

Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Meeting
Saugatuck, Michigan, May 27, 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 Treasurer Stanislawski and City Clerk Looman
4. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Simon, to approve the May 12, 2008 regular meeting minutes as amended. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.
5. **Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Vettori announced that Saugatuck was recently featured on an NBC special naming Saugatuck as one of the best places to spend the rest of your life as a result of this airing the City has gained a new resident; Mental Health Day activities held in the City of Saugatuck included a luncheon at Coral Gables and a boat ride on the Star of Saugatuck; Coghlin Park Gazebo is now complete with a grand opening planned for July 3, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., Mayor Vettori thanked the Coghlin's for their generosity; the Garden Club has planted a beautiful tree in Coghlin Park; there was a nice turnout for the Memorial Day Parade and ceremony; the Public Works Department has planted all the flower beds in the City and is ready for the summer season; the 2008 Historic Society exhibit is now open.
6. **City Manager's Report:** None.
7. **Agenda Changes:** (*deletion*) 8.B. – Guest Speaker Terry Burns; (*addition*) 13.E – Indemnification Agreement
8. **Guest Speakers:**
 - A. **Bill Kaye – Saugatuck Township Fire District:** Reviewed with City Council the proposed FY08/09 Saugatuck Township Fire District budget.
9. **Public Comment:** Suzanne Dixon, 797 Center Street, thanked Council for their work on the Conservation Easement.

Karen Dunn, 1045 Park Street, asked Council for clarification on some concerns she had regarding the Conservation Easement.
10. **Request for Payment:** A motion was made by Simon, 2nd by Hess, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$73,939.33. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.
11. **Public Hearings:**
 - A. **FY 2008/2009 Annual Budget:** A public hearing was scheduled on this date for the proposed FY 2008/2009 annual budget which begins July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, involving the operations of all City departments. The budget was submitted by the City Manager to City Council on May 8, 2008 and officially accepted at the May 12, 2008 City Council meeting. It was recommended that the FY 2008/2009 annual budget be adopted as presented.

Mayor Vettori declared the public hearing open for comment at 7:25 p.m.

City Manager Harrier reviewed the proposed budget in detail.

The following individual addressed City Council:

Harold Thieda, 115 Van Dalson Street, thanked City Manager Harrier and Treasurer Stanislawski for creating a budget layout that was easy to read and understand.

Mayor Vettori declared the public hearing closed at 7:38 p.m.

12. Unfinished Business:

13. New Business:

A. General Appropriations Act Resolution No. 080527-A: A motion was made by Verplank, 2nd by Spangler, to approve Resolution No. 080527-A to adopt the general appropriations act as presented. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

B. Blue Star Bridge Grant Submission Resolution No. 080527-B: A motion was made by Spangler, 2nd by Verplank, to approve Resolution No. 080527-B and authorize submission of the Local Bridge Program funding application as amended. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

C. Schippers Excavating, Inc. Storm Sewer Repair: A motion was made by Hess, 2nd by Simon, to approve the proposal submitted by Schippers Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$4,510.00 for storm sewer repair. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

D. Schedule Public Hearing for Conservation Easement: A motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Verplank, to schedule a public hearing for June 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. on the proposed Tallmadge Woods Conservation Easement. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

E. Indemnification Agreement: A motion was made by Bekken, 2nd by Hess, to approve indemnification and hold harmless agreement as presented and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement and authorize the City Manager to sign the Application for School Site Plan Review. Upon roll call the motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Council Members Bekken, Hess, Johnson, Spangler, Verplank and Mayor Vettori

No: Council Member Simon

14. Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Simon, 2nd by Spangler, to approve the following consent agenda items. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

A. Special Events Permit – July 4th Parade: The annual July 4th parade to be held at 2:00 p.m. on July 4, 2008.

B. Special Events Permit – Water Front Film Festival Parade: A parade to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Waterfront Film Festival to be held on June 12, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

C. Special Events Permit – Music in Coghlin Park: Culver Street merchants to sponsor a Reggae Band in Coghlin Park on June 21, 2008 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

D. Special Events Permit – Chicago Yacht Club Event in Cook Park: To hold a cruise and rendezvous dinner on August 1 and 2, 2008 from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

E. Special Events Permit – Saugatuck Venetian Festival: The annual Saugatuck Venetian Festival events to be held July 25, 2008 through July 27, 2008.

15. Public Comment: Don Karaus, Venetian Board Representative, made a correction to the special event permit submitted for approval. The parking lot on the application should have read Griffith Street instead of Culver Street.

16. Communications:

A. Jeffrey Strom Donation to City Park: Accepted as information.

B. Saugatuck – Douglas Historical Society Fundraiser: Accepted as information.

C. Citizen Letter Regarding Signage: Accepted as information.

17. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports: Council heard reports from the following boards and commissions: Single Trash Hