

**Minutes  
Saugatuck City Council Meeting  
Saugatuck, Michigan, May 12, 2008**

The City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 102 Butler Street, Saugatuck, Michigan.

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Vettori at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Attendance:**  
Present: Spangler, Bekken, Johnson, Hess, Verplank, Simon & Vettori.  
Absent: None.  
Others Present: City Manager Harrier, City Clerk Looman and City Treasurer Stanislawski.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Simon, to approve the April 28, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.  
  
A motion was made by Spangler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson, to approve the April 28, 2008 closed session minutes as amended. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.
5. **Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Vettori announced the following items: The May 6, 2008 bond proposal to fix City streets was defeated by seven votes; he received communication from ABC news out of Chicago that the fourth bank robber from the 1991 bank robbery in Saugatuck has recently been captured; three Douglas Elementary Third Grade classes held a mock City Council meeting at City Hall; the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Mental Health Day will be May 19, 2008; the gazebo in Coghlin Park is nearing completion.
6. **City Manager's Comments:** City Manager Harrier updated Council on the following items: the Coghlin Park gazebo is nearing completion and are hopeful for a grand opening before Memorial Day; a discovery session has been scheduled for May 13, 2008 at the DPW garage to discuss budget items.
7. **Agenda Changes:** None.
8. **Guest Speakers:**
  - A. **Judy Smith**, Co-Founder Waterfront Film Festival spoke on behalf of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Waterfront Film Festival June 12-15, 2008.  
  
  - B. **SABA Kiosk Proposal** – Saugatuck Area Business Association Members Fred Weber, Lisa Lungaro and Angela Holmes presented Council with a proposed lighted map enclosure kiosk design for the downtown area that will promote both the Saugatuck and Douglas areas. Council suggested that SABA take the proposed kiosk design before the Saugatuck Historic District Commission for historic design ideas and report back to City Council with the findings.
9. **Public Comment:** None.
10. **Requests for Payment:**
  - A. **Approval of Accounts Payable:** A motion was made by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hess, approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$81,257.20. Johnson amended the motion that Saugatuck Township annual cemetery tax bill balance owed in the amount of \$5,248.78 is contingent upon item 13B on today's agenda being approved. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.
11. **Public Hearings:** None.
12. **Unfinished Business:** None.

**13. New Business:**

**A. Assessing Services Contract:** A motion was made by Spangler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hess, to approve the independent contractor agreement for professional assessor services between the City of Saugatuck and Daniel R. Scheuerman for a period from May 12, 2008 until June 30, 2011 as presented. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

**B. Budget Amendment Resolution 080512-A:** A motion was made by Verplank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hess, to approve Resolution No. 080512-A to amend the FY 07/08 budget. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

**C. Schedule Proposed Budget Public Hearing Resolution 080512-B:** A motion was made by Hess, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Simon, to approve Resolution No. 080512-B to set a public hearing for proposed FY 08/09 budget for May 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

**14. Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Verplank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Spangler, to approve the following consent agenda items. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

**A. Memorial Day Parade:** VFW Post 1573 and the American Legion Post 137 to host the Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**B. Graduating Seniors Parade:** Class of 2008 will hold its annual antique car parade on May 29, 2008 from 8:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**15. Public Comments:** Paul Majewski, 612 Lake Street, voiced his concerns regarding Lakeshore Rentals lawn maintenance.

**16. Communications:**

**A. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Finance Report** – City Treasurer Stanislawski presented Council with the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial report.

**17. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports:** None.

**18. Council Comments:** Council Member Hess voiced his concerns regarding an agenda item that was removed from the April 28, 2008 agenda that had become front page news in one of the local newspapers.

Council Member Verplank praised the DPW crew for a fabulous job in making the City and the Parks beautiful.

Council Member Spangler mentioned since the City has purchased a mower the grass along Park Street has been mowed and looks great.

Mayor Vettori announced a Harbor Commission Meeting on May 30, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Douglas City Hall.

Council Member Johnson asked that City Manager Harrier and DPW Superintendent Simonson look into the value of the yard waste pickup service.

**19. Adjournment:** Mayor Vettori adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Looman  
City Clerk