

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, April 5, 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

Proclamation Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Presentation from Building A Healthier Community Coalition

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, March 15, 2010 and the Special City Commission meeting of March 25, 2010 be approved as written and circulated and the minutes of the following boards and commissions received and placed on file:

- a. Bayliss Board of Trustees – February 25, 2010
- b. Downtown Development Authority – March 10, 2010
- c. Historic Structures Management Committee – March 24, 2010
- d. Planning and Development Commission – February 25, 2010
- e. SSM Housing Commission – February 18, 2010
- f. Zoning Board of Appeals – February 18, 2010

Communications:

That the City Commission approve a resolution granting blanket approval to non-profit organizations wishing to obtain special licenses from the Armory located within the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

That the City Commission approve a license for the Sault Shrine Club to operate a circus at the Pullar Stadium in Sault Ste. Marie on May 6, 2010.

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City Manager's Report:

That the City Commission authorize out of state travel for the City Manager to attend the annual City-County Manager's Conference in San Jose, California on October 16th through 20th, 2010 and excuse the City Manager from attending the October 18th, 2010 City Commission meeting.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

FROM THE TREE CITY TASK FORCE – RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A TREE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE:

At the March 2, 2009 City Commission meeting, the Commission approved the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to explore the implementation of Tree City U.S.A. status for the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

At the March 16th City Commission meeting, the Commission appointed an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of City Commissioner Jeff Stefanski, Becky Bottrell, Steve Gregory, Jim Lucas, Spencer Nebel, and Dave Strickland to proceed with the development of a plan to implement Tree City U.S.A. status for the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

The Committee met three times in 2009. Due to other priorities taking place with city staff, the Committee did not complete the report. The Committee has focused on the development of a Tree Ordinance for the City of Sault Ste. Marie. Among other things, the Tree Ordinance establishes a permanent Tree Commission that will serve as the City's primary board to deal with all tree management issues within the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

The Tree Commission would be charged with developing and updating, on an annual basis, a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal, or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along City streets, and in other public areas. This plan will be presented annually to the City Commission, and upon the approval of the Commission, would constitute the official comprehensive City tree plan for the City of Sault Ste. Marie. The Tree Commission would review plans for any tree maintenance that would be conducted by utility companies within the City right-of-way, recommend an annual budget to the City Manager for various tree activities, pursue fund raising activities, including obtaining public and private grants, gifts, memorials, and honorary tree plantings for those wanting to make a gift of a tree to the City of Sault Ste. Marie. The Tree Commission would also work with City staff and other boards and commissions to develop land use standards relating to tree and

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landscaping requirements for public and private developments.

The Ordinance provides information as to the appropriate locations to plant various types of trees within the City. The Tree Commission would determine those trees that are acceptable for planting in various locations and scenarios throughout the City.

The Tree Commission would also review the requests for removal of any right-of-way trees within the City except those creating an immediate hazard. This would include City removal, utility removal, or requests from private properties for tree removals. The Tree Commission would oversee the notification of the public adjacent to the property where the street tree is to be removed, and those residents would have an opportunity to appear before the Tree Commission prior to the decision being made on possible removal of a street tree.

By utilization of a Tree Commission, any citizens wanting (or not wanting) a tree to be removed would have a forum and a designated group to hear their testimony and make a decision on whether a tree should be removed or not. Any decision of the Tree Commission is appealable to the City Commission by any party.

The ad hoc committee is recommending that the decision to seek Tree City U.S.A. status should be with the newly established Tree Commission. In order to qualify for Tree City U.S.A. status, a tree board and a tree care ordinance must be established. This would be completed if the Commission approves a Tree Commission for the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

Two additional standards that have to be met in order to be considered for Tree City U.S.A. status is designating a budget of at least \$ 2.00 per capita for the community forestry program. These expenditures can include everything from City worker salaries, contract work, tree purchasing, pruning by City employees, dead tree removal, Leaf clean-up, stump removal (both labor and equipment costs for these efforts), and other qualified expenditures. The City of Sault Ste. Marie does do a significant amount of effort on leaf clean-up as well as tree removal and stump removal that would likely come close to satisfying this expenditure. City Manager Nebel suggested that the Tree Commission develop their annual plan, including proposed expenditures for the Commission's review, prior to the Commission seeking Tree City U.S.A. status. This could be the first responsibility of the Tree Commission.

