

St. Ignace City Council Minutes

Council Proceedings (Unofficial)

The regular meeting of the St. Ignace City Council was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by Mayor Grondin with the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time, Mayor Grondin requested a moment of silence in memory of Jim Brown, the 23rd City Attorney for the City of St. Ignace.

Councilmember Gustafson 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; Eugene Elmer, Assessor/Treasurer; Les Therrian, Superintendent of Utilities; Paul Sveld, Bldg. Insp.; Bucky Robinson, Fire Chief; Deb Evashevski, DDA Director.

Corrections of August 18, 2008: None. Corrections of August 18, 2008 Charter Review: None.

Corrections of August 27, 2008: It was moved by Mayor Grondin, seconded by Councilmember Della-Moretta to excuse Councilmember Wyse from the meeting due to other commitments. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, Charter Review on August 18, and Special Meeting on August 27, 2008 were approved as written.

Additions to the Agenda:

None.

1. COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTATION:

City Manager Dodson informed Council that a dynamic group of local leaders has organized to fulfill a need for continuing education. Called the Great Waters Center for Lifelong Learning, it encompasses St. Ignace, Mackinac County and other outlying areas. In addition, City Manager Dodson stated that they requested to be on the agenda, however, they were not present at this time.

2. DEBIT CARD POLICY:

City Manager Dodson presented the Debit Card Policy for review, as had been suggested by Council for the first meeting in September. City Manager Dodson stated it has worked reasonably well, however, he requested City Council to approve an addition to it. The heading, "under no circumstances should debit cards be used for," should include online purchases.

It was moved by Councilmember Fullerton, seconded by Councilmember Della-Moretta to approve the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ASH BORER REPORT:

City Manager Dodson informed Council that in regard to the 50 percent grant received by the City for a managerial study of the Ash trees in St. Ignace, the evaluation and inventory of trees is in progress.

4. STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT - SEWER PROJECT:

City Manager Dodson informed Council that notification was received Thursday afternoon that the State of Michigan granted approval of the

Deficit Elimination Plan. At this time, City Manager Dodson extended a special thanks to all individuals involved for their efforts in getting this resolved. In addition, City Manager Dodson informed Council that the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority would authorize the purchase or sell the bonds for the SRF project tomorrow.

In addition, the closing will be on September 22, 2008.

At this time, Mayor Grondin returned to item #1 and asked City Manager Dodson to introduce the group of local leaders representing the Great Water Center for Lifelong Learning. City Manager Dodson welcomed the group who addressed the Council and asked for their support.

After hearing comments by the group, it was moved by Mayor Grondin and seconded by Councilmember LaLonde to support the theory.

5. BUDGET SCHEDULING:

City Manager Dodson requested Council's input for scheduling a work session on the 2009 budget. It was the consensus of Council that the City Manager present a preliminary 2009 budget at the first meeting in October and schedule work sessions for November, thereby, giving Councilmembers ample time to review the budget.

6. MANAGER EVALUATION DISCUSSION:

Mayor Grondin presented evaluation forms to all the Councilmembers to be completed for evaluation of the City Manager. Mayor Grondin requested that they be returned on or before September 15 after which he will compile and prepare a report to be presented to Council the first meeting in October.

In addition, Mayor Grondin informed Council that the negotiation committee met and agreed to follow the same process as last year.

7. RESOLUTION FOR MARITIME GRANT COLLABORATION:

RESOLUTION CENTERS FOR REGIONAL EXCELLENCE GRANT
The Eastern Upper Peninsula Maritime Experience Initiative

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

A resolution supporting participation in the Governor's Centers for Regional Excellence Program along with the City of St. Ignace, the Downtown Development Authorities of St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie, the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society, the DeTour Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society and the St. Ignace Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

WHEREAS the City of St. Ignace recognizes that the maritime facilities and services available in the City are essential to the well-being of the community and important in attracting people to the community, and

WHEREAS regional collaboration may be one avenue to pursue to maintain or enhance some of the maritime services and facilities we now offer, and

WHEREAS regional collaboration may afford us flexibility in our budgeting without diminishing the way of life in our community, and

WHEREAS regional collaboration may help us save money as well as providing effective and efficient services, and

WHEREAS regional collaboration has proved in many areas to be an

effective land use tool, and

WHEREAS regional collaboration may help both our region and our own community be more economically competitive,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Ignace agrees to participate in the Centers for Regional Excellence Program to achieve collaboration in "Eastern Upper Peninsula Maritime Experience Initiative."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of St. Ignace will send a representative to participate in these discussions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizens of the City of St. Ignace will be kept fully informed and provided opportunities for input into the process.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Resolution declared Adopted.

