

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, May 9, 2011 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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Burton

That the following consent agenda items be approved:

Minute Approval:

That the minutes of the regular City Commission meeting held on Monday, May 2, 2011 and Special Meeting of April 25, 2011 be approved as written and circulated and the minutes of the following boards and commissions received and placed on file:

- a. Bayliss Public Library – March 24, 2011
- b. Community Services Board – April 26, 2011
- c. Planning and Development Commission – March 31, 2011

Communications:

Approval of Lot Split of Lot 3, Garden Subdivision by B. Kelley Bunker:

WHEREAS, a lot split application has been submitted by B. Kelley Bunker to split Lot 3, Garden Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, said petitioner submitted a sketch of the proposed lot split, containing the basic requirements as set forth in Chapter 23, Article V of Section 23-69 of the Subdivision Regulations of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, which was submitted by the City Clerk to the Planning & Development Commission; and

WHEREAS, the proposed lot split would revise and replace the previous split of Lot 3, Garden Subdivision recorded in Liber 400, Page 205, Chippewa County Records; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Development Commission on April 28, 2011 considered the request and recommended that the lot split be approved as requested;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan hereby accepts the Planning & Development Commission's recommendation and declares the lot split be approved in accordance with Section 23-74 of the City Subdivision Regulations as described below:

PARCEL A: The South 208 Feet of the West 420 Feet of Lot 3, Garden Subdivision, City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

PARCEL B: Lot 3, EXCEPT the South 208 Feet of the West 420 Feet Thereof, Garden Subdivision, City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

First Reading of a Boat Launch Fee Ordinance:

That the City Commission introduce for a first reading an ordinance regulating the use of boat launches and schedule a second reading and comment for the June 6, 2011 City Commission meeting.

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

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ON FY BUDGET 2011-2012:

On April 18, 2011, the City Manager submitted a recommended budget to the City Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. The City Commission met in a budget work session on Tuesday, April 19th to review all aspects of the budget, including the Operating Funds, Fee Schedule, Equipment Purchases, and Capital Outlay items included in the recommended budget.

Throughout the budget review process, individual Commissioners could place any items on the "Hit & Wish List" with those items being reviewed and those with majority support from the Commission being included in the Commission proposed budget. On April 25th, the Commission met in a special meeting to reconcile the outstanding issues of the budget that had been identified and place on the City Commissioner's "Hit & Wish List". Of those items, 32 modifications were made to the Manager's recommended budget by the Commission. At the special meeting held on Monday, April 25th, the Commission formally proposed the adoption of the budget, including Millage Rates, Water and Sewer Utility Rates, Fee Schedules, and the General Appropriations Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 and scheduled a public hearing for Monday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. on the proposed budget. Immediately following the public hearing and considering any comments made, the Commission can formally adopt the budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year. Section 8.4 of the City Charter provides that the budget shall be adopted no later than June 1st in each year.

The proposed budget has been available for review in the City Clerk's Office and Bayliss Public Library (during their regular business hours) and all documents have been posted on the City's Website - www.saultcity.com.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public therefore the following action was taken:

Moved by Commissioner Munsell, supported by Commissioner Bauer

WHEREAS, Act 5, of Public Acts of Michigan 1982, as amended by Act 75 of Public Acts of 1991, provides that the Commission shall not levy ad valorem property taxes for operating purposes for the ensuing fiscal year which yields an amount more than the sum of taxes levied at the base tax rate on additions within the taxing unit for the ensuing fiscal year plus an amount equal to the taxes levied for operating purposes for the concluding fiscal year on existing property; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised that the taxable value for the 2011 tax year of property located within the City of Sault Ste. Marie is \$294,802,882 and

WHEREAS, the City Charter authorizes a maximum levy of 20 mills annually for operational millage, and the city is also entitled to levy up to 3 mills by statute for waste collection, and 1 mill for library operations pursuant to a vote held April 6, 1942; and

WHEREAS, after application of the millage reduction fractions required by MCL 211.34 and 211.34d the operating millages of the City be reduced by a compound millage reduction fraction of 1.0000, thereby reducing the City operating millage to 16.8139 mills, the waste collection operating millage to 2.5221 mills, and the library millage to .8407 mills; and

WHEREAS, this Commission, after careful examination of its estimated operating expense for the ensuing fiscal year and estimated revenues based on said taxable valuation, has determined that the best interests of the taxing unit require the levy of 16.8139 mills for charter operations, .5632 mills for waste collection, and .8000 mills for library operations; and

WHEREAS, in addition the CITY OF SAULT STE MARIE COMMISSION is authorized to levy 3.7813 mills for POLICE AND FIRE PENSION; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCL 211.24e(2) and (3) and MCL 141.436 the City has held a hearing on its proposed budget and has specifically complied with Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, thereby eliminating the need for a separate Truth in Taxation public hearing on operating millage issues, therefore, the CITY OF SAULT STE MARIE COMMISSION may now authorize its annual operating millage and

3.7813 mills for police and fire pension, which millages are entirely within its present authorized millage rates; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. For the 2011 levy, the total millage rate of 18.1771 mills for operational purposes shall be levied upon property located within this taxing unit, as set forth below:

City Operational Millage	16.8139 mills
Solid Waste Management	.5632 mills
Library	.8000 mills

2. For the 2011 levy, in addition to the above millages, there shall be levied upon property located within this taxing unit:

Police and Fire Pension	3.7813 mills
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3. The Mayor and Financial Officer of the City are hereby directed to complete in a timely manner any necessary documentation required by the County or State to ensure the spreading of said millages, such as "2011 TAX RATE REQUEST" (L-4029) or the "CITY CLERK'S STATEMENT OF MILLAGES TO BE LEVIED," etc.

