

A regular meeting of the City Commission was held in the Commission Room of the City Hall, 225 E. Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on Monday, June 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bosbous

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

Absent: Commissioner Bauer

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

Mayor Bosbous wished Jenny Oselek a Happy 105th Birthday.

Mayor Bosbous Presented a Proclamation Declaring June 2011 Scleroderma Awareness Month.

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, May 9, 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 – April 28, 2011
- b. Downtown Development Authority – April 13, 2011
- c. Historic Structures Management Committee – April 27, 2011
- d. Planning and Development Commission – April 28, 2011
- e. Police and Fire Pension Board – April 27, 2011
- f. Police and Fire Pension Board – May 18, 2011

Appointments and Resignations:

That the City Commission confirm the Mayor's appointment of Daniel Dasho to a term on the Economic Development Corporation that will expire on 6-1-2017.

That the City Commission direct a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to Charlie Litzner for his years of service to the EDC Board.

That the City Commission confirm the Mayors appointment of Steve Gerrish to a second term on the Construction Board of Appeals to expire June 30, 2016.

That the City Commission reappoint James Schaefer to a term on the Existing Structures Board of Appeals that will expire on July 1, 2014.

Communications:

Lot Split for the Southeast 140 Feet Except the Southeasterly 10 Feet of Lot 545, Assessors Subdivision No. 12:

WHEREAS, a lot split application has been submitted by David Cardinal Sr., and Daniel Cardinal to split the Southeasterly 140 Feet Except the Southeasterly 10 Feet of Lot 545, Assessor's Subdivision No. 12 (Tax parcel 051-152-545-00) into two new parcels; 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 Planning & Development Commission on May 26, 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 and the existing Tax Parcel 051-152-545-00, The Southeasterly 140 Feet Except the Southeasterly 10 Feet of Lot 545, Assessor's Subdivision No. 12, be split into two new parcels as described below:

Parcel A: The Southeasterly 140 Feet Except the Southeasterly 75 Feet Thereof of Lot 545, Assessor's Subdivision No. 12, City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Parcel B: The Southeasterly 75 Feet Except the Southeasterly 10 Feet Thereof of Lot 545, Assessor's Subdivision No. 12, City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Chippewa County Waiver of First Right of Refusal on the 2011 Foreclosed Parcels:

Agenda Item C2 was removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

Nays: None

From Chippewa County – Waiver of First Right of Refusal on the 2011 Chippewa County Foreclosed Parcels:

Annually, the Chippewa County Treasurer provides a list of properties that the County has foreclosed upon due to no for of property taxes. The City has reviewed this list and is recommending that the City Commission consider acquiring one of the 26 foreclosed parcels. The parcel of interest in Property Tax I.D. # 051-163-017-00; 2130 W. 4th Avenue.

Acquisition of this parcel would be for removal of existing blight structure.

Moved by Commissioner Burton, supported by Commissioner Stefanski

That the City Commission authorize an application to the County Treasurer for the City to obtain Parcel No. 051-163-017-00, for public purposes, including removal of existing blight structure.

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

Second Reading of an Ordinance Establishing a Fee for Use of Boat Launches:

At the May 9th City Commission meeting, the Commission introduced for first reading an ordinance which would establish a boat launch fee for use of the City's boat launch facilities.

The ordinance would provide that the City Commission establish, from time to time by resolution, a schedule of fees for boat launching, boat retrieval, or use of the fish cleaning station or any City-owned or operated boat launch facility. The ordinance allows the Commission to establish, by resolution, a fine for those utilizing the facilities who have not paid the appropriate fees. The ordinance will take effect 10 days after adoption.

Please see the agenda item which establishes rules and fees for the use of the boat launch that would be enacted following the adoption of this ordinance by the Commission.

The Mayor conducted a public hearing on an ordinance that establishes a boat launch fee for use of the City launch facilities and fish cleaning station. The following comments were made:

Debra Pine of the Sault Tribe Board of the Directors Unit I offered the City 2% funds to alleviate the need for implementing a boat launch fee. Estimated revenue from the implementation of the boat launch fee is approximately \$15,000.00.

Steve Welch read from a prepared statement dated June 6, 2011 opposing the boat launch fee which was included as part of the official record.