8. CHARTER REVIEW UPDATE:

City Manager Dodson informed Council that he has been in contact with the Michigan Municipal League and they are lining up the City with an expert in the charter review process to review the suggestions compiled by the City Council and will keep Council updated as he receives the information.

9. DISASTER OPERATION - DIRE STRAITS:

City Manager Dodson informed Council that a multi-day maritime disaster operation drill will be held in the Straits next week, adding that he will represent the City as the liaison officer to communicate events with concerned citizens.

10. SANITARY SEWER BID OPENING - MURRAY STREET:

City Manager Dodson updated the Council on the project stating that the scope of the project has been changed to include additions to the contract, so the bid opening has been moved to the September 15th Council Meeting.

Consideration of Bills:

Councilmember Gustafson inquired on the bill from F&F Tree Trimming and asked where the work was done and why the DPW didn't do it. Les Therrian stated the work was done on Truckey and Medora Streets and that the DPW is not equipped to take down trees with certain conditions, however, they did haul away the debris.

Councilmember Gustafson also inquired about the bill from Mackinac County Treasurer for delinquent taxes for Fort deBuade, asking where it would be expended and if there will be further taxes paid. City Manager Dodson informed him that it was expended out of the funds from the Sault Tribe, and there will not be a 2008 property tax bill.

Councilmember LaLonde inquired on the bill from A&I for Red Hacker expenses and asked if this is reimbursed through the rev-

enues generated by the event. Les Therrian stated that it is reimbursed. In addition, Councilmember LaLonde inquired on the bill from Great Outdoor Movies in the amount of \$4200.00. City Manager Dodson stated that it is the bill from the outdoor movie event last year, adding that the fund raising was excellent but the follow up for receiving the sponsorships has been poor. Councilmember Wyse inquired if the obligations by the sponsors will be recovered. City Manager Dodson informed him that they would definitely be recovered.

Public Comment:

Mary Nichols inquired if there will be compensation taken by Council for their attendance at the special meeting regarding the deficit elimination plan approval, and if there has been any consideration of not receiving it. Mayor Grondin informed her that all seven members are within their rights to claim the meeting, if they so choose.

Mary encouraged the City Council to consider foregoing compensation for this meeting in the better interest of the City.

The following bills were presented to Council for payment:

A & I Midwest Printing Co.	1920.60
Airgas North Central	138.85
Alltel	163.60
AT&T Long Distance	79.07
AT&T	927.26
AT&T	169.64
AT & T Mobility	49.83
Barnich, Kavanaugh, & Cooper, Inc.	793.00
Belonga's Plumbing and Heating	104.25
Biological Research Solutions	325.00
Blarney Castle Oil Co.	78,170.30
Buck Sales, Inc.	58.78
Cheboygan Cement Products, Inc.	659.40
Cintas-729	69.24
Edison Sault Electric Company	755.66
F & F Tree Trimming	800.00
Feed Station	37.50
GBS, Inc.	213.06
Glashaw Electric	177.58
Great Outdoor Movies	4200.00
Hyde Equipment Co.	424.66
Idexx Distribution Corp.	125.38
Ink & Toner Alternative	99.98
Inverness Dairy	409.40
KSS Enterprises - Petoskey	825.34
Lipnitz True Value/Moran Lumber	346.99
Mackinac County Treasurer	1775.94
Mackinac Plumbing and Heating Co.	192.28
Maxwell Medals & Awards	569.39
Merle's Lock and Trophy Shop	140.00
Northern Fire & Safety	301.00
Office Depot	90.10
Rescue Equipment Sales & Service	103.50
Sport Supply Group, Inc.	319.84
St. Ignace News	153.60
State of Michigan Corrections	4873.32
Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality	300.00
Straits Building Center	533.21
Valley Truck Parts	37.61
ETNA	4201.65
Grand Total	\$105,535.81

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Mayor Paul Grondin
Renee' Vonderwerth, City Clerk

DEAL ME IN

One Toss From The Poorhouse

Dear Mark: The casino I play in offers 100X odds, and I figure that by taking them I am offering myself the best opportunity to win. So what are your thoughts on a sole \$2 pass line wager backed up with 100X odds? I feel I have a better chance of coming out ahead than by betting \$2 and double odds and trying to grind it out.

Tim H.

I am going to apply, Tim, the Woody Hayes axiom of football to your gambling question: There are three things that can happen when you throw the ball, and two are negative; an incompletion or an interception. The same holds true when taking 100X odds on a solitary wager. You could lose, and simultaneously, get wiped out, all in one throw of the dice.

Taking odds, Tim, can be an expensive proposition, especially when dealing in multiples of 100X odds.