A copy of various documents were enclosed for review, including a ordinance that has been drafted by the task force, the City street standards for becoming a Tree City U.S.A. community, list of Michigan cities who are designated as Tree City U.S.A. communities, a list of eligible expenditures for satisfying the expenditures of \$2.00 per capita.

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Munsell

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That the City Commission accept the report from the Tree Task Force, which recommends the adoption and implementation of a Tree Ordinance creating a permanent Tree Commission.

That if the Tree Commission is established that they be charged with the responsibility of developing the Tree Plans for the City that would include recognition as Tree City U.S.A.

That the City Commission authorize the City Attorney to draft a final Tree Ordinance for a first reading for the April 19th City Commission meeting.

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

FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD – AN AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF DISC GOLF AT SAULT SEAL RECREATIONAL AREA BY CUSTOMER TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.:

Richard Dalimonte, on behalf of Customer Technical Services, Inc. is proposing to operate the disc golf course at Sault Seal Recreation Area for the 2010 season. Mr. Dalimonte proceeded with setting up the disc golf course in the fall of 2009. Due to the timing of getting it set up, he operated it, primarily as a free venue, through the end of the season. Mr. Dalimonte would like to have the rights to operate the disc golf course between the dates of April 15th through October 31st. During that time, he would pay \$250 for each month of operation. (if weather conditions don't permit a start-up until May 15th, then his rental would correspond with the time he is actually operating the course on the hill). The agreement will continue for up to four additional seasons unless either the City or Customer Technical Services, Inc. terminate the agreement.

The Community Services Board unanimously recommended that the Commission proceed with this agreement.

Moved by Commissioner Bauer, supported by Commissioner Burton

That the City Commission authorize the Sault Seal Recreation Area Disc Golf Letter of Agreement for the 2010 season, which will renew unless either the City or Customer Technical Services, Inc. terminates the agreement at the end of each year for four additional years.

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

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FROM HISTORIC STRUCTURES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – CLOSURE
OF THE WATER STREET HISTORIC STRUCTURES FOR THE 2010 SEASON:

The Historic Structures Management Committee, at their meeting of February 24th, discussed the possibility of not opening the Water Street homes to the public during the summer of 2010 based on the extensive infrastructure reconstruction that will be taking place in and around Water Street during the course of this summer.

The Committee recommends that the funds that the City would put forth for operating the homes this year should be used to address specific structural issues with the Historic Homes during the time when these homes would normally be open for visitation. The Committee recommends that the City should proceed with some of the restoration and preservation steps outlined by Mr. Ken Czapski of U.P. Engineers & Architects for the Johnston House and Schoolcraft House as well as the Baraga House.

At this point, City Manager Nebel thinks it would be appropriate for the City Commission to concur with the Historic Structures Management Committee and that the homes should be closed during the 2010 season to accommodate construction on Water Street and to accommodate improvements to the structures themselves during this period of time.

Moved by Commissioner Burton, supported by Commissioner Lynn

That the City Commission concur with the Historic Structures Management Committee in that the Historic Homes on Water Street will not be open during the 2010 season to accommodate both construction on Water Street and to address issues relating to the preservation and stabilization of the Historic Homes during the 2010 construction season.

Motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

AWARD OF BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF CAMERA EQUIPMENT WITH
FUNDING FROM THE 2007 FEDERAL BUFFER ZONE GRANT:

The City of Sault Ste. Marie was the recipient of the 2007 Buffer Zone Grant. This grant provided various security equipment for the City of Sault Ste. Marie and other law enforcement and security interests within the City of Sault Ste. Marie. In this particular case, the grant provided camera equipment for the protection of the Soo Locks. This equipment will be mounted by a consultant for the Army Corps of Engineers at that facility. Two bids were received.