Moved by Commissioner Lynn, supported by Commissioner Stefanski

That the Commission deny an ordinance to amend Chapter 24, Article III, Division 4 to add Section 24-67 that establishes boat launch and fish cleaning fees and penalties for the City of Sault Ste. Marie and refer back to City Administration to finalize an agreement with Sault Tribe for 2% funds.

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

Public Hearing on Single Lot Special Assessment Roll SL-1N-11 and SL-1W-11 (a)
Public Comments (b) Action on Single Lot Special Assessment Rolls SL-1N-11 and SL-1W-11:

Twice annually, in time for the summer tax bill and winter tax bill, the City staff develops a list of unpaid bills related to specific properties for consideration as a single lot special assessment.

This includes bills generated by the Inspection Department as well as any outstanding water bills where water has been terminated and bill remains unpaid.

The Mayor conducted a public hearing on Single Lot Special Assessment Roll SL-1N-11 and Single Lot Special Assessment Roll SL-1W-11. The following comments were made from the public:

Jim Benoit, City of Sault Ste. Marie resident expressed concern about a single lot special assessment at 523 Maple Street. Mr. Benoit indicated that the garbage at this location was a tenant's garage and that he was unable to remove a tenant's personal property.

Moved by Commissioner Lynn, supported by Commissioner Stefanski

That the City Commission confirm Single Lot Special Assessment Roll SL-1-N-11 and SL-1W-11.

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

From Commissioner Burton - Review of the Policy Regarding Non-Quorum
Commission Meetings with Third Parties:

Commissioner Burton requested that the Commission review the policy regarding nonquorum Commission meetings with third parties.

The City Commission appoints members of the Commission to various boards and committees (both internal and external) to provide representation from the Commission to foster good communication between the Commission and various boards and committees.

Internal committees include the Planning & Development Commission, Community Services Board, EDC, and the Police-Fire Pension Board and external committees include the City-Tribal Liaison Committee, Chippewa County Emergency Services, the Allocation Board, and other similar external boards. From time to time, the Commissioners may bring back recommendations from those boards for consideration by the full Commission. Only when there

is a quorum of the Commission in public session can the Commission act on any of these recommendations. Occasionally, the City Commission has appointed an ad hoc committee that may include three or less City Commissioners on that ad hoc committee to develop specific policy recommendations for the full Commission. In the past, this has included the development of a draft animal control ordinance, the blight policy, negotiations on a golf course management agreement, and renewal of the residential solid waste collection contract.

Commissioner Burton indicated that proper information wasn't presented to the Commission prior to the action being taken on the extension of the City water distribution system to the Sault Tribe Odenaang Housing.

From Commissioner Burton - Discussion on City Water Rate Policy:

Commissioner Burton indicated disappointment in the City Commission's action on May 9, 2011 regarding the extension of the City water distribution system to the Sault Tribe Odenaang Housing. Commissioner Burton felt the charges for service outside the City should be consistent to all properties connecting to the City's water distribution system. Commissioner Burton inquired whether adding the Sault Tribe Odenaang Housing would benefit the City. Commissioner Burton didn't feel the action taken by the City Commission was ethical or legal. Commissioner Burton asked that the decision be reconsidered. Commissioner Burton submitted a written statement dated June 6, 2011 to be included as part of the official record.

Steve Welch of S&D Concepts owns property on 3 Mile Road between Burger King and the Best Western. Mr. Welch read from a prepared statement dated June 6, 2011 which was included as part of the official record.

Commissioner Stefanski inquired if the water/sewer rates cover the operating cost. City Manager Nebel responded to Commissioner Stefanski's questions.

Commissioner Munsell indicated that from a procedural standpoint that a motion should have been made to reconsider the original motion and that didn't happen so the Commission shouldn't even be discussing this item.

From Commissioner Burton - Monitoring of the Security System at the Parking Garage:

Commissioner Burton requested an update on the security camera system at the parking garage. Commissioner Burton indicated that there has been a period of time when the Hospital did not have access to the video feeds from the Parking Structure.