4. All previous resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

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

Public Hearing on the User Fee Schedule for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year:

Annually, the City reviews and modifies the User Fee Schedule for the upcoming fiscal year. The User Fee Schedule is a comprehensive list of various fees that are charged for services within the City as modified by the City Commission during the budget work session. The User Fee Schedule has been made available at the City Clerk's Office and the Bayliss Library and has been posted on the City's website for public inspection. A Resolution for the Purpose of Adopting a Fee Schedule for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2011 and Ending on June 30, 2012 for the City of Sault Ste. Marie has been attached for your review and action.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public therefore the following action was taken:

Moved by Commissioner Munsell, supported by Commissioner Stefanski

WHEREAS, the City Manager has presented a recommended budget to the City

Commission on April 18, 2011 that includes a Fee Schedule for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending on June 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed and revised the Fee Schedule through a series of work sessions, special meetings, and public hearings, and has proposed a Fee Schedule for the July 1, 2011 fiscal year with copies of the Fee Schedule being posted on the City's website at www.saultcity.com as well as being available in the City Clerk's Office for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed budget was duly called, publicized, and held on May 9, 2011; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this Commission hereby adopt the Fee Schedule and the \$50.00 violation fee for the Boat Launch for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 to establish cost for various services provided by the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

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

Public Hearing on Water and Sewer Rates for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year:

The Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public therefore the following action was taken:

Moved by Commissioner Munsell, supported by Commissioner Lynn

WHEREAS, a recommended budget for the fiscal year 2011-12 was prepared and submitted by the City Manager to the City Commission on April 18, 2011, which included recommendations on charges for water and sewer services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed the recommended rates for water and sewer services through a series of work sessions, special meetings, and public hearings, and has proposed those rates for adoption; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed water and sewer was duly called, publicized, and held on May 9, 2011; and

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that this Commission hereby adopt the following rates for water and sewer services for the City of Sault Ste. Marie for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

Water & Sewer Rate Proposal:

<u>2011-12 Rates</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Administrative Water Charge Per Month Per Bill

5/8" or 3/4"	\$ 1.25
1"	\$ 6.50
1 1/2"	\$ 17.30
2"	\$ 23.27
3"	\$ 63.09
4"	\$109.59
6"	\$189.24
10"	\$317.48

Administrative Sewer Charge Per Month Per Bill

5/8" or 3/4"	\$ 2.68
1"	\$ 6.50
1 1/2"	\$ 17.30
2"	\$ 23.27
3"	\$ 63.09
4"	\$109.59
6"	\$189.24
10	\$317.48

Excess of Administration Fee Per 100 Cubic Feet

Inside City of Sault Ste. Marie	\$ 5.83	\$ 6.25	\$ 12.08
Outside City of Sault Ste. Marie	\$ 11.66	\$ 9.45	\$ 21.11

Composition of 2011-12 Rates

Water Inside City

Commodity Charge	\$2.84
Capital Charge	\$2.99

Water Outside City

Commodity Charge	\$5.68
Capital Charge	\$5.98

Sewer Inside City

Commodity Charge	\$3.06
Capital Charge	\$3.19

Sewer Outside City

Capital Charge	\$6.38
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The Commodity Charge recovers the cost of operation of the system

The Capital Charge recovers the cost of debt service and fund depreciation of the system.

Bulk Water Production Costs*

2011-12 Fiscal Year

2011-12 Budget

Labor:

Wages	\$236,100
Overtime	8,500
Payroll Other	22,500
Fringes	<u>104,500</u>
Total Labor	\$371,600
Chemicals	29,000
Electricity	<u>100,000</u>
	<u>\$500,600</u>

Water Pumped 518.553 Million Gallons

Cost Per Million Gallons

\$500,600 divided by 518.553 million gallons = \$ 965.38

*Cost to be used for special events or in the event of major water leaks.

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

Public Hearing on the General Appropriations Act for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year:

The Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public therefore the following action was taken:

Moved by Commissioner Munsell, supported by Commissioner Burton

WHEREAS, Public Act 621 of 1978 of the State of Michigan and Section 8 of the City Charter require City Commission adoption of a Budget Plan for the forthcoming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, a tentative budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 was prepared and submitted by the City Manager to the City Commission on April 18, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed and revised the tentative budget through a series of work sessions, special meetings, and public hearings, and has caused the formulation of a proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed budget was duly called, publicized, and held on May 9, 2011

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Commission hereby make and adopt the following estimates of all revenues and all expenditures of the several funds of the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and for payment of interest

and indebtedness to fall due during the year for the following functions and purposes respectively, viz;

General Fund:

General Fund Revenue by Source:

Taxes	\$6,949,700
Special Assessments	130,400
State Grants/Shared Revenue	1,621,200
Licenses & Permits	47,100
Charges for Services	3,441,000
Interest & Rents	57,300
Other Revenue	25,000
Transfer from Fund Balance	<u>119,733</u>
	\$12,391,433

General Fund Expenditures by Function:

Legislative	\$ 48,800
General Government	1,766,815
Public Safety	6,144,000
Public Works	825,950
Recreation, Culture, Other	1,782,000
Capital Outlay	<u>205,100</u>
	\$10,772,665

Sources & Uses of Funds:

Transfers In	\$ (190,000)
Transfers Out	<u>1,808,768</u>
	\$ 1,618,768

Total Expenditures & Sources & Uses \$12,391,433

Seal Trust Operating Fund:

Revenue

Interest	\$ 500
Transfer from Fund Balance	<u>6,000</u>
	\$ 6,500

Expense

Projects	\$ 129,400
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Sources & Uses of Funds:

Transfers In	<u>\$ (122,900)</u>
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Total Expenditures & Sources & Uses \$ 6,500

Osborn Trust Operating Fund:

Revenue

Interest	\$	200
Transfer from Fund Balance		<u>15,200</u>
	\$	15,400
Expenses		
Projects	\$	22,700
Sources & Uses of Funds:		
Tranfers In	\$	<u>(7,300)</u>
Total Expenditures & Sources & Uses	\$	15,400

Major Street Fund:

Revenue		
State Grants	\$	824,100
Other Income		41,500
Transfer from Fund Balance		<u>251,500</u>
	\$	1,117,100
Expenses		
Public Works	\$	882,600
Sources & Uses of Funds:		
Operating Transfers	\$	50,000
Debt Service Transfers		163,500
Capital Related Transfers		<u>21,000</u>
	\$	234,500
Total Expenditures & Sources & Uses	\$	1,117,100

Local Street Fund:

Revenue		
State Grants	\$	385,900
Other Income		79,500
Transfer from Fund Balance		<u>22,500</u>
	\$	487,900
Expense		
Public Works	\$	814,600
Sources & Uses of Funds:		
Operating Transfer Out	\$	-0-
Operating Transfers In		(460,000)
Debt Service Transfers		<u>133,300</u>
	\$	(326,700)
Total Expenditures & Sources & Uses	\$	487,900

Gaming Compact Fund:

Revenue	
Tribal Funding	\$ 421,429
	<u>\$ 421,429</u>

Expense	
Museum Rent	\$ 40,000
	<u>\$ 40,000</u>

Sources & Use of Funds:	
Operating Transfer Out	\$ 81,500

Total Expenditures & Sources & Funds	\$ 121,500
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DDA Fund:

Revenues	
Other Revenue	\$ 39,400

Expenses	
Operations	\$ 119,600

Sources & Uses of Funds:	
Operating Transfers In	<u>(87,800)</u>

Total Expenditures & Sources & Uses	31,800
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TIFA I Fund:

Revenue	
TIFA Proceeds	\$ 249,400
Other Revenue	19,900
Transfer from Fund Balance	<u>84,900</u>
	\$ 354,200

Expense	
Operations	\$ 28,800

Sources & Uses of Funds:	
Debt Service Transfer Out	\$ 276,500
Other Transfers Out	<u>48,900</u>
	\$ 325,400

Total Expenditures & Sources & Uses	\$ 354,200
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TIFA II Fund:

Revenue	
TIFA Proceeds	\$ 115,800
Other Revenue	1,900

Transfer from Fund Balance		<u>19,700</u>
	\$	137,400
Expense		
Operations	\$	29,000
Sources & Uses of Funds:		
Debt Service Transfers	\$	35,000
Other Transfers Out		<u>73,400</u>
	\$	108,400
Total Expenditures & Sources & Uses	\$	137,400

TIFA III Fund:

Revenue		
TIFA Proceeds	\$	200,000
Other Revenue		2,100
Transfer from Fund Balance		<u>182,900</u>
	\$	385,000
Expense		
Operations	\$	27,500
TIFA District Capital Projects Transfers		<u>288,000</u>
	\$	315,500
Sources & Uses of Funds:		
Debt Service Transfer		39,500
Smart Zone Transfer		<u>30,000</u>
	\$	69,500
Total Expenditures & Sources & Uses	\$	385,000

LDFA:

Revenue		
Tax Proceeds	\$	190,000
Other Revenue		<u>700</u>
	\$	190,700
Expense		
Operations	\$	138,000
Sources & Uses of Funds:		
Debt Service Transfer	\$	55,000
Transfer Out to EDC		5,000
TIFA III Transfer		<u>(30,000)</u>
	\$	30,000
Total Expenditures & Sources & Uses	\$	168,000

Debt Service Fund:

Revenue	\$ 128,880
Expenses	
Debt Payments	\$ 1,196,959
Sources & Uses of Funds:	
Transfers In	<u>(1,095,000)</u>
Total Expenditures & Sources & Uses	\$ 101,959

Parking Fund:

Revenue	
Charges for Services	\$ 231,400
Interest	<u>100</u>
	\$ 231,500
Expenses	
Operations	\$ 219,465
Capital Outlay	<u>15,500</u>
	\$ 234,965
Sources & Uses of Funds	
Transfer In	<u>(50,000)</u>
Total Expenditures & Sources & Uses	\$ 184,965

Parking Deck Fund:

Revenue	
Operating Income	\$ 60,000
Interest	1,100
Hospital Contributions	<u>117,200</u>
	\$ 178,300
Expense	
Operating Expense	\$ 72,350
Debt Service	<u>402,400</u>
Transfers In	\$ 474,750
Sources & Uses of Funds	
Transfer In From Sewer/Water Fund	\$ (20,800)
DDA Transfer In	<u>(276,500)</u>
	\$ (297,300)
Total Expenses & Sources & Uses	\$ 177,450

Sewage Plant Equipment Replacement Fund:

Revenues	\$ 1,600
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Expense		
Operations	\$	-0-
Sources & Uses of Funds		
Bldg. Rent – City Share	\$	-0-
Total Expenses & Sources & Uses	\$	-0-

Information Systems:

Revenue		
Charges for Services	\$	355,400
Transfer from Fund Balance		<u>69,572</u>
	\$	424,972

Expenses		
Operations	\$	211,972
GIS		106,700
Capital Equipment		<u>106,300</u>
	\$	424,972

Stock & Equipment

Revenue		
Charges for Services	\$	158,000
Building Rent		50,000
Equipment Rent		850,000
Interest		1,000
Depreciation Reserve Interest		300
Other Revenue		5,000
Transfer from Fund Balance		<u>266,400</u>
	\$	1,330,700

Expense		
Operating Expense	\$	1,088,800
Equipment Purchases		<u>142,000</u>
	\$	1,230,800