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Burton

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That the City Commission award the bid for the purchase of camera equipment under the 2007 Federal Buffer Zone Grant to Midstate Security Company of Grandville, Michigan in the amount of \$15,007.16.

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

AWARD OF BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 4X4 PATROL VEHICLE:

On March 10, 2010 four bids were received for the purchase of a 2010 4x4 police special service utility vehicle. This purchase will replace the current Expedition patrol vehicle that currently has in excess of 107,000 miles on the vehicle and by delivery time will have closer to 120,000 miles on that vehicle. This purchase was budgeted in the 2009-10 Stock & Equipment Account.

The low bid for the 2010 Expedition 4x4 was in the amount of \$26,531. The local bid received from Soo Motors was in excess of the 5% local bid preference. If Soo Motors was within the 5% competitive adjustment, then they would have had the option to lower their bid to the low bid amount and be considered the low responsive bidder by the Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Munsell, supported by Commissioner Lynn

That the City Commission refer the award the bid for the purchase of a 4x4 police special service utility vehicle back to City Administration for further review and recommendation.

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

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH MDOT FOR UTILIZATION OF CITY STREETS AS DETOUR ROUTES IN 2011 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF ASHMUN STREET (I-75BS) FROM 10TH AVENUE TO EASTERDAY AVENUE:

At the March 15, 2010 City Commission meeting, the Commission deferred action on a right-of-way agreement with MDOT until there was an opportunity to obtain feedback from the property owners and businesses along the I-75 Business Spur from Easterday Avenue to Marquette Avenue. This was also conditioned upon MDOT holding a public information meeting, which was held on Wednesday, March 24th at the Washington School. The City Engineering Department also issued a survey obtaining responses from affected properties along this route with all but two of the fourteen responses indicating that it was important that this work be concluded in a single

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season.

On Friday, March 26th, MDOT had forwarded to the City a revised agreement that provided for a two year period for the detour. A conference call was held with MDOT to discuss the change for this project. Pete Paramski, Chief Engineer for this project, indicated with a mid-June start date and the increasing scope of the project with total reconstruction of the roadway building a concrete roadway, they could not indicate that it would be likely that this work could all be concluded in 2010.

Based on this information, two questions were raised with MDOT. The first was whether this project could be concluded in a single season if work started at the beginning of the construction season in 2011. MDOT indicated that this project could be completed in a full construction season.

The second question that was raised with John Batchelder of MDOT was whether the delay could potentially impact funding for this project where this project might be deferred beyond 2011. John Batchelder indicated it is still their intent to bid this project in June or July of this year. The successful contractor would perform some of the patch repairs on the proposed detour routes before the end of the 2010 construction season with the construction beginning in May of 2011 and the detour being established in conjunction with the start of construction in May of 2011.

From a City perspective, City Manager Nebel felt it was important to honor the desires that administration heard from the property owners of having the detour impact businesses for one season. Therefore, City Manager Nebel indicated to MDOT that the City would prefer a delay in the start of the project so this could be accomplished. City Manager Nebel also indicated that the City Commission would need to authorize a new detour agreement for the 2011 construction season, since the original authorization was for the 2010 construction season.

Moved by Commissioner Lynn, supported by Commissioner Burton

That the City Commission rescind the Detour Agreement with MDOT approved at the March 25th Special City Commission meeting.

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

Moved by Commissioner Lynn, supported by Commissioner Munsell

That the City Commission approve the revised Detour Agreement for the 2011 construction season and request MDOT to cut and patch area's of concern during the 2010 construction season.

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

AUTHORIZATION OF AN EASEMENT TO EDISON SAULT ELECTRIC COMPANY PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO THE FEDERAL BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT AT 209 EAST PORTAGE AVENUE:

In order to provide a new underground electrical service power line and transformer to the Federal Building, it will be necessary for the City Commission to grant an easement to Edison Sault Electric Company for the electrical service lines feeding this transformer. Should the City require this line to be moved at some point in the future that expense would be borne by the City.