From Commissioner Munsell and Commissioner Gerrie - Resolution of Support for Joint International Bridge Authority in Detroit:

There has been an ongoing debate as to the construction of a new bridge between Detroit and Windsor. Governor Snyder and the Canadian government are proposing that a new public bridge be built two miles down river from the Ambassador Bridge. The Ambassador Bridge,

owned by the Detroit International Bridge Company, which is controlled by Manuel "Matty" Moroun, is proposing that a second private bridge be built adjacent to the Ambassador Bridge. Critics of this plan indicate that the transportation infrastructure is not sufficient either in Windsor or Detroit to support a second span at this location, since local streets need to be utilized. The proposal preferred by the Transportation Authorities on both the Canadian and U.S. sides prefer a location that will directly connect the new bridge to the U.S. interstate system and the equivalent expressway system in Canada.

As an international border community, Commissioners Munsell and Gerrie are requesting that the Commission take a position on this matter supporting the Governor's proposal to help provide guidance to the elected officials representing the Eastern Upper Peninsula as they vote on this important matter.

Moved by Commissioner Gerrie, supported by Commissioner Stefanski

WHEREAS, Canada is the largest foreign trade partner with the United States; and

WHEREAS, Sault Ste. Marie is one of 3 Michigan cities that are international board crossing communities in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Michigan accounts for more than half of the total U.S. trade with Canada, which averages \$1.5 billion per day and supports 7.1 million U.S. jobs and more than 221,500 jobs in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, approximately 54% of the U.S./Canada trade moves by truck, and roughly half (approximately 45.5%) of the trucks use the Detroit and Port Huron border crossings; and

WHEREAS, plans are underway to build an additional international border crossing system over the Detroit River, the New International Trade Crossing (NITC), which will consist of a six-lane bridge, three Canada-bound and three U.S.-bound lanes, connected to new U.S. and Canadian inspection plazas; and

WHEREAS, the NITC will have an enormous economic impact on not only the U.S. economy, but that of Michigan, as well, creating 10,000 construction jobs and more than 30,000 indirect jobs during the construction period in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, as reported out in the "DRIC" Final Environmental Impact Statement and Final Section (4F) Evaluation of December 2008, the NITC will also help retain 25,000 jobs that would be lost without additional crossing capacity and is expected to draw about 3,500 jobs into Southeast Michigan from outside the state; and

WHEREAS, Michigan and Transport Canada are pursuing a Public-Private Partnership to finance and deliver the NITC in the form of a long-term concession agreement which will seek to maximize private sector participation and financing, and allow for public ownership of the bridge, and for private financing, construction, operation, and maintenance while protecting the public interest; and

WHEREAS, Michigan needs legislative authority to enter into the Public-Private Partnership, including an agreement with Canada to build the NITC, and to charge tolls; and

WHEREAS, the proposed location for the New International Trade Crossing, being separate from rather than adjacent to the existing crossings over the Detroit River, would provide more security for both Canada and the United States;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on this 6th day June, 2011, the City Commission of the City of Sault Ste. Marie hereby supports the New International Trade Crossing (NITC) project and legislation that will allow for the construction, charging of tolls, and/or creation of a Public-Private Partnership to finance and deliver the NITC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Sault Ste. Marie encourages initiatives that require benefits and investments in communities hosting the NITC project, including job creation, green development, improving air quality, housing and other benefits that improve the quality of life for residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New International Trade Crossing will have an immeasurable economic impact on the State of Michigan, the region and the City of Sault Ste. Marie and will lay the foundation for future productivity, growth, and economic stability of local economies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward this Resolution to the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, surrounding communities, members of the State Legislature and the Office of the Governor.

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

Bids for New Police Patrol Vehicle:

On May 9, 2011, the City Commission awarded a bid for a new police patrol vehicle to Soo Motors. The amount of the bid was \$20,645. The Police Department was notified by Soo Motors on Monday, May 23rd that they would not be able to supply the vehicle that they had placed a bid on for sale to the City of Sault Ste. Marie. The next lowest bid is for a 2011 Crown Victoria from Signature Ford of Owosso, Michigan.

