

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, January 18, 2010 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:

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

Mayor Bosbous recognized Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Moment of silence was held in honor of Sgt. John Wayne Faught, a Canadian soldier who die in Afghanistan, and the victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

The Mayor proclaimed January as National Crime Stoppers month.

Presentation of Life Saving Award to Philip Wayne Burton.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Lynn

That the following consent agenda items be approved:

Minute Approval:

That the minutes of the regular City Commission meeting held on Monday, January 4, 2010 and the Special City Commission meeting of January 13, 2010 be approved as written and circulated and the minutes of the following boards and commissions received and placed on file:

- a. Airport Board – December 9, 2009
- b. Historical Development Commission – November 3, 2009
- c. Osborn Trustees Meeting – December 15, 2009
- d. Seal Estate Trustees Meeting – December 15, 2009

Communications:

That the City Commission authorize the sale of alcohol on City property to the Sault High Devil Blue Line Club for February 6, 2010 in conjunction with the 42nd running of the I-500, subject to submission of acceptable rules for the handling of the sale of alcohol during this event to the City Manager.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

FROM COMMISSIONER BAUER – EDC UPDATE:

Commissioner Bauer gave an update to the City Commission regarding the EDC activities.

Moved by Commissioner Munsell, supported by Commissioner Stefanski

That the City Commission appoint Mayor Bosbous, Commissioner Lynn, and Commissioner Bauer to the EDC Staffing Evolution Committee with support from City Manager Nebel.

Motion carried unanimously.

FROM DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ACTION ON UPCOMING BOND FINANCING FOR CITY HALL AND WATER STREET STREETScape:

At the regular meeting of the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors on January 13, 2010, the board approved two resolutions regarding the bond issues for the Federal Building Renovation and the Water Street Streetscape projects.

The Federal Building resolution approved an annual debt contribution payment of \$20,000 per year from October 2010 through October 2016 and a payment in the amount \$40,000 per year from October 2017 through October 2026.

The Water Street streetscape resolution approved a one-time payment of \$200,000 and an annual bond payment contribution in the amount of \$15,000.00 to begin October 2010 through October 2026.

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Gerrie

That the City Commission accept the funding contributions from the TIFA district for the Federal Building resolution approving an annual debt contribution payment of \$20,000 per year from October 2010 through October 2016 and a payment in the amount \$40,000 per year from October 2017 through October 2026 and the Water Street streetscape resolution approving a one-time payment of \$200,000 and an annual bond payment contribution in the amount of \$15,000.00 to begin October 2010 through October 2026.

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FUNDED 4X4 VEHICLE THROUGH CHIPPEWA COUNTY:

The City Police Department is a participating agency in the Federal Enforcement Grant titled "Stonegarden", which is being implemented through the U.S. Border Patrol. This grant funds personnel and equipment costs associated with various activities as outlined by the federal government.

In some cases the City has been the grant applicant for certain programs, and Chippewa County has also been a grant applicant. Often-times equipment is obtained for other departments as part of these grants. In this case, Chippewa County applied for funding on behalf of the City of Sault Ste. Marie's Police Department for a 4 x 4 vehicle for the department. The vehicle will be the assigned unit for any "Stonegarden" enforcement patrols that the department is involved with. There are some limitations as to how the department can use the vehicle for other activities. This will certainly reduce wear and tear on patrol vehicles as the Police Department participates in many of these homeland security enforcement duties.

Moved by Commissioner Lynn, supported by Commissioner Munsell

That the City Commission authorize acceptance of a 2010 Ford Expedition 4 x 4 for use by the City Police Department in accordance with the "Stonegarden" grant objectives and authorize the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the City to acquire ownership of this vehicle from Chippewa County.

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

AUTHORIZATION AND SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATION IN A GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE (GLRI) GRANT APPLICATION:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency anticipates awarding approximately \$120 million in funding for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative proposals that will target significant problems in the region, including invasive aquatic species, non-point source pollution, and contaminated sediment.

City administrative staff has been working with representatives of the MDEQ, the Chippewa/East Mackinaw Conservation District, Chippewa County, LSSU, BPAC, the

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Sault Tribe, Soo Township, EUP Regional Planning and Development, and the USDA-NRCS in identifying potential projects where an application for funding could be made. The applicant for these funds will be the Chippewa/East Mackinaw Conservation District with support from these other entities.

The consortium is recommending that a program of approximately 1 million be supported that includes \$330,000.00 for Watershed Management Plan implementation for road stream crossings, bridge and culvert replacement, bank stabilization, etc., \$220,000 for the City's SARMI Implementation - Watershed Management Plan, which would include an update of the comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance and GIS for the City as well as identification of wetland mitigation bank and conservation easement areas for the City, \$50,000 for Soo Township master planning and zoning updates, and \$160,000 for general water quality education and community assistance. If this were funded, this would certainly be a major shot in the arm to the City's SARMI project and would result in some real improvements to address a number of environmental issues that these various groups have been working on over the years.

Moved by Commissioner Burton, supported by Commissioner Gerrie

That the City Commission authorize the City's involvement in the grant application being made by the Chippewa/East Mackinaw Conservation District for inclusion of the SARMI Implementation - Watershed Management Plan for the City of Sault Ste. Marie in an amount of \$220,000 and support other improvements that are proposed in this application.

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

BOND AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR THE NEW CITY HALL AND WATER STREET IMPROVEMENTS:

The City Commission had previously authorized a not to exceed \$6 million bond sale for the renovation of the Federal Building and the streetscape on Water Street.

In order to move forward with the bond sale, it is necessary for the City Commission to approve the attached resolution as prepared by Miller, Canfield.

Moved by Commissioner Munsell, supported by Commissioner Gerrie

That the City Commission approve a resolution approving the \$6,000,000 Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010 for City Hall and Water Street Streetscape.

Carried: Yeas: Commissioner Lynn, Munsell, Stefanski, Mayor Bosbous,

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Commissioner Bauer, Burton, and Gerrie
Nays: None

Presentation by the I-500 Project Committee:

Terry Joss, Chairman, for the I-500 project committee presented the Commission with I-500 buttons.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC:

None

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION:

Commissioner Stefanski informed the Commission of the proposed funding loss toward the Pure Michigan Ad Campaign.

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Burton

That the Pure Michigan Ad Campaign be added to the City Commission agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Burton

That the City Commission send a letter to Representative's expressing support toward the Pure Michigan Ad Campaign.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Burton asked about the status of the snowmobile ban on Marquette Avenue.

Moved by Commissioner Lynn, supported by Commissioner Stefanski

That the meeting adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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