The transformer will be located behind an obscuring exterior wall on the northwest corner of the building. This will be the same location that the auxiliary generator and HVAC systems will be located.

Moved by Commissioner Burton, supported by Commissioner Gerrie

That the City Commission authorize the Underground Power Line Easement for the Federal Building located at 209 E. Portage Avenue and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute said easement.

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

CONSIDERATION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR USE OF THE SPRUCE STREET AND OAKA ALLEY PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY FOR INSTALLATION OF A PRIVATE FIBER OPTIC COMMUNICATIONS CABLE BY WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

War Memorial Hospital has requested a license to install a fiber optic cable that will connect the Hospital's billing office at 146 W. Spruce Street to the existing Ganzhorn building located on Oaka Alley. The fiber optic cable will be suspended on existing poles along Spruce Street (with the authorization of the utility company) and then will be underground from Spruce Street within the Oaka Alley right-of-way. The conduit will be placed at a depth that should not be impacted by the reconstruction of Oaka Alley, which is scheduled to take place during the 2010 construction season. The City Commission has previously authorized fiber optic cable within the Spruce Street right-of-way to connect the Hospital with the billing office.

Moved by Commissioner Gerrie, supported by Commissioner Stefanski

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That the City Commission authorize a License Agreement with War Memorial Hospital to place a fiber optic communication cable within the Spruce Street and Oaka Alley rights-of-way and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute said license.

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

AUTHORIZATION OF AMENDMENT #2: R. BROWN AND ASSOCIATES
CONTRACT – WETLAND MASTER PLAN:

Since November 2008, the City Commission has been working with R. Brown & Associates on a Wetlands Master Plan, which is part of the City's Sprawl Avoidance and Resource Management Initiative (SARMI). This process has involved an inter-agency committee with representatives from our local community (both environmental and development interests), as well as the Department of Environmental Quality, Corps of Engineers, EPA, and others. Through the course of this past year, a framework has been outlined as to how the City could develop a comprehensive Wetlands Master Plan that would both provide guidance to individuals interested in developing property within the City and identify critical wetland resources that should be protected and/or enhanced through this plan.

On the development front, our specific goal is to reduce the uncertainty about the probability of a permit being issued for the development of land along the I-75 Business Spur. The City has entered into an agreement for the sale of land located to the south and west of Sanderson Field for a commercial development. This project has been impacted both by environmental regulatory issues as well as current economic concerns. As a result, this project has not moved forward.

With Sault Ste. Marie's unique geography and soil types, some of the property that is best suited for development with available roads, water and sewer utilities, electricity, gas, and other amenities are encumbered by significant issues with the regulation of wetland properties. Without an innovative strategy to address these uncertainties, City Manager Nebel is concerned that the next round of commercial development may occur south of Three Mile Road, perhaps as far south as M-28 and I-75. While traffic, infrastructure, and other conditions are ideal for infilling areas along the I-75 Business Spur, the time, effort, and uncertainty for a developer to invest in seeing whether or not a project could be developed at that location may make a greenfield site outside the City substantially more attractive.

The costs of proceeding with this effort are significant. City Manager Nebel recommended that the City Commission consider the proposal from R. Brown & Associates in the amount of \$86,300.00 to complete the effort. It is important for the Commission to also note that there are no guarantees as to outcome with this unique pilot project in Sault Ste. Marie. While there will obviously be value for the City in

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developing a Wetlands Master Plan, the true significant value will relate to expediting wetland permits with the regulatory agencies. This is dependent upon the end results being accepted both by state and federal regulatory agencies for this effort.

It should be noted that one year of property taxes to the City of Sault Ste. Marie alone for the Super Wal-Mart Project far exceeded what the investment is for the next phase of this work should the City of Sault Ste. Marie should the Commission choose to go forward with this effort.

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Munsell

That the City Commission authorize Amendment #2 to the Professional Services Agreement with R. Brown & Associates in an amount of \$86,300.00 with these funds being appropriated from the City's land accounts.

