

A regular meeting of the City Commission was held in the Commission Room of the City-County building, 325 Court Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bosbous

Present: Mayor Bosbous, Commissioner Bauer, Burton, Gerrie, Lynn, Munsell and Stefanski

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Nebel, City Attorney Cannello, City Clerk Robin R. Troyer, and various department heads

Dave Martin and Clara James of the Chippewa County Health Department gave a presentation on the walkability audit for the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Bauer

That the following consent agenda items be approved:

Minute Approval:

That the minutes of the regular City Commission meeting held on Monday, January 19, 2009 be approved as written and circulated and the minutes of the following boards and commissions received and placed on file:

- a. Local Development Finance Authority- Jan. 12, 2009
- b. Airport Board – January 14, 2009
- c. Historical Development Commission – January 6, 2009
- d. Planning and Development Commission – Jan. 22, 2009
- e. Downtown Development Authority – January 14, 2009
- f. Zoning Board of Appeals – December 18, 2008

Communications:

That the City Commission conduct a first reading of an ordinance to rezone from R-1, One-Family Residential to B-3, General Business the property as described as follows:

Two areas of R-1 zoning remain in that part of Section 13, T47N, R1W, lying south of the centerline of W. 28th Avenue and westerly of the I-75 Business Spur as shown on the attached map so that the entire area bounded by the I-75 Business Spur, the centerline of W. 28th Avenue, I-75 and Three Mile Road is zoned B-3,

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And schedule a second reading of the proposed rezoning ordinance for the February 16th City Commission meeting.

City Manager's Report:

That the City Commission approve a resolution supporting the installation and maintenance of new wayfaring signs along M-129 for the purpose of guiding motorists to the Sault Seal Recreation Area with said sign installations to be made in accordance with Michigan Department of Transportation permit application requirements.

Carried: Yeas: Mayor Bosbous, Commissioner Bauer, Burton, Gerrie, Lynn, Munsell, and Stefanski
Nays: None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE KEMP MARINA HVAC PROJECT:

In April of 2005, the City solicited bids for three projects at the Kemp Marina, including a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) project. Based on the original bids received in 2005, there were insufficient funds available to complete all three projects; therefore, a decision was made to proceed with the walkway restoration project, which was a safety issue at the time. Following the close out of the walkway project, unexpended City funds were returned to the General Fund.

MDNR grant funds in the amount of \$ 2,407.42 remain available for the HVAC project. The estimated cost of this project is not expected to exceed \$10,000. In order to proceed with this project, the City Commission will need to appropriate \$7,600 for the City's share of this project.

Moved by Commissioner Lynn,

The motion was not supported, therefore no action was taken.

FINAL REPORT UPDATE AND CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL FLOOR PLAN SCHEMATIC AND SPACE PLANNING DESIGN PHASE FOR THE FEDERAL BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT:

Attached is the most recent Schematic Design and Space Planning report as provided by the City's architect for the Federal Building Renovation Project. The City Commission had the opportunity at the January 19th Commission meeting to review the basic floor plans for this building and provide their comments regarding the project layout. There was a number of staff comments regarding this proposed layout that we shared with the design firm as well as those that the Commission had in regards to this

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layout.

It will be necessary for the Commission to sign off on the layout of offices in the Federal Building. This is critical for completion of the design of the renovation design work necessary to have this project go forward for bids.

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Burton

That the City Commission approve the Schematic Design layout of the Federal Building.

Carried: Yeas: Commissioner Burton, Gerrie, Lynn, Munsell, Stefanski, and Mayor Bosbous
Nays: Commissioner Bauer

APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2009:

Members of the City Commission will be participating in the Annual Michigan Municipal League Capital Conference, which will take place on March 4th in Lansing. At the January 19th City Commission meeting, the Commission reviewed last year's legislative priorities and made suggestions for modifications for the 2009 priorities.

Moved by Commissioner Lynn, supported by Commissioner Gerrie

That the City Commission approve the 2009 State Priorities as outlined in the attached report.

Carried: Yeas: Commissioner Burton, Gerrie, Lynn, Munsell, Stefanski, Mayor Bosbous, and Commissioner Bauer
Nays: None

Status Report:

Six Month Budget Report:

City Manager Nebel outlined various transfers or revisions that the Commission has made to the budget for the first six months of the current budget. A copy of the financial report was attached for review.

Rental Registration:

City Manager Nebel reminded landlords that rental registrations are due by February 15, 2009.

Tax Information:

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City Manager Nebel informed the citizens that the property tax information is now available online at www.sault-sainte-marie.mi.us .

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC:

None

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION:

Commissioner Bauer asked if the goal setting session could be changed from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 23rd. The Commission confirmed the change.

Commissioner Burton informed the Commission about a vacancy on the Historical Development Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Lynn, supported by Commissioner Stefanski

That the meeting adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

ANTHONY G. BOSBOUS, MAYOR ROBIN R. TROYER, CITY CLERK

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