

May 16, 2016

Mayor Pfeifer called the thirteenth meeting of the eighty-third 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

City Council:

Present: Pringle Pfeifer, Matt Bugera, John L. Cupps, Alan J. Dika and Jeffrey V. James

Absent: None

City Clerk McRae stated that a quorum was present.

Also Present: City Manager Thomas C. Richards, City Attorney James T. Ramer, Police Chief Daniel J. Branson and City Clerk Ronald B. McRae

2. City Clerk / Comptroller / Treasurer

A. Approval of Minutes

City Councilperson James stated that on page 4, Item 4C, motion number 8351 reads, "have this issue reviewed by the Planning Commission". It should read, "have the issue of taking tables and chairs in at the close of business review".

#8355 – Motion by James, second by Cupps, to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2016 regular City Council Meeting as amended.

Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

Motion carried.

B. Approval of Bills

I have examined the bills appearing on the vouchers listed below and recommend they be allowed and payment made from the following funds:

<u>Voucher Number</u>	<u>To or For</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8361	Wire	MPPA 5/4/16	Electric	\$13,997.06
8362	Wire	Sales Taxes 5/4/16	General Electric	\$ 5,170.90 11,525.71
8363	Payroll	P.P.E. 5/1/16	General Major St. Local St. Historical Electric Water & Sewer Waterfront Equipment	\$ 37,039.71 687.84 361.12 560.88 12,271.75 6,815.68 5,180.80 2,011.74

<u>Voucher Number</u>	<u>To or For</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8364	WIRE	MPPA 5/11/16	Electric	\$ 31,808.82
8365	A/P	COUNCIL 5/16/16	General	\$ 36,380.29
			Major St.	0.00
			Local St.	0.00
			Historical	58.95
			DDA	0.00
			Electric	96,660.34
			Water & Sewer	33,233.74
			Waterfront	2,139.07
			Equipment	90,383.92

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that claims on vouchers 8361, 8362, 8363, 8364 and 8365 as checked by the Finance Committee, in the amount of \$386,288.32 be allowed for payment, and the Mayor and the City Manager are hereby authorized to execute warrants to be drawn on the following funds:

General	\$ 78,590.90
Major St.	687.84
Local St.	361.12
Historical	619.83
DDA	0.00
Electric	166,263.68
Water & Sewer	40,049.42
W.T. Water	0.00
Waterfront	7,319.87
Weatherbuoy	0.00
Equipment	92,395.66
Trust	0.00
Totals	\$ 386,288.32

#8356 - Motion by James, second by Cupps, to approve the bills in the amount of \$386,288.32.

Ayes – 5
 Nays – 0

Motion carried.

3. Citizen Comments

Jim Harrington, 915 E. Mitchell St., stated that he is working on putting together a marathon, which goes from Charlevoix to Harbor Springs. The marathon will have its finish line on Bay Street by Zorn Park. This event starts at 7:30 a.m. on May 28, 2016. There will be several races. The longest race starts in Charlevoix. A ten (10) kilometer race starts in Petoskey, but all races end at Zorn Park.

City Council, by consensus, approved the City's assistance as directed by City Manager Richards and Police Chief Branson.

Peter Papas, 479 E. Main St., discussed the Hotel Project. He did not believe that the Hotel would be a draw to create a demand for people to come to Harbor Springs. He believes that it would be difficult to find someone to invest in the project.

4. City Manager's Section

A. Harbor Springs Garden Club

City Manager Richards stated that the Harbor Springs Garden Club takes care of the flowers in many of the City's parks. He explained that for 2016 the Harbor Springs Garden Club will not be using the squares that encircled many of the trees along the downtown Main Street sidewalk.

City Manager Richards stated that the Harbor Springs Garden Club asked to be on the agenda this evening to present further explanation of their plans for 2016. City Manager Richards introduced Sue Conlon, who would discuss the 2016 plans for the Harbor Springs Garden Club.

Conlon stated that the Harbor Springs Garden Club was established in 1976, has over seventy-five (75) members and maintains fourteen (14) garden areas around town. The Harbor Springs Garden Club is a 501 (c) (3) organization and operates independently of other nationally chartered groups. Further, the Harbor Springs Garden Club makes its purchases locally, supporting local businesses, whenever possible.

Conlon further stated that the Harbor Springs Garden Club supports our community through its beautification efforts. The Harbor Springs Garden Club believes that their gardens enhance a sense of place and belonging. The members of the Harbor Springs Garden Club work to create visual memories encouraging visitors to return and provides a characteristic look and feel for the community.

Conlon stated that the Harbor Springs Garden Club aspires to:

- Responsibly invest its resources in the community;
- Foster friendship among its members and the community;
- Support community leaders and staff in collaborative efforts; and,
- Nurture the next generation to carry on a sense of caring for the beauty of our community.