True, with the house edge on this bet a puny 0.09%, you are getting one of the best bets the casino has to offer, but, as minuscule as 0.09% is, you are exposing your entire bankroll (\$202) to embrace this wager.

It takes just one seven wielding its ugly face and you'll be begging for badly needed free drinks in the keno lounge. Oops, many casinos don't even have keno lounges anymore where you can score complimentary cocktails; instead you'll be waiting down at the bus lobby waiting for them to call your departure.

I'll be the first to agree that the suggestion in your question is a sound gambling strategy, and I especially like your pursuit of a \$2 table. But let us all not forget one important thing: All craps bets come at a cost. Craps is



Mark Pilarski

a negative expectation game, meaning that, no matter how you bet, even a \$2 wager with 100X odds, the house has an edge on your action.

A crap game that offers 100X odds is for players who typically wager between \$25-\$50 per hand, not a \$2 player. It takes more than nerve to put your entire \$202 bankroll on the line and wait for a 4 to roll. Capiche? Your reply, Tim, should be, Capisco!

Dear Mark: When playing Deuces Wild, I occasionally do hit four deuces, but have yet to ever hit a royal flush. Are the odds similar in hitting them?

Jenny R.

Using proper basic strategy, you should hit four deuces once in approximately 5,000 hands. Certainly, that makes four deuces fairly rare, but still eight times more frequent than a royal flush, which occurs once every 40,000 hands.

Gambling Wisdom of the Week: "Deception is what you do to others. Delusion is what you do to yourself."

~John Vorhaus, Killer Poker

Got a question about gambling? Write to: Deal Me In, P.O. Box 1234, Traverse City, Michigan 49685 - email: pilarski@markpilarski.com • To order Mark Pilarski's "Hooked on Winning" audio cassettes-laminated win cards package (\$12.95 plus \$2 S&H) call 1-800-WINNERS.

NOTICE OF INTENT To File Application For Federal Assistance

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians intends to apply for grant funding assistance for a water system improvement project. The project will include replacing water mains and service lines within the Tribal Housing - St. Ignace Subdivision. The application for federal assistance will be filed, within sixty (60) days, with the United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development office.

All comments and inquiries should be directed to:

Ms. Joni Talentino, Acting Director
Tribal Housing Authority
154 Parkside
Kincheloe, MI 49788
(906) 495-5598

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Proposal for a New Fire Hall for Brevort Township Moran, Michigan

Sealed proposals for the New Brevort Township Fire Hall located at N4019 Church Street, Moran, Michigan, 49760 will be received at the Offices of R.S. Scott Associates, Inc., 396 N. State Street, St. Ignace, Michigan, 49781 until 2:00 p.m., local time, October 1, 2008.

Mark outside of envelope with "Brevort Township Fire Hall Bid".

Bids will be publicly open and read aloud at 7:00 p.m., local time, October 1, 2008, by the Brevort Township Board at the Brevort Township Hall, N4020 Church Street, Moran, MI 49760.

Proposals will include Site work, General, Mechanical and Electrical Trades.

Contractors are encouraged to visit the site prior to bidding.

Copies of the Contract Documents, Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the offices of: R.S. Scott Associates, Inc., 369 N. State Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781 (tel: 906-643-9584) upon payment of a non-refundable deposit of \$45.00 per set. Persons desiring copies to be mailed shall include an additional \$10.00 per set to cover the cost of mailing. Call ahead for plan availability.

Bidder will be required to comply with various Federal, State and Local Laws.

All proposals shall be made in accordance with Information for Bidders, Plans and Specifications. The right is reserved by the Brevort Township Board to accept any proposal and to waive informalities in bidding when it is deemed to be in the interest of the project.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid: Bank Draft, Certified Check, or Bid Bond executed by the bidder and acceptable sureties, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid and payable to The Brevort Township Board. The successful bidder will be required to furnish Performance Bonds, Labor and Material Bonds each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount or 20% of the contract amount, in a cash escrow account naming the Owner, or a 25% of the contract amount, irrevocable letter of credit from a financial institution.

Brevort Township Board
Ed Serwach, Supervisor

NOTICE CLARK TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

will hold a

PUBLIC HEARING

To Hear Comments on the

DRAFT MASTER PLAN & SELECTED ZONING ORDINANCE REVISIONS

Visit our website at www.clarktwtp.org to view Draft Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances.

Also available to view at Clark Township Hall & Les Cheneaux Community Library.

Written comments may be mailed to Clark Township Clerk, P.O. Box 367, Cedarville, MI 49719, faxed to 906-484-3119 or sent by email to clerk@cedarville.net

From 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 30, 2008

at

Clark Township Community Center
M-134, Cedarville