Sources & Uses of Funds		
Transfers In	\$	(129,600)
Transfers Out		<u>229,500</u>
	\$	99,900

Total Expenses & Sources & Uses	\$	1,330,700
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Employee Health Insurance:

Revenue		
Interest	\$	200
Payments from Groups		208,400

Employer Abatement		<u>1,259,700</u>
	\$	1,468,300
Expense		
Operating Expense	\$	1,468,200
Seal Trust Fund:		
Revenue		
Interest	\$	65,500
Expense		
Contracted Services		1,000
Sources & Uses of Funds		
Operating Transfer		<u>58,200</u>
Total Expenses & Sources & Uses	\$	59,200
Osborn Trust Fund:		
Revenue		
Interest	\$	9,500
Expense		
Contracted Services		1,000
Sources & Uses of Funds		
Operating Transfer		<u>7,300</u>
Total Expenses & Sources & Uses	\$	8,300
Perpetual Care Fund:		
Revenue		
Perpetual Care Sales	\$	9,000
Burt Estate Earnings		2,600
Interest Earnings		<u>500</u>
	\$	12,100
Sources & Uses of Funds		
Transfer Out	\$	<u>500</u>
	\$	500
Police/Fire Pension Fund:		
Revenue		
Investment Income	\$	400,000
Transfer from Fund Balance		<u>2,700</u>
	\$	402,700
Expense		
Retiree Payroll	\$	1,525,300

Administrative Expense	<u>82,800</u>
	\$ 1,608,100

Sources & Uses of Funds

Gain on Sales	\$ 100,000
Employee Contributions	(182,000)
Employer Contributions	<u>(1,123,400)</u>
	\$ (1,205,400)

Total Expenses & Sources & Uses	\$ 402,700
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following equipment purchases are included in the above expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011;

**Equipment Capital Requests
Fiscal Year 2011-12**

<u>Requesting Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Commission Proposed</u>
General Fund	Fuming Chamber	Police	\$ 3,000.00
	Fingerprinting System	Police	5,400.00
	Ambulance, 2001 ford	Fire/Ambulance	40,000.00
	Intercept Unit, 2001 Ford	Fire/Ambulance	35,000.00
	Snow Tubes, Sault Seal	Parks & Rec.	<u>5,700.00</u>
			\$ 89,100.00
Sewer and Water Fund	Meter Reading pickup	Meter	\$ 22,000.00
	1 1/2" Meter, rebuild parts	Meter	12,400.00
	2" Meter, rebuild parts	Meter	22,300.00
	RBC Bearings	WWTP	<u>10,000.00</u>
		\$ 66,700.00	
Information Systems	25 PC's @ \$950 each	IS	\$ 23,800.00
	2 replace/upgrade servers	IS	11,000.00
	Backup system replacement	IS	5,500.00
	Copier, Finance	IS	12,000.00
	Software-MS Office 2010	IS	6,800.00
	Software-Arc Serve Backup	IS	3,500.00
	Software-Duplicating	IS	4,500.00
	Phone System	IS	<u>39,200.00</u>
			\$ 106,300.00
Stock and Equipment	Tandem Dump Truck		\$ 120,000.00
	Pick Up Truck		<u>22,000.00</u>
		\$ 142,000.00	
Total			<u><u>\$ 404,100.00</u></u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following Capital Outlay Projects are included in the above expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011;

Capital Project Costs

Fiscal 2011-12

Funding Summary

Local Funding	\$ 1,193,317.00
Grants - Some Local Funds Approved	<u>656,300.00</u>
Total Approved Projects	<u>\$ 1,849,617.00</u>

Local Funding

	<u>Grant Funded</u>	<u>Current Local Funding</u>
E6 Pavement Marking (Include in Street Funds operations)		\$ 23,000.00
E13 W. Easterday Concrete Repair Project		102,200.00
E14 Pullar Parking Lot Reconstruction		129,400.00
E15 Kemp Marina Wave Attenuator Project - Engineering		10,000.00
E18 Bridge Inspection, Bi-Yearly		10,300.00
E19 Sign Reflectivity Project Study		10,000.00
E20 Tree Commission Funding		3,000.00
E21 W Easterday Ave Resurfacing		26,500.00
E22 Mission Creek Bridge Replacement Design		42,000.00
E26 Traffic Control Equipment - Easterday & Bingham		16,000.00
E27 Police Department Building		30,000.00
E28 Armory Place Reconstruction – Engineering		20,000.00
E29 E Spruce, Phase 2, from Ashmun to Ord	217,000.00	94,000.00
F1 Fire Hall Doors & Windows		50,049.00
DDA1 Subway Lot Sinkhole Repair		10,000.00
Rec 1 Pullar Brine Repair & Pipe Treatment		24,300.00
Rec 2 Pullar Lighting		8,000.00
Rec 5 Riverside Cemetery Road Improvements		54,568.00
Rec 6 Chapel Roof & Canopy (design) – Riverside Cemetery		3,000.00
Rec 8 Electrical & Building Upgrades at Sault Seal Rec Area		13,600.00
Rec 10 Baraga House - Floor Repair and Refinish		7,200.00
Rec 11 Baraga House – Drywall		10,000.00
W 1 W 25th Water Tower Inspection & Cleaning		3,500.00
W 2 W 4th & Meridian Water Tower Inspection & Cleaning		3,500.00
P5 City Non-Motorized Transportation Plan	10,000.00	5,000.00
	<u>Grant Funded</u>	<u>Current Local Funding</u>

