

St. Ignace City Council Minutes

Council Proceedings (Unofficial)

The regular meeting of the St. Ignace City Council was held on Monday, August 4, 2008 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Grondin with the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Wyse gave the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers Della-Moretta, Fullerton, Gustafson, LaLonde, Tamlyn-Massaway, Wyse, Mayor Grondin.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Eric Dodson, City Manager; Prentiss M. Brown, Jr., City Attorney; Renee' Vonderwerth, City Clerk; Les Therrian, Superintendent of Utilities; Paul Sved, Bldg. Insp.

Corrections of July 21, 2008: None.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2008 were approved as written.

Additions to the Agenda:
5. Mayor Grondin - Comment
6. City Manager Dodson - Fire Department Clowns.

1. WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was offered for adoption by Councilmember Della-Moretta, supported by Councilmember Wyse:

WHEREAS, the City of St. Ignace wishes to construct improvements to its existing wastewater collection system (Division A); and WHEREAS, the wastewater system improvements project formally adopted on June 20, 2008, will be funded through Michigan's State Revolving Fund; and WHEREAS, the City of St. Ignace has sought and received construction bids for the proposed improvements and has received a low bid (for Division A) in the amount of \$1,288,212 from Kamphuis Pipeline Company; and WHEREAS, the project engineer, Wilcox and Associates, has recommended awarding the contract to the low bidder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of St. Ignace tentatively awards the contract for construction of the proposed wastewater system improvements project to Kamphuis Pipeline Company, contingent upon successful financial arrangements with the State Revolving Fund.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilmember Fullerton, Gustafson, LaLonde, Tamlyn-Massaway, Wyse, Mayor Grondin, Councilmember Della-Moretta.

No: None.

Absent: None.

Resolution declared Adopted.

RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was offered for adoption by Councilmember Wyse, supported by Councilmember Della-Moretta: WHEREAS, the City of St. Ignace wishes to construct improvements to its existing wastewater treatment system (Division B); and WHEREAS, the wastewater system improvements project formally adopted on June 20, 2008, will be funded through Michigan's State Revolving Fund; and WHEREAS, the City of St. Ignace has sought and received construction bids for the proposed improvements and has received a low bid (for Division B) in the amount of \$2,088,000 from DeVere Construction Company, Inc. and; WHEREAS, the project engineer, Wilcox and Associates, has recommended awarding the contract to the low bidder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of St. Ignace tentatively awards the contract for construction of the proposed wastewater system improvements project to DeVere Construction Company, Inc., contingent upon successful financial arrangements with the State Revolving Fund.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilmember LaLonde, Tamlyn-Massaway, Wyse, Mayor Grondin, Councilmember Della-Moretta, Fullerton, Gustafson.

No: None.

Absent: None.

Resolution declared Adopted.

2. WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS BOND ORDINANCE ADOPTION:

It was moved by Councilmember LaLonde, seconded by Councilmember Fullerton to adopt the Wastewater System Improvement Bond Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

3. THE SILVER STAR FAMILIES OF AMERICA RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was offered for adoption by Councilmember LaLonde, supported by Councilmember Gustafson:

WHEREAS, the City of St. Ignace has always honored the sacrifice of the men and women in the Armed Forces, and WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America was formed to make sure we remember the blood sacrifice of our wounded and ill by designing and manufacturing a Silver Star Banner and Flag, and WHEREAS, to date, The Silver Star Families of America has freely given thousands of Silver Star Banners to the wounded and their families, and WHEREAS, the members of The Silver Star Families of America have worked tirelessly to provide the wounded of this City and Country with Silver Star Banners, Flags and care packages, and WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America's sole mission

is that every time someone sees a Silver Star Banner in a window or a Silver Star Flag flying, that people remember the sacrifice made for this City, State and Nation, and WHEREAS, the people and Mayor of the City of St. Ignace wish that the sacrifice of so many in our Armed Forces never be forgotten. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of St. Ignace does hereby proclaim appreciation of The Silver Star Families of America and honor their commitment to our wounded Armed Forces members. FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the City of St. Ignace hereby declares May 1st SILVER STAR BANNER DAY, the permanent and official day to honor the wounded and ill soldiers of the City of St. Ignace.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilmember Tamlyn-Massaway, Wyse, Mayor Grondin, Councilmembers Della-Moretta, Fullerton, Gustafson, LaLonde.

No: None.

Absent: None.

Resolution declared Adopted.

4. MANAGER'S CONFERENCE UPDATE:

City Manager Dodson informed Council that he attended a summer workshop for Managers in Boyne City and reviewed some of the issues discussed including a legislative update on the status of revenue sharing. City Manager Dodson informed Council that the revenue, currently in the house committee, has been shaved from a 4 percent increase to a 2 percent increase which works out to approximately a \$7000.00 increase.

5. MAYOR GRONDIN - COMMENT:

Mayor Grondin informed Council that he attended a 50th anniversary celebration for Bessie's Pasties fifty years of operation in the City, and presented Patrick and Karen Phelps with a certificate of recognition, adding that it was a very nice gathering.

6. CITY MANAGER DODSON - FIRE DEPARTMENT CLOWNS:

City Manager Dodson brought to Council's attention that the Fire Department Clowns have been representing the City of St. Ignace for the last 48 years by attending various parades and events throughout Michigan and Canada. This year at the Polish Festival held in Boyne Falls, they received the highest award the Polish Festival offers, which is the Judge's Award. At this time, City Manager Dodson and Mayor Grondin congratulated the Fire Department clowns on receiving the Judge's award for their famous skit.

Consideration of Bills:

Councilmember Gustafson inquired on the bill from Evenflo

Company for car seats, asking if this is reimbursable. Tom Tarnutzer stated that the seats were purchased through a grant.

In addition, Councilmember Gustafson inquired on the bill from Brightpages.com in the amount of \$231.00 for the Fire Department yellow page ad, adding that it is a quarterly expense, and at \$900 yearly is an expensive cost to have the Fire Department number in the yellow pages. City Manager Dodson stated that he would talk to the Fire Chief regarding the bill.

Councilmember LaLonde inquired about a bill from RS Technical Services in the amount of \$4432.56, asking if it is a yearly cost. Les Therrian informed him that because of the cost, it is done every two years.

Public Comment:

Mary Nichols inquired as to why she has stopped receiving a copy of the Council agendas under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act of the State of Michigan. City Manager Dodson stated that he would find out what has happened. At this time, Mary Nichols requested that the response be made in writing.

The following bills were presented to Council for payment:

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| A & I Midwest | 1386.50 |
| Alltell | 44.67 |
| AT&T Long Distance | 67.67 |
| AT&T | 167.63 |
| AT&T | 905.79 |
| AT&T Mobility | 44.31 |
| Brightpages.com | 231.00 |
| Cheboygan Lumber Company | 62.05 |
| Cintas-729 | 65.65 |
| Dock Boxes | 172.00 |
| Edison Sault Electric Co. | 1047.50 |
| El-Com Services | 1267.85 |
| Evenflo Company | 3984.97 |
| Feed Station | 43.48 |
| Flaithmaster | 218.32 |
| Gifts Galore | 77.00 |
| KSS Enterprises-Petoskey | 1475.42 |
| Lakeland Boating | 850.00 |
| Mackinac Plumbing and Heating Co. | 135.11 |
| Michigan Steam | 149.72 |
| NCL of Wisconsin, Inc. | 659.79 |
| New Pig | 80.91 |
| Northern Fire & Safety | 41.00 |
| Northwest Hydraulics | 317.23 |
| Office Depot | 32.72 |
| Paragon Labs | 140.00 |
| Pitney Bowes | 63.74 |
| Pomasl Fire Equipment | 397.25 |
| R S Technical Services, Inc. | 4432.56 |
| Rescue Equipment Sales & Service | 748.00 |
| St. Ignace News | 320.00 |
| State of MI Corrections | 5498.14 |
| Straits Building Center | 148.80 |
| Weber's Flowers | 87.42 |
| Wright Express | 6460.15 |
| Zee Medical Inc. | 490.70 |
| Grand Total | \$32,315.25 |

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Mayor Paul Grondin

Renee' Vonderwerth, City Clerk

DEAL ME IN



Mark Pilarski

You Can Pitch Cardboard At Any Age

Dear Mark: I am a recently laid off autoworker in Detroit who is being forced to look for a new career. I am considering dealing blackjack. My question is, is there any age limit to dealing cards? I am 57, and I was wondering if that is too old, and if at that age I would lack certain skills needed to deal the game?

Dan O.

