

**Harbor Springs City Council
December 15, 2008**

Mayor Dika called the fourth meeting of the Harbor Springs City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., 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 and Pringle Pfeifer

Absent: Laura Kors

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

2. City Clerk / Comptroller / Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes

#7514 – Motion by Heinz, second by Pfeifer, to approve the December 1, 2008 regular City Council meeting minutes as read.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

#7515 – Motion by Heinz, second by Pfeifer, to approve the December 8, 2008 special 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:

Voucher Number	Description	Fund Name	Amount
7514	Trust Payouts 11/16/08 Through 11/30/08	Trust Fund	\$7,530.64
7515	Payroll Ending 12/7/08	General Fund	\$33,993.19
		Major St. Fund	2,177.63
		Local St. Fund	1,581.96
		Historical Fund	432.80
		Electric Fund	10,361.98
		Water & Sewer Fund	3,945.92
		Waterfront Fund	62.88
		Equipment Fund	1,573.27
7516	Sales Tax & State Withholding 11/30/08	General Electric Fund	\$3,856.92 11,179.00

7517	Accounts Payable - Council 12/15/08	General Fund	\$76,630.65
		Major Street Fund	115.98
		Local Street Fund	115.98
		Police Reserve Fund	15.27
		Historical Fund	262.10
		Electric Fund	51,147.58
		Water & Sewer Fund	31,885.44
		West Traverse Water	0.00
		Waterfront Fund	411.74
		Equipment Fund	8,077.33

#7516 – Motion by Hegedus, second by Heinz, to approve the bills in the amount of \$245,358.26.

Ayes – 4
 Nays – 0

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that claims on voucher numbers 7514, 7515, 7516 and 7517 checked by the Finance Committee, in the amount of \$245,358.26 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	\$114,480.76
Major Streets Fund	2,293.61
Local Streets Fund	1,697.94
Police Reserve	15.27
Historical Fund	694.90
Electric Fund	72,688.56
Water & Sewer Fund	35,831.36
West Traverse Water Fund	0.00
Waterfront Fund	474.62
Equipment Fund	9,650.60
Trust Fund	7,530.64

Total	\$245,358.26
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3. Citizen Comments

None

4. Public Hearing on the Proposed 2009 Budget and Financial Plan

Mayor Dika called the Public Hearing to order at 7:02 p.m.

City Manager Geuder briefly reviewed the proposed street projects, water and sewer system projects, and recycling issue.

Don Marszalec stated that he was happy to see the curbside recycling costs in the budget.

Judy Harvey spoke in favor of recycling and requested to have a copy of the budget at the library.

Fred and Linda Rachwitz, 519 E. Third St., spoke in favor of curbside recycling.

Elisa Seltzer, Emmet County D.P.W. Director, discussed curbside recycling. She reviewed how curbside recycling helps the environment, keeps costs down for residents because recyclables are not thrown in the trash. She also reviewed that the drivers do garage and porch pickups for the elderly and physically disabled.

Mayor Dika adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.

5. Resolution to Amend the 2008 Financial Plan and Budget Document

City Manager Geuder stated that the "Resolution to Amend the 2008 Financial Plan and Budget Document" changes the 2008 Financial Plan and Budget Document to reflect the costs incurred based on the first nine months of operations.

#7517 – Motion by Heinz, second by Hegedus, to approve the "Resolution to Amend the 2008 Financial Plan and Budget Document".

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

6. Resolution to Adopt the 2009 Financial Plan and Budget Document

City Manager Geuder reviewed the minor changes that were made to the proposed 2009 Financial Plan and Budget Document.

#7518 – Motion by Hegedus, second by Pfeifer, to approve the "Resolution to Adopt the 2009 Financial Plan and Budget Document".

Ayes - Hegedus, Heinz, Pfeifer and Dika
Nays - None
Absent - Kors

7. Resolution to Approve an Increase in the Employees' Retirement Contribution Effective January 1, 2009

City Manager Geuder stated that the actuarial review of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan (MERS) reflected that the City's contribution to MERS required a 0.08% increase. However, the Labor Agreements and the Administrative Agreement requires that the employees absorb all increases above 8.5% of gross wages. This results in a 0.09% increase in the employees' retirement contributions. The employees' retirement contribution would then increase from 5.04% of gross wages to 5.13% of gross wages.

In order to deduct the additional contribution from the employees' paychecks, Council would need to approve the "Resolution to Approve an Increase in the Employees' Retirement Contribution Effective January 1, 2009".

#7519 – Motion by Pfeifer, second by Heinz, to approve the "Resolution to Approve an Increase in the Employees' Retirement Contribution Effective January 1, 2009".

Ayes - Heinz, Pfeifer, Dika and Hegedus
Nays - None

10. Old and New Business

A. Town Looks Good

Councilperson Heinz commented on how pretty the downtown looks. Manager Geuder stated that Kelbel's Pharmacy lost an awning due to the high winds. They also experienced some sign damage.

11. Adjournment

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

Ronald B. McRae, City Clerk

Approved: January 5, 2008

Alan J. Dika, Mayor

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Attachments