EDC1	Airport - Parallel Taxiway phase I Construction	429,300.00	47,700.00
EDC2	Airport - Meridian Relocation Construction		431,000.00
EDC3	Research on Old Fort Brady Sale of Buildings		2,200.00
EDC4	Microfilm Historic Journals & Create Book	-	600.00
EDC5	Preservation of 1845 Map		2,700.00
		<u>\$ 656,300.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,193,317.00</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission has estimated the revenue which would be forthcoming during the fiscal year 2011-12 and has determined the amount necessary to balance the General Fund Budget to be the sum of \$6,090,900 consisting of \$4,660,700 for the General Fund, \$221,800 for the Library, \$160,000 for Solid Waste, and \$1,048,400 for the Police/Fire Pension Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Public Notification provisions of Act 5 of 1982 of the State of Michigan, the sum of \$4,660,700 for the General Fund (a millage rate of 16.8139 mills), the sum of \$221,800 (a millage rate of 0.8000 mills) for the Library, the sum of \$160,000 (a millage rate of .5632 mills) for Solid Waste and the sum of \$1,048,400 (a millage rate of 3.7813 for Police/Fire Pension is hereby fixed as the amount to be raised by Real and Personal Taxes for the 2011-12 fiscal year for the General Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all transfers between appropriations to the various functions may be made only by further action of the Commission, pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act.

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

ADOPTION OF THE FIRST RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EAST 7TH AVENUE, SWINTON TO SEYMOUR STREET, ST-01-11:

The City Commission has appropriated funding for the reconstruction of E. 7th Avenue from Swinton Street to Seymour Street. This project includes the replacement of water main and sanitary sewer along with storm sewer improvements. Final design for this project has been completed by Meade & Hunt. The First Resolution acknowledges receipt of the report from City Administration and schedules a Public Hearing of Necessity for whether to proceed with this project or not.

May 9, 2011

Moved by Commissioner Burton, supported by Commissioner Gerrie

WHEREAS, a certain report concerning the necessity for street construction including subbase and base reconstruction, concrete curb and gutter, bituminous pavement, storm sewer improvements, water main and sanitary sewer improvements, and various restoration work on the following street:

ST-01-11 East 7th Avenue – Swinton Street to Seymour Street

has been submitted to this Commission together with a location map and approximate estimate of the cost thereof, and

WHEREAS, this is the next regular meeting of this Commission after the submission of said report, map and approximate estimate of the cost of said improvements.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That Monday, the 20th day of June, 2011, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at the Commission Chambers in the City Hall, 225 E. Portage Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, is set as the time and place of meeting at which this Commission will consider and take action upon the necessity for improvements on Special Assessment Project No. ST-01-11.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That notice and an opportunity to be heard thereon to all persons liable to be assessed therefore be given as in the Charter and Ordinance in such cases made and provided.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

FROM THE BAYLISS PUBLIC LIBRARY – REQUEST TO HOLD A JOINT WORK SESSION BETWEEN THE CITY COMMISSION AND THE BAYLISS LIBRARY BOARD TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE CREATION OF A DISTRICT LIBRARY:

Mayor Bosbous and City Manager Nebel met with representatives of the Library Board to discuss the possibility of the creation of a District Library. Currently, the Library is a municipal library funded with a municipal tax levy. The Library provides services to other local jurisdictions in exchange for penal fines.

The Library serves a large geographic area. The creation of a District Library would combine the resources of all these branch facilities along with the main Library in

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Sault Ste. Marie and would have the ability to levy tax across the entire district. The advantage for City taxpayers would be that instead of having the City be the sole tax support for the Bayliss Library, the tax burden would be shared with all users of the Library over a larger district. This would likely reduce the millage rate from the current 0.8 mills levied by the City for Library operations.

In this day of collaboration, as proposed by the Governor, a District Library makes a great deal of sense and fits within that framework. There are certainly many potential advantages and some potential disadvantages of going forward with the District Library, but City Manager Nebel believes it would be appropriate to have the City Commission and the Library Board meet in a work session to sort through these various issues and determine if this is a direction the City and Library want to pursue.

Administration is recommending that the City Commission consider a special work session on Monday, June 13th to discuss the possibility of establishing a District Library. The Library has agreed to host it in their community room

Moved by Commissioner Gerrie, supported by Commissioner Stefanski

That the City Commission schedule a work session on Monday, June 13th with the Bayliss Library Board of Trustees at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the possibility of proceeding with a District Library for the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

Motion carried unanimously.

FROM THE SOO AREA SPORTSMEN'S CLUB – RENAMING OF THE AUNE-OSBORN BOAT LAUNCH:

Former City Manager Neal Godby has contacted Commissioner Bill Munsell regarding some commemoration recognizing the significant contributions Bill Gregory has made to Sault Ste. Marie's waterfront during his time at Edison Sault Electric Company. This included the donation of property for the construction of Alford Park, donating the local share for the acquisition by the City of Ashmun Bay, securing funding and making available land for various boat launches, including Ashmun Bay, and other significant contributions over the years. Bill also worked to establish the LSSU Aquatic Research Library in the Edison Power Plant, and as one of the founders of the Sault Area Sportsmen's Club was instrumental in the development of the Aune-Osborn Boat Launch.

Both former Manager Neal Godby and the Sault Area Sportsmen's Club support recognizing the contributions that Bill Gregory has made to this community through naming the boat launch at Aune-Osborn Park the William R. Gregory Boat Launch.

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Mr. Neal Godby was present and spoke briefly to the City Commission honoring and recognizing Bill Gregory for his 30-years of volunteer services to the community. Mr. Godby asked for the City Commission's consideration in naming the Aune-Osborn boat launch after Bill Gregory.

Roger Greil, Soo Area Sportsman Club echoed the sentiments of Mr. Godby. Mr. Greil expressed support in the naming of the Aune-Osborn boat launch after Bill Gregory.

Moved by Commissioner Lynn, supported by Commissioner Munsell

That the City Commission formally designate the boat launch at Aune-Osborn Park as the William R. Gregory Boat Launch.

