, Harbor Springs, Michigan. Mayor Dika announced that this meeting was a special meeting held for the purpose of a budget work session on the Proposed 2009 Financial Plan and Budget Document.

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 Manager Frederick W. Geuder, City Assessor/Zoning Administrator Tim Grimm, Electric Superintendent Dennis Kruzel, DPW Superintendent Joel Clark, Chief of Police Dan Branson and City Clerk Ronald B. McRae

2. Budget Work Session

City Manager Geuder reviewed the extraordinary and capital expenditures proposed for fiscal year 2009 by fund. As each fund was discussed, Manager Geuder and staff addressed Council's concerns and questions.

During the review of the General Fund, recycling was discussed. It was the consensus of Council to leave the recycling costs in the budget. Council will look more closely at this issue when it comes time to consider a new contract later in 2009.

Further, Councilperson Kors requested that in future years the budget show retirement health benefits in separate accounts from the active employees' benefits.

During the review of the Street Funds, Councilpersons Pfeifer and Heinz thought that the City Staff could do more of the Street Inventory proposed, rather than using a consultant. Maps could then be updated after work by Staff.

3. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Dika adjourned the meeting at 8:57 pm.

Ronald B. McRae, City Clerk

Approved: December 15, 2008

Alan J. Dika, Mayor