

**Harbor Springs City Council Minutes
December 12, 2005**

Mayor Jardine called the third 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. The third meeting is a special meeting, held for the purpose of a "Budget Work Session".

1. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum

Present: Jean Jardine, Jim Grogan, Mick Heinz and Dennis Wiggins

Absent: Laura Kors

Also Present: City Manager Fred Geuder, City Police Chief Dan Branson, City Assessor and Zoning Administrator Tim Grimm, DPW Superintendent Rick Ward, Electric Superintendent Dennis Ory and City Clerk/Comptroller/Treasurer Ron McRae

2. Review of the 2005 Proposed Budget Amendments and the 2006 Proposed Budget

City Manager Geuder reviewed the importance of cash balances within each of the City's Funds, particularly the General Fund, Major and Local Street Funds, the Electric Fund, the Water and Sewer Fund, the Waterfront Fund and the Equipment Fund. Next Manager Geuder reviewed the proposed capital and extraordinary expenses for 2006 and reviewed some of the expenses incurred in 2005.

Council questioned the need for chlorine use in the water system, which was addressed by Superintendent Ward. Discussion concerning the need for a plow truck in the Street Department and a bucket truck for the Electric Department occurred. By consensus, it was decided to leave the proposed budget the way it was presented, but to have both the Street Department and the Electric Department spec out the vehicles that they are looking to purchase. A final decision will be made in 2006 to determine which vehicle should be purchased. Manager Geuder and Staff addressed other concerns and questions from Council.

3. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Jardine adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Approved: December 19, 2005

Ronald B. McRae, City Clerk

Jean Jardine, Mayor