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2011 FULL SIZE 4-DOOR SEDAN:

On Tuesday, April 6th, six bids were received for the purchase of a new police patrol vehicle for the Sault Police Department. The low bid was Soo Motors.

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Burton

That the City Commission award the bid for the purchase of a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria to Soo Motors in the amount of \$20,645 being the low bid and meeting specifications.

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

BOAT LAUNCH FEE AND POLICY:

At the May 2nd City Commission meeting, the Commission heard a report from the Community Services Board on the recommendation that the Commission implement a resident and non-resident rate for seasonal use of the City's boat launches. Since that time, Parks & Recreation Director Dan Wyers has worked with DDA and Parking Supervisor Lee Brown on procedures for implementing this policy. They have contacted William Boik at the Michigan Waterways Commission, and it has

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been determined that Harvey Marina and Ashmun Bay received grants in aid from the Waterways Commission. As a result, any fees charged for the use of those facilities are required to reflect equal charges to residents and non-residents who use the site.

It is City Manager Nebel's recommendation that the City implement the \$50 seasonal fee for all users of the boat launch and implement the \$50 fee as recommended by the Community Services Board for fines for vehicles utilizing the launch without the appropriate daily pass or seasonal sticker.

The City Attorney has drafted an ordinance that will provide the legal framework for the fees and the enforcement and fines for people who utilize the facility without paying the appropriate fees.

It is also proposed that the seasonal and daily fees collected from this facility be used specifically to fund improvements at launch facilities, including the Ashmun Bay Dredging Project.

There is a draft boat launch enforcement policy that has been developed for this effort. City Manager Nebel recommended that the final approval of this policy wait until the ordinance is reviewed and approved by the City Commission. City Manager Nebel recommended that the fees for the boat launch (which includes use of the fish cleaning station) be as follows: Daily Fee - \$5; Seasonal Fee - \$50; Multiple Vehicles - An Additional \$5 fee; and Violation Fee - \$50.

City Manager Nebel also recommended that in adopting the budget, the Commission formally direct the seasonal and daily fees to offset costs for the future maintenance of boat ramp facilities with the fines being used to offset enforcement efforts.

Moved by Commissioner Munsell, supported by Commissioner Gerrie

That the City Commission establish the fees for the use of the boat launch and fish cleaning station as follows: Daily Fee - \$5; Seasonal Fee - \$50; Multiple Vehicles - An Additional \$5 fee; and Violation Fee - \$50 effective with the adoption of the ordinance regulating boat launch use.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE POWER CANAL
PATHWAY DESIGN PROJECT:

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The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has announced its deadline for Coastal Zone Management Program Grants for the 2011 season. The deadline being May 16th for any applications. Since the 1980's, City planning efforts have included discussions of the development of a pathway along the south side of the power canal from Portage (Meridian) Avenue to Kimball Street. Various groups, including the Historical Development Commission, the DDA, the Sault Convention and Visitors Bureau, and others have endorsed the development of a project to provide good access and interpret the history of this community along this pathway. Cloverland Electric has provided their informal consent to work with the City towards development of such a pathway.

It is administrations desire to develop a plan that would allow for the staging of development of the walkway over time. Even more recently, as part of the 21c3 Pilot Project, discussion ensued about providing appropriate gateways to downtown Sault Ste. Marie and the concept of a trail along the canal was one that was deemed to be of high value to create an interesting gateway for students traveling between downtown Sault Ste. Marie and the LSSU campus.

The total project cost would be \$25,000 with the local share being \$12,500. City Manager Nebel recommended that if this grant is funded, the Commission utilize the General Fund Contingency for this purpose.

On May 18, 2009 Ms. Connie Rhodes third grade class from Soo Township Elementary School made a presentation to the City Commission regarding the development of a walking/biking trail along the power canal in Sault Ste. Marie. The City Commission referred this matter back to the Community Services Board for further review and recommendation.

Moved by Commissioner Bauer, supported by Commissioner Stefanski

WHEREAS, the Michigan Coastal Management Program was developed under the Federal Coastal Management Act of 1978; and

WHEREAS, one of the objectives of the Program is to encourage creation and enhancement of coastal public access; and

WHEREAS, Coastal units of government, including cities, are eligible applicants for the Michigan Coastal Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie has long desired to develop a pathway along the south edge of the power canal off the St. Mary's River that bisects the City; and

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WHEREAS, a design/preliminary engineering plan is needed to determine the placement, design, construction phasing and estimated cost of such a pathway; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of such a design plan is \$25,000 and the City is committed to providing fifty percent, or \$12,500, of this amount in local matching funds to undertake said design plan:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager of the City of Sault Ste. Marie is authorized to file a grant application to the Michigan Coastal Management Program for the Sault Ste. Marie Power Canal Pathway Design Plan Project with a \$25,000 budget of \$12,500 from the Coastal Management Program and \$12,500 from a local match which shall be provided if the project is funded by the Coastal Management Program.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE EXCESS GRANT FUNDS FROM THE 2009 ASSISTANCE TO FIRE FIGHTERS GRANT:

The City Fire Department was the recipient of a 2009 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant in the amount of \$34,931. The original grant project has been completed, and FEMA is allowing the department to utilize the surplus funds for other projects provided those commitments are completed by June 4, 2011. Since the next City Commission is on June 6, 2011, City Manager Nebel recommended that the Commission authorize the purchase of 19 new portable radios for the Fire Department for a total estimated cost of \$17,000. If this is authorized, then the City will advertise for bids for the purchase of the radios. Since this purchase has to be made on or before June 4th, and since there is no meeting scheduled between now and June 4th, the Commission can meet in special session to award the bid.