Once, when I was having one of those whining "why am I here" moments while dealing blackjack, a pit boss clued me in that "a chimpanzee could do your job, so, shut up and deal." Not one to leave it alone, I sassed back, "Yeah, but I doubt a chimp could make the correct payoffs on blackjacks, nor wait for his hourly bathroom break." That bit of wit cost me two weeks of dealing 50-cent blackjack, where a whole different type of primate played, but he was right. Blackjack is a pretty darn easy game to deal, and little or no skill is required that would be affected by age.

I've known plenty of dealers in their 70's, and I am acquainted with possibly the oldest person ever to deal cards in a casino, that being John Stanislaus Matuszak, who was dealing at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City, Indiana, when he was 86 years old.

So, Dan, as an unrestricted free agent from the auto companies, with their unfulfilled promise of 30-and-Out, at 57 you still have time left to have a lengthy career in gaming, that is, as long as you can hold it for 60 minutes between trips to the head.

Dear Mark: Where did the name blackjack come from?

Dave E.

The game of 21's common nickname, blackjack, comes from illegal casinos in the early 1900s who paid a bonus if a two-card 21 was made up of an ace and jack of spades, or in some cases, if the ace of spades was accompanied by a

jack of clubs. The jack being black was the trigger to the bonus -- hence the origin of the word blackjack.

Dear Mark: Assuming no one else has brought this to your attention, I think you need to check your math with respect to the total hours you spent in a casino working. If you spent 50 weeks a year for 20 years that would be 40,000 hours (41,600 with no vacation). 8,320 hours would be only one day a week for 20 years. Glenn

What math wizard Glenn was really saying in his question was, "Pay no attention to that man (me) behind that curtain."

And he's right. My back from emptying buckets of coins from slot machines at 3 AM, or the carpal tunnel ailment every dealer claims to get (I never did, but I use it as an excuse now and then to get out of household chores) from pitching cards one hand too long should have told me that my figure was light by over 30 thousand hours.

Then again, I was the "early out" king, jumping on the EO list any chance I could get, so those missing 33,280 hours may still be too high.

Gambling Wisdom of the Week: "It would seem that the odds of smacking Megabucks twice are much longer than the odds of Earth being sucked into a stellar black hole."

~Basil Nestor, Casino Player

REQUEST FOR BIDS Moran Township

Moran Township is seeking electrical bids to replace the baseboard electric heaters at the Moran Township Hall located at W1362 US-2.

The Moran Township Board reserves the right to accept or reject any/all bids.

Information can be obtained by contacting Jim Durm, Moran Township Supervisor, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, Michigan.

Jim Durm, Supervisor (906) 643-8027

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Project: Legal Services of Corporate Council From: LMAS District Health Department

BID PLACE AND TIME Sealed bids for the above captioned proposal will be received at LMAS District Health Department, until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2008. Bids received thereafter will be void. Mail bid to Paula Charbonneau, Administrative Assistant, LMAS District Health Department, 14150 Hamilton Lake Road, Newberry, MI 49868. For more information, please contact David Martin at (906) 293-1301.

BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS The Owner may make such investigations as necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work. The Owner may request the bidder to furnish all such information and data for this purpose. A complete list of the required duties is available upon request.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract.

ACCEPTANCE The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the bids. The Owner is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other bid. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in any or all bids and to accept any one or combination of alternate bids in the interest of the Owner.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY In connection with the execution of this work, the successful bidder shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment. Take affirmative action to insure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during their employment without regard to their race, religion, color, sex, handicap, or national origin. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

LMAS DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT 14150 Hamilton Lake Road Newberry, MI 49868 www.lmasdhd.org

REQUEST FOR BIDS Moran Township

Moran Township is seeking bids to replace the steeple cross on the Gros Cap Church at N903 Gros Cap Road.

The Moran Township Board reserves the right to accept or reject any/all bids.

Information can be obtained by contacting Jim Durm, Moran Township Supervisor, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, Michigan.

Jim Durm, Supervisor (906) 643-8027

NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE OF PROPERTY

by order of the Mackinac County Treasurer for non-payment of property taxes

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

The Auction will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Mackinac County Courthouse

100 Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan

The parcels will be auctioned to the highest bidder

Bidders must register prior to the sale. No parcels will be sold to unregistered bidders. Registration can be made at the office of the Treasurer on the sale day or beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, September 1, 2008.