The members of Council expressed appreciation for the work of the Harbor Springs Garden Club.

#8356 – Motion by Cupps, second by James, to contribute to the Harbor Springs Garden Club from the Community Promotion fund in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

Motion carried.

B. 2016 Shay Days and Food Truck Request

City Manager Richards stated that the Historical Society has requested City Council's approval for the use of the Shay Park for their annual Shay Days events between Thursday, July 14th and Saturday, July 16th.

City Manager Richards introduced Mary Cummings, the Executive Director of the Historical Society. Cummings stated that the program will be similar to the event last year. The food truck, Etta's "It's Now", will be set up in the Shay House parking lot.

City Council, by consensus, authorized the City Manager to approve the "Shay Days" event as requested. Further, City Council authorized the City Manager to provide the picnic tables and trash containers and to shut off the sprinkling system for the event.

C. Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Special Summer Events

City Manager Richards stated that the Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce (the "Chamber") is requesting two events this summer. The first event will be the "Red, White and Brew" and the second event will be the "Harley Owners' Group (Hog) Rally."

Executive Director Dan DeWindt stated that the "Red, White and Brew" event would be held on Saturday afternoon, July 2nd. This event would be held at the Waterfront Marina Park between the Harbormaster's office and the Pier Restaurant. The event would feature the area's beers and wines.

The Harley Owners' Group (Hog) Rally would visit Harbor Springs August 20th. This year the rally is to be held at Boyne Highlands. The approval from Council includes a rider's parade through the downtown and parking for the riders.

City Council discussed this event with the City Manager and Police Chief. City Council, by consensus, authorized the City Manager to approve this event and to work out the logistics of space for the event and to address any safety concerns that Police Chief Branson may have.

5. City Manager's Report

A. DDA/PSD Proposed Project List

City Manager Richards stated that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) / Principal Shopping District (PSD) Board is considering revisions to the "District Project" to be funded by a proposed special assessment. City Manager Richards stated that the Special Assessment may be levied on the December 1, 2016 property tax bills.

No further action was taken on this issue.

B. Downtown Projects

City Manager Richards stated that he had reminded the contractors on the downtown construction projects of the City's requirement that all street obstructions must be ended by mid-June.

C. Department Reports

City Manager Richards stated that the Police Department monthly report was in the Council packets for City Council's review.

6. Closed Session

City Manager Richards stated that he recommended that City Council move to Closed Session to review the strategy of the labor negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, which represents the City's Police Officers.

City Attorney Ramer assisted with the motion to go to Closed Session.

#8357 – Motion by James, second by Dika, to go to Closed Session under Section 8(C) of Public Act No. 267 of 1976 (the "Open Meetings Act"), as amended, to review the strategy of the labor negotiations with the bargaining unit representing the Police Officers.

Ayes – James, Pfeifer, Bugera, Cupps and Dika

Nays – None

Mayor Pfeifer recessed the Open Session at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor Pfeifer called the Open Session back to order at 8:15 p.m.

7. Consideration of the Tentative Agreement with the FOPLC

#8359 – Motion by James, second by Cupps, to approve a collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council containing the elements as outlined by the City Manager in the statement of resolution hereto annexed, and to authorize the City Manager to sign a collective bargaining agreement on behalf of the City with the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council containing such elements, terms and conditions as heretofore approved, in a form of contract as approved by the City Manager and the City Attorney.

Ayes – Pfeifer, Bugera, Cupps, Dika and James

Nays – None

Motion carried.

8. Appointments for Boards and Commissions

Mayor Pfeifer stated that she had no appointments this evening.

9. City Council New and Old Business

A. Quiet Motorcycle

Councilperson Cupps stated that Dennis Baker has a motorcycle he plans to ride in the Memorial Day Parade. The motorcycle is as quiet as an automobile.

B. Use of City's Logo

City Clerk McRae stated that he would like to use the City's logo. City Clerk McRae stated that he is to be the Grand Marshal of the July 4th Parade. He intends to have a moderate float on which he plans to have the logos of the volunteer organizations he works with. Since City Clerk McRae has volunteered many service hours to the City, he would like to use the City's logo.

City Council, by consensus, authorized the City Manager to grant City Clerk McRae approval for the use of the City's logo.

C. Birthday

Councilperson James stated that Councilperson Dika's birthday is May 18th and wished Councilperson Dika a Happy Birthday. Councilperson James stated that he always remembers that Birthday because it is the same as his son's birthday.

D. Council Petitions

City Clerk McRae stated that two (2) petitions have been approved to allow the following individuals to run for Council seats. They are:

- Bill Brown for Mayor; and,
- Pringle Pfeifer for a City Council seat.

There have been two (2) other petitions taken out, but not yet turned in or checked for valid signatures.

10. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Pfeifer adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.



Ronald B. McRae, City Clerk

Approved: June 6, 2016



Pringle Pfeifer, Mayor