In discussing this with the City Attorney, the City Attorney has also indicated that the Commission could authorize the bid award to go forward administratively, provided that the award is within the appropriations for this purchase. City Manager Nebel suggested that the Commission authorize the Mayor, City Attorney, and City Clerk to award the bid to the lowest qualified bidder with a report of that action coming back to the Commission at the June 6th City Commission meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Gerrie

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That the City Commission authorize use of the 2009 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant of remaining funds for the purchase of 19 new portable radios for the Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.

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

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Gerrie

That the City Commission authorize the Mayor, City Attorney, and City Clerk to award the bid to the lowest qualified bidder provided costs are within the \$17,000 appropriated amount with that action being reported at the June 6th City Commission meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO PURSUE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SAULT TRIBE TO PROVIDE CITY WATER TO THE ODENAANG HOUSING DEVELOPMENT:

Mayor Bosbous, Commissioner Lynn, and City Manager Nebel discussed in a City-Tribal Liaison Board meeting the desire for the Sault Tribe to pursue City water for the Odenaang Housing Project. This is an issue that has been pursued in the past; however, for a variety of reasons, the project has not materialized. During the discussions with the Tribe, they indicated that they would recommend to the City Commission that the water system be expanded to serve the Odenaang Housing Development if the capital cost for constructing the system necessary for this connection was borne by the Tribe. In exchange for the Tribe constructing the system, the City would provide the same water rates for customers in the Odenaang Housing Development as they would provide for residents within the City Limits.

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority has been working with USDA RD on grant funding. The Tribe is working with the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program to secure the final portion of the funding that would be necessary to extend the City's water and possibly wastewater systems.

City Manager Nebel believes there are benefits to the water and sewer utility customers for providing this service to the Odenaang Housing Development by increasing the number of customers and the water and sewer services sold to the customers. More than half of the operating expenses for the water and sewer system

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are to satisfy the principal and interest requirements for debt for the various CSO, water, and other improvements over the years to the City's utility system. With the Tribe absorbing the construction costs of this system through a variety of grants, City Manager Nebel believes it is appropriate for the City to consider providing in-city rates for this project area.

Moved by Commissioner Lynn, supported by Commissioner Bauer

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie ("City") owns and operates a water system and has the rights to serve water outside of its jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Housing Authority of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Sault Tribe") has a housing development south of the City's boundaries adjacent to Shunk Road known as Odenaang in need of increased water capacity to serve current and future development; and

WHEREAS; the City and the Sault Tribe believe it to be most economical and in the best long term interests of the City and Sault Tribe to work cooperatively to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the greater Sault Ste. Marie area;

WHEREAS; both parties recognize that Soo Township will also have to agree to water main extension through the Township;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to work with the Sault Tribe to develop an Operations and Maintenance Agreement for approval by the City Commission to provide City water outside of the City boundaries to the Odenaang Housing Development.

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

CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO A WALKWAY INSTALLATION AND LIEN AGREEMENT WITH CHIPPEWA COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF OVERHEAD WALKWAYS CONNECTING THE PARKING STRUCTURE WITH THE HOSPITAL AND THE MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING:

War Memorial Hospital has recently received a commitment for financing that will facilitate the purchase of the Medical Office Building by War Memorial Hospital, facilitate emergency room expansion, and construct crosswalks from the third story of the parking structure across to the Hospital and to the Medical Office Building for customer use of the City's parking structure. This has been the ultimate goal with the

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construction of the project, and administration is pleased that it is moving forward.

There are several amendments that are required of the original agreement approved by the City Commission. This includes the reconfirmation of both parties (the City and the Hospital) that if the Medical Office Building comes off the tax rolls, the Hospital is responsible for the supplemental payments for the equivalent amount of property taxes that would be paid to the City as part of the Hospital's lease agreement with the City for the use of the parking structure. In order to secure the financing, the term of the agreement needs to be expanded to 20 years with renewable periods following that time frame. There were several other issues that the Hospital needed to incorporate into the agreement to deal with the relationship between the Hospital (a county owned facility) and the Medical Office Building, which is owned by the War Memorial Hospital, Inc.

City Manager Nebel included the background materials and the original agreement for review. A revised agreement was distributed to the Commission for their review and consideration. City Attorney Cannello reviewed the modifications to the agreement with the Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Lynn, supported by Commissioner Bauer

That the City Commission approve the agreement, as amended, for the installation of an overhead pedestrian walkway between the City's parking structure, War Memorial Hospital, and the Medical Office Building, including an easement to cross Osborn Blvd. and other City properties.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

The time and equipment utilized by the crews of the Department of Public Works are allocated across many expense accounts, including General Fund, Major Street, Local Street, and Stock & Equipment Fund. As a result of several major projects this year, the actual funds spent on Major, Local, and motor pool funds are estimated to be nearly \$297,000 below budget. This is, in part, because of the use of the City's own employees to do several major capital outlay projects. Two of these projects include the Ashmun Bay Wetlands Rehabilitation Project and the site work at the Federal Building.

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With the increased sophistication of allocating out all costs to the appropriate cost centers and the utilization of software that allocates, very accurately, all time spent on various construction projects done by the Department of Public Works crews, the City has accrued a significantly greater amount of expenses for the in-house work projects than what administration had allocated when all fringes, equipment, and staff costs are accrued to these accounts. The good news is that since the City is using their employees to accomplish this work, the routine maintenance accounts are significantly lower than they would otherwise be.

In order to keep the budgets in proper alignment, City Manager Nebel recommended that the Commission take the following actions to adjust the budgets for our in-house DPW projects:

Eliminate the \$50,000 transfer from Major Street to Local Street.
Transfer \$130,300 from Major Street to Ashmun Bay.
Transfer \$26,000 from Stock & Equipment to the Federal Building. Please note, earlier

City Manager Nebel has recommended administration transfer the balance from the City-County Building to the Federal Building Construction Account, which will balance the construction budget for in-house labor for the Federal Building.