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

AUTHORIZATION OF A SUB-GRANTEE AGREEMENT WITH CHIPPEWA COUNTY FOR THE ENERGY MULTI-PURPOSE GRANT:

The City of Sault Ste. Marie was successful in receiving a grant for boiler replacements for both the Federal Building and the City-County Building. The City and County were co-applicants, since this particular program provided additional emphasis on collaborative efforts.

The attached Sub-Grantee Agreement will bind the County to the same regulations as the City is required to meet with this grant program. This will allow the County to proceed with its process to upgrade the heating plant that is used both for the City-County Building as well as the Court House.

Moved by Commissioner Burton, supported by Commissioner Bauer

That the City Commission authorize the City Manager to execute a Sub-Grant Agreement Between the City of Sault Ste. Marie and Chippewa County for the Michigan Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program Multi-Purpose Grant.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE ASSISTANCE TO FIRE FIGHTER GRANT PROGRAM FOR COMMUNICATION/HEARING PROTECTION EQUIPMENT AND CARDIAC MONITORS FOR THE SAULT FIRE DEPARTMENT:

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The City of Sault Ste. Marie was awarded a grant from the Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant Program in the amount of \$101,450 for hearing protection equipment and cardiac monitors. The following is a price breakdown of how the Fire Department will spend the awarded funds:

Hearing Protection/Intercom System for Fire Engines - \$27,000
Hearing Protection/Intercom System for Ambulances - \$24,000
2-Cardiac Defibrillators/Heart Monitors - \$50,000

18 Pairs of Custom Hearing Protection - \$450

The total project funding is \$101,450. The City is responsible for 5% of the cost or \$5,072.

Attached is a grant agreement with FEMA for this work.

The hearing protection will make the department compliant with MIOSHA Part 74 and Part 380, which deals with both fire fighting and hearing protection for employees working in loud environments.

City Manager Nebel expressed his appreciation to Fred Schneider, who prepared this successful grant application on behalf of the Fire Department, and Chief Jason Thorpe.

Moved by Commissioner Bauer, supported by Commissioner Burton

That the City Commission accept the grant for Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program - Operations and Safety Program in the amount of \$101,450 for fire and ambulance equipment.

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

AUTHORIZATION OF 2010 SPRING CLEAN UP VOUCHER PROGRAM:

For the past two years, the City Commission has appropriated \$25,000 towards the provision of a Spring Clean-Up Voucher Program. With this program, City residents can apply for a voucher to cover the cost of \$25 for the disposal of trash and debris from their properties located in the City.

Based on past experience, the City Clerk has indicated that the City should be able to issue 1,400 vouchers and remain under the \$25,000 appropriation. Not everyone uses the full value amount of their vouchers, and in some cases, vouchers did

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not get used. The City did not run out of vouchers prior to the expiration of the program on June 30, 2009.

Moved by Commissioner Burton, supported by Commissioner Gerrie

That the City Commission authorize the Spring Clean-Up Voucher Program providing 1,400 vouchers at a face value of \$25 per voucher for use by property owners for a Spring Clean-Up Program that will run from April 19 through June 30, 2010.

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

APPROVAL OF 2010 SUMMER PARKS AND RECREATION FEES:

The Community Services Board has reviewed the fee schedule for the upcoming budget year. This also includes fees for various summer uses such as Sherman Park, Aune-Osborn Campground, the Community Gardens, and the stage. By approving these fees ahead of the budget schedule, administration will be able to give definite information to people interested in renting the Sherman Park Pavilion and other similar rentals for summer use of the parks system.

There are no changes in fees for Sherman Park, Aune-Osborn Campground, the mobile entertainment stage, Harvey Marina, and the Community Gardens for the 2010 summer season.

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Burton

That the City Commission approve the fee schedule for the Aune-Osborn Campground, the mobile entertainment stage, Harvey Marina, the Community Gardens, and Sherman Park for the 2010 summer season.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR VARIOUS GRANTS FOR THE SAULT STE.
MARIE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Last year, the City Commission approved a list of potential grants for applications by the Sault Fire Department. Again this year, the department has presented a list of possible grants in which they would like to pursue grant funding.