It has been the City's policy to penalize bidders who have not been able to follow through on their bid by barring them from bidding for 12 months. Perhaps this could be waived if the low bidder made up the difference between the low bid and the second low bid so that the City is not financially harmed through the bidding process. This is an unfortunate situation, since Soo Motors has been a successful bidder for many of the City's bids. The City has restricted bidding from other vendors who have not been able to follow through with their bids in the past, and

from a policy standpoint, City Manager Nebel thinks it is important that the City be consistent in this regard.

Moved by Commissioner Munsell, supported by Commissioner Lynn

That the City Commission award the bid to Signature Ford of Owosso, Michigan in the amount of \$21,374, being the next low bid and meeting specifications.

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

Moved by Commissioner Munsell, supported by Commissioner Lynn

That the City Commission not restrict Soo Motors from bidding for a 12 month period at this time and refer back to City Administration for documentation and a report coming back to the City Commission.

Motion carried unanimously,

Acceptance of Proposal for Janitorial Services for the New City Hall:

The City requested proposals for cleaning services for the new City Hall. The proposals required the cleaning companies to provide all necessary equipment, supplies, paper towels, toilet tissue, and hand soap and include that in the above price. The proposal calls for three full cleanings and two partial cleanings per week.

The lowest proposal was from Magoo's Cleaning Service, Inc. with Gloria Edgerly submitting this proposal. Magoo's have cleaning contracts with several businesses, including Kinross Township Hall facilities. While their proposal is significantly lower than the next proposal, based on the references check, they have a good reputation for doing a thorough job of cleaning. It is our recommendation that the City proceed with the proposal from Magoo's. If this is not working satisfactorily for the City or Magoo's, administration can take a look at one of the other proposals at a later point in time.

All perspective bidders were provided a tour of the facility prior to submitting their proposals.

It is administrations opinion that the maintenance of three complete cleanings and two partial cleanings will be sufficient for the City Hall offices. It should also be noted that administration plans to utilize existing Public Works staff for grounds maintenance and any non-janitorial work that would be required in the building.

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Burton

That the City Commission accept the proposal from Magoo's Cleaning Service, Inc. of Pickford, Michigan in the annual amount of \$18,300 for janitorial services for the new City Hall building.

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

Adoption of Rules and Fees for Implementing the Boat Launch Fee:

This agenda item was removed from the agenda as the Ordinance establishing a fee for use of Boat Launches was denied previously in the June 6th City Commission meeting.

No action was taken.

Amendment of Special Assessment Role for ST-06-09:

At the May 2, 2011 City Commission meeting, the Commission approved the deletion of W. Spruce Street between Osborn and Ashmun from the CSO C-1 and C-2 Division A Projects. As a result, it is necessary to amend Special Assessment Roll ST-06-09, which included all of W. Spruce Street that was being reconstructed, since the properties located between Ashmun Street and Osborn Blvd. will not benefit from this project.

Moved by Commissioner Burton, supported by Commissioner Stefanski

That the City Commission approve a resolution amending Special Assessment Roll ST-06-09 W. Spruce Street by deleting those properties located between Ashmun Street and Osborn Blvd. from the assessment roll and authorizing any refunds should any of the property owners have paid any installments on the assessment for ST-06-09 W. Spruce Street.

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

Authorization of New City Letterhead for the City of Sault Ste. Marie:

City Clerk Robin Troyer has worked with National Office Products to take a look at updating the City's letterhead, business cards, and other information, which will be required with the change of address to the Federal Building. This is an excellent opportunity to make a change in the letterhead, business cards, and other official documents, since administration has been exhausting the supplies of letterhead and business cards with the address of the City-County Building on it. This also includes the Pure Michigan tag line to show a unified approach to marketing Sault Ste. Marie as part of the successful Pure Michigan campaign as was suggested at the last City Commission meeting.

Administration did take a look at a number of different letterhead designs and the consensus among staff was that the design enclosed for your review would best meet the needs for stationary, envelopes, and business cards for the various City departments.

Moved by Commissioner Lynn, supported by Commissioner Burton

That the City Commission authorize the new City letterhead as attached to the report from City Clerk Robin Troyer.