Moved by Commissioner Gerrie, supported by Commissioner Burton

That the City Commission make the following budget adjustments related to the projects that were completed by our own Department of Public Works crews as follows:

Eliminate the \$50,000 transfer from Major Street to Local Street
Transfer \$130,300 from Major Street to the Ashmun Bay Wetlands Mitigation Project
Transfer \$26,000 from Stock & Equipment to the Federal Building Account

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

ALLOCATION AND APPROPRIATION OF THE CITY COUNTY BUILDING
FUND BALANCE:

With the relocation of City offices from the City-County Building to the Federal Building and with the sale of the City's interest in the City-County Building to Chippewa County, there is a fund balance that is required to be maintained in the City-County Building Fund of \$71,000. Per the agreement, these funds are divided 50-50 between

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the City and Chippewa County at the time the City ends the management role for this building, which will be on or about June 1st.

Moved by Commissioner Munsell, supported by Commissioner Burton

That the City Commission appropriate the amount of \$71,000 with those funds being allocated as follows: \$35,500 to Chippewa County and \$35,500 to the Federal Building Construction Fund.

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

Status Reports:

Opening of City Park Facilities:

The Parks & Recreation Department has announced that the City park system will officially be open on Thursday, May 12, 2011 for this summer season.

Relocation of City Offices to the Federal Building:

Work is continuing on the renovation of the Federal Building to house City offices. The furniture is scheduled to be installed in the Federal Building during the last week of May, and administration is proposing that the City make the move at the end of the first week of June. Administration is proposing that the City Hall offices be closed on Friday, June 3rd through Monday, June 6th to facilitate the move. Administration has a proposal from Weir Moving & Storage that would have them physically start moving offices on Friday, June 3rd with that work being completed over the weekend. On Monday, June 6th, staff members would work to get their offices re-established, organized, and ready for opening of business on Tuesday, June 7th.

This schedule avoids complications in the development of the City Commission agenda for the meeting on June 6th, since that work would be done on Thursday prior to the physical move. The first City Commission meeting held in the new building would be on Monday, June 6th.

Charter Communications will be removing the equipment and connection to the cable system so that meetings will not be able to be broadcast out of the City-County Building after the Commission meeting that is held on Monday, May 9th and will have that equipment installed and in place by Monday, June 6th in the new City Hall. Presuming all of the equipment is in place and ready to roll, the City should be able to be televised from the new City Commission chambers on Monday, June 6th.

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For the building there will be a lot of work that will be required after the City makes the move, including the placement of permanent directories and signage for offices, so administration will utilize temporary directories and signage to assist people in moving around the building. This will be good also to determine where the permanent directories and signage should be placed in order to help people navigate through the Federal Building.

Administration is recommending that a formal dedication of the building be held off until later in the summer, perhaps in conjunction with History Fest or some other event. Administration has to complete the dedication plaque and the plaques commemorating the gift of the building to the City from Tendercare, Inc. These sorts of things will not affect operations but need to be in place prior to the formal dedication.

16th Annual City-Wide Clean-Up Day:

The 16th Annual City-Wide Clean-Up Day will take place on Saturday, May 14th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Participants are encouraged to contact Becky Bottrell at the City's EDC at 632-5779 to register for the clean-up or people can register at 8:30 a.m. the day of the clean-up at the Fire Hall parking lot. A notice of the event with phone numbers is on the City's website at www.saultcity.com.

Individuals and groups will be assigned clean-up areas depending on the needs and numbers of participants.

Participants are invited to a picnic at Sherman Park following the clean-up where prizes will be awarded.

Online Water and Sewer Payments:

Beginning April 1, 2011 Sault Ste. Marie water and sewer customers can pay their utility bills online using the City's new bill payment service. This service is through Old Mission Bank and is safe and secure. The instructions and links to the website can be found on the City's website at www.saultcity.com.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC:

Steve Welch indicated that he owns the property on the south side of three mile road between Burger King and the Best Western. Mr. Welch indicated that his water rates are calculated based on a very complex formula. Mr. Welch requested the same water rate as the City Commission just approved for the Odenaang Housing Development.

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Sean Atto informed the Commission that he has an issue with the City Building Department Enforcement Office regarding "Flags/Banner's" outside PagePlus on I-75 Business Spur. Mr. Atto also indicated that the City Police stopped by the store and requested Mr. Atto to remove the banner/flag as it was a hazard to the traffic along the Business Spur. Mr. Atto made reference to other communities that allow the banners for 30 days with a fee and an opportunity for renewal.

John Lechner informed the City Commission about an issue he has with the Chippewa County Prosecuting Attorneys office.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION:

Commissioner Burton congratulated SANE on another round of drug bust.

Commissioner Bauer inquired about the status of the traffic light at Marquette and Ashmun.

Commissioner Gerrie attended the UPEDA meeting in Escanaba on Thursday, May 5th. Mr. Gerrie indicated that it was suggested that local communities, Chamber of Commerce etc. should grab onto the Pure Michigan tagline for their logos, outreach etc so that Michigan has a unified front. Linda Hoath made a few comments to the City Commission regarding the Pure Michigan Campaign.

Commissioner Stefanski made mention of the Community Garden application process, Sault Eagles Parade scheduled for Saturday at 4 p.m., and the wonderful job being done on the detour signage.

Commissioner Munsell asked if the hole at Foss and W. 4th could be fixed.

Mayor Bosbous announced the United States Post Office Food Drive scheduled for May 14th.

Moved by Commissioner Lynn, supported by Commissioner Stefanski

That the meeting adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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