This sale is being conducted by the Mackinac County Treasurer's Office.

All bids must be placed in person the day of the sale. No sealed bids will be accepted.

Complete terms and detailed information can be obtained from the County Treasurer's Office or website below.

THIS SALE WILL BE A MINIMUM BID SALE

Announcements made on the day of the sale supercede any and all prior announcements, terms, and conditions. The County Treasurer reserves the right to withhold any listed parcel from sale, or to cancel a sale at any time for any reason.

Mackinac County Treasurer 100 Marley Street St. Ignace, MI 49781 906-643-7318 www.mackinacounty.net

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Portable Classroom for Sale

St. Ignace Area Schools will receive sealed bids for the purchase and removal of the 24' x 36' portable classroom located at LaSalle High School.

Unit will be sold as is, where is, with the bidder assuming total responsibility for removal and site cleaning. Interested bidders are asked to contact Mike Springsteen, Superintendent at (906) 643-8145 for bid and agreement packages.

Bid deposit equal to five percent of bid is required with each bid. Bids will be received until 3 p.m. on August 22, 2008.

St. Ignace Area Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept other than the high bid and to waive informalities, irregularities, and/or errors in proposals, which they feel are in their best interest.

MICH-CAN STATEWIDE AD NETWORK

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| AUCTIONS | DRIVERS: \$1,000+ WEEKLY Sign-on Bonus. 35-41 cpm. Earn over \$1,000 weekly! Excellent benefits. Need CDL - A & 3 mos recent OTR. 800-635-8669. | Houses, Doublewides, Mobiles, Any reason, Any credit! 1-800-246-8100 | call for quotes. 1-800-292-0679. |
| FORECLOSED HOME AUCTION MICHIGAN STATEWIDE. 850+ Homes must be sold. Free brochure. 800-279-5075 | DRIVERS - REEFER AVERAGE \$1.49/Mile paid to truck all miles. Excellent network. Late model equipment. 401k, Blue Cross insurance. 800-771-6318. www.primainc.com | Anytime! United Mortgage Services. www.umsmortgage.com | MISCELLANEOUS |
| BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES | POST OFFICE NOW HIRING. Avg. \$20/hr. \$57K/yr. Federal benefits, OT. Placed by AdSource, not USPS who hires. 1-866-616-7015. Fee req. | DR. DANIELS AND SON Real Estate Loans. Cash for land contracts. \$10,000 to \$500,000 - Fast funding, free consultation. 800-837-6166. 248-335-6166. allan@drdanielsandson.com | AIRLINES ARE HIRING - Train for high paying Aviation Maintenance Career. FAA approved program. Financial aid if qualified - Job placement assistance. Call Aviation Institute of Maintenance (888) 349-5387. |
| ALL CASH CANDY ROUTE. Do you earn up to \$800/day? Your own local candy route. Includes 30 Machines and Candy. All for \$9,995. Call 1-888-744-4651. | UP TO 100% PAID college tuition for Guard members. Plus, you may qualify for up to \$20,000 cash bonus. Call or visit 1-800-GO-GUARD.com. | PLACE YOUR STATEWIDE AD HERE! \$299 buys a 25-word classified ad offering over 1.6 million circulation and 3.6 million readers. Contact this newspaper for details. | Paralegal, "Business" Paralegal, "Criminal justice. Job placement assistance. Computer available. Financial Aid if qualified. Call 866-858-2121, www.CenturaOnline.com |
| EMPLOYMENT | FINANCIAL SERVICES | FOR SALE | DONATE VEHICLE: RECEIVE \$1,000 grocery coupons, your choice. Noah's Arc, no kill animal shelters. Advance veterinary treatments. Free towing. IRS tax deduction. Non-runners. 1-866-912-GIVE. |
| DRIVER: DON'T JUST START your career, start it right! Company sponsored CDL training in 3 weeks. Must be 21. Have CDL? Tuition reimbursement! CRST. 866-917-2778. | ****BEST HOME LOANS**** Land Contract and Mortgage Payoff. Grads welcome. Call Covenant (866) 684-2519. EOE. | PIONEER DELUXE POLE BUILDINGS - 1" side overhang, 1" fiberglass roof insulation, Galvalume steel, 14 colors, ACQ treated lumber. Licensed and insured. | REACH 3.1 MILLION Michigan readers with 2 display ad for only \$999 - Contact this newspaper for details. |