Through the Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant Program, the department is proposing a grant application for \$55,000 for a natural gas powered emergency

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generator, which would require a 5% City match, funding of \$19,250 for the installation of a fire alarm and enunciator panel at the Fire Station, which would require a 5% match, and an application for \$135,000 for a Tri-County Fire Accountability System. This system uses GPS technology to track the location of individual fire fighters at a fire scene. The City Fire Department would be the applicant; however, the equipment would be disbursed to the fire fighter entities throughout the Eastern Upper Peninsula with those entities covering their share of the local costs. It is expected that the City's local share of costs for our fire fighters would be approximately \$1,000.

In addition, there are a number of items that the department would like to seek private funding sources for as well as looking at the funding for replacement of the Fire Station if opportunities exist and beginning the process to try to secure some funding for the eventual replacement of Engine #58.

Moved by Commissioner Lynn, supported by Commissioner Stefanski

That the City Commission authorize grant applications to be filed for the items outlined in the departmental request memo dated 3-31-2010 from Fire Chief Jason Thorpe and review the annual maintenance fee for the Tri-County Fire Accountability System.

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

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF CITY-ISSUED LAPTOP COMPUTERS BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION:

At the March 15th City Commission meeting, the Commission considered modification to the policy previously adopted by the City Commission regarding the use of City-issued laptop computers by members of the City Commission. Specifically, the policy, as adopted by the Commission, provides in Paragraph B, "The laptop shall be equipped to allow Internet access and e-mail capabilities; however, Commissioner members shall not have access to the Internet or to e-mail accounts during any City Commission meetings and the laptop shall not be used by members to communicate with each other or any member of the public during any Commission meeting."

Enclosed in the packet is a revised policy that states in Paragraph B..."Commission members shall not have access to e-mail accounts during any Commission meetings, and the laptop shall not be used by members to communicate with each other or any member of the public during any Commission meeting." This would be the most liberal modification to the existing policy regarding access to the internet during City Commission meetings.

Two other alternatives would read as follows:

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Alternate 1..."Commission members shall not have access to the Internet, except for those sites pertaining to items on the agenda, or to e-mail accounts during any Commission meetings, and the laptop shall not be used by members to communicate with each other or any member of the public during any Commission meeting."

Alternate 2..."The Commission members shall not have access to the Internet, unless so directed by the Mayor, or to e-mail accounts during any Commission meetings, and the laptop shall not be used by members to communicate with each other or any member of the public during any Commission meeting."

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Munsell

That the City Commission amend the policy on the Use of City-Issued Laptop Computers by Members of the City Commission to state in Paragraph B..." The Commission members shall not have access to the Internet, unless so directed by the Mayor, or to e-mail accounts during any Commission meetings, and the laptop shall not be used by members to communicate with each other or any member of the public during any Commission meeting. All internet access request during Commission meetings must be submitted through the City Clerk prior to the meeting".

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

Status Reports:

Spring Clean Up:

City Manager Nebel outline the spring clean up schedule including leaf pick up, the compost facility hours, and City wide clean up day in Sault Ste. Marie.

Emerald Ash Borer Presence in Sault Ste. Marie:

City Manager Nebel updated the Commission on the Ash Borer Presence in Sault Ste Marie.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC:

None

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION:

Mayor Bosbous congratulated Ray Kannisto on his NHL contract with Los Angeles Kings and Simon Gisbert on his contract with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

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Commissioner Munsell inquired about the rust on the new fence at the Maple Ridge Cemetery. Commissioner Bauer heard that the manufacture did not meet the specifications. City Manager Nebel informed the Commission that a meeting is set up for the coming week to discuss this issue.

Commissioner Stefanski asked about the possibility of the Pullar parking lot being repaired during the CSO project and announced the Community Garden application.

Commissioner Burton asked about the incident at the old Central Savings Bank building regarding the windows.

Commissioner Lynn requested a letter be sent from the Mayor and Commission congratulating Dr. McLain on his appointment as President of Lake Superior State University.

Moved by Commissioner Lynn, supported by Commissioner Stefanski

That the meeting adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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