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

Nays: None

Report on Financing for Improvements to the Pullar Building as Part of the Matheson Trust:

At the May 2nd City Commission meeting, the Commission heard a report from the Community Services Board of various options for making significant renovations to the Pullar Building utilizing, in part, the funds from the Matheson Trust Fund. The preferred option included demolition and renovation of existing locker rooms, referee rooms, public restrooms, and team facilities at a projected cost of \$228,000.

The Committee recommended that the City pursue the construction of an addition to house the Zamboni, additional storage, and a locker room on the west side of the building for an additional \$531,000. The current total in the Matheson Trust Fund for locker room and restroom improvements is approximately \$250,000.

The City Commission asked that administration take a look at the possibility of bonding a project that would utilize the interest earnings from the Seal Funds to support bonding for this type of project. The two significant contributions being made from the endowed Seal Funds includes a \$545,000 T Bill that is earning 7.125%, which matures on February 15, 2023 and a \$300,000 T Bill at 7.5% that matures on November 15, 2024. Between the two they yield \$61,300 per year paid semiannually.

If the Commission wanted to bond for a project based on utilization of the interest earnings from the two T Bills, then the bonding could be set up in a way that payments would be supported from the 90% of the interest coming from these two T Bills. This would support payments of bonds and interest in the amount of \$55,170 per year through February 15, 2023. In addition, the Seal Estate has approximately \$400,000 that is currently invested in CDs that is currently earning 1.5% per year. Presumably as time goes on, the interest rates will increase for these investments generating additional revenue for the Seal Fund that could fund other recreational projects during the next 12 years. This would commit the vast majority of Seal Funds to this specific project should the Commission wish to pursue this.

Fred Schneider has been working with the Parks and Recreation Department on potential private foundation funding that could be utilized to offset expenses for an expansion at the Pullar Building as well. Administration appreciates Fred's efforts on behalf of this project.

In addition to the future Seal funding, there is a balance of approximately \$80,000 that has been unappropriated through the end of the 2011-12 fiscal year. In addition, \$88,000 has been earmarked for an electrical upgrade for Aune-Osborn Campground that is intended to be paid back to the Seal Fund through the additional \$1.00 surcharge that the Commission has assessed on camper nights at the Aune-Osborn Campground. Over time, there would be an additional \$88,000 available from these two sources for other types of recreational projects.

No action was taken.

Report on Improvements to the City Park Located at Shunk Road and E. 10th Avenue:

At the May 2nd City Commission meeting, the Commission heard a communication from Nikki Dowd on behalf of the Bill Dowd Memorial Playground Committee regarding improvements to the City park located at Shunk Road and E. 10th Avenue.

The Commission referred this item back to the City Manager for further information regarding the ability of the Seal Fund to make a contribution to this project.

As indicated in the materials provided to the Commission on May 2nd, a total of \$75,654 has been raised between Tribal 2% payments and private donations for this project. There is a current additional request for 2% funds in the amount of \$31,721 in order to fully fund the development of this playground. This leaves a shortfall of \$28,431, which the Bill Dowd Memorial Playground Committee has requested from Seal Funds.

As outlined in the communication to the Commission on the Pullar Project, the Seal Fund does have unappropriated funds in the amount of \$79,268 through the end of this current fiscal year.

This funding would not be impacted if the City Commission bonded for improvements to the Pullar Building utilizing the future interest earnings on the T Bills as outlined in the earlier memo.

With the substantial contribution made by the Sault Tribe through 2% funds for this playground, City Manager Nebel believes it is appropriate for the City Commission to consider being a financial partner in financing these significant improvements to this city playground facility.

Moved by Commissioner Gerrie, supported by Commissioner Lynn

That the City Commission approve a letter of understanding with the Bill Dowd Memorial Park Committee in order to proceed with this park project, including consideration of an appropriation from the Seal Funds in the amount of \$29,000 to match the contributions raised

to date of \$75,654 with a final request for additional funding in the amount of \$31,721 still pending.

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

Report on Voluntary Retirement Incentives:

At the time the City Commission was considering the budget, City Manager Nebel indicated that he would provide a report to the Commission at the June 6th City Commission meeting on possible voluntary retirement incentives to encourage turnover of employees where the City would realize a reduction in expenses in the long term.

The draft voluntary retirement incentive program is based on implementation of a 5% wage reduction, which would be effective on August 1, 2011. This would be done for non-union employees and for Union employees as agreements are entered into for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011.

Within the two departments where positions have been identified for elimination, a retirement incentive payment would be made for up to two employees in each of these departments who notify the Human Resources Department by June 28th of their intent to retire with a retirement date of October 1, 2011 or earlier. In the event there are more than two employees in either department, the overall City tenure will determine the two employees who would be eligible for the retirement incentives.

If two tiered wages are implemented for new hires by July 30th, then a lump sum payment equal to 20% of base salary would be paid to any employee in that unit. In the case of non-union positions, a two tier wage structure would be developed for certain non-department head positions for the Commission's review at the June 20th City Commission meeting where a two tier wage structure has been identified. Those employees currently holding those positions would have an opportunity to obtain a lump sum payment equal to 20% of base salary within that unit provided the retirement occurs by January 1, 2012. In both of these units, the payout of sick leave and vacation at retirement would be at the pre-August 1, 2011 pay levels (not the 5% reduced salary level).

The final threshold would be a March 1, 2012 implementation of a lump sum roll in for final average compensation for leave time or overtime limited to 240 hours over the three year final average compensation period. Please see the draft voluntary retirement incentive plan document.

Federal Building Reconstruction:

DeVere Construction has been working with various sub-contractors on the completion of the City Hall renovations. The date for the move was based on DeVere's previous estimate that substantial completion would occur on or around May 1st with final completion being by the

third week of May. As a result, various arrangements have been made to transfer phone, Charter Communications, and secure moving services with moving dates being Friday, June 3rd through Monday, June 6th. During the actual move City Hall will be closed on Friday, June 3rd and Monday, June 6th.

During my vacation, DeVere had had discussions with Acting City Manager Robin Troyer regarding the possibility of postponing the move date by two weeks in order to accomplish substantial completion prior to the City's actual move into the Federal Building. Based on the various commitments the City has had to make regarding the June 3 - 6 move, it was determined that the move should go forward on its regular schedule with the remaining work items being completed while the building is occupied with City offices. Mayor Bosbous was consulted with regard to this decision and was in agreement with sticking to the designated move date. City Manager Nebel also concurred with this conclusion.

While there will be some inconveniences as final finish work takes place in certain areas in the City Hall building during the first couple weeks of the occupancy, City Manager Nebel thinks that administration will be able to work with DeVere and the sub contractors to accommodate the work that needs to be done to complete this work. The building will not be "spic and span" at the time of the move in. This final cleaning work will occur after all significant work is completed.

City Manager Nebel expressed appreciation to all City staff for their efforts in preparing for the move into the New City Hall. City Manager Nebel specifically thanked Terry Collins for taking the lead on the project with the passing of David Strickland, Linda Basista, New City Engineer for her efforts with the project, and City Clerk Troyer for efforts in taking the lead with the relocation of City Offices.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC:

None

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION:

Commissioner Stefanski inquired about the status of the Eureka and Seymour back flow preventors and asked if Kimball Street and Carrie Street could be pulverized.

Commissioner Munsell asked if anything could be done with the bottle neck at the Easterday Avenue overpass during the construction.

Commissioner Gerrie informed the Commission that he had been contacted regarding a citizen campaign to raise funds for the dredging of Ashmun Bay and congratulated Linda Hoath on the successful Port Collaborative event held in Sault Ste. Marie. Commissioner Gerrie outlined some of the topics of the event. Commissioner Gerrie also inquired about the proposed pavement striping on Ashmun Street following the completion of the MDOT project.

Commissioner Burton indicated that the City was ahead of the game with the submission of Legislative Priorities, received comments about the lack of outlets in the New City Hall, and also asked the City Attorney how to handle individuals that speak personally about things that have nothing to do with the City during the public comment section of the City Commission agenda.

Commissioner Lynn received a call inquiring if the temporary 4-way stop at Easterday Avenue and Seymour could be permanent.

Moved by Commissioner Lynn, supported by Commissioner Stefanski

That the meeting adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

ANTHONY G. BOSBOUS, MAYOR

ROBIN R. TROYER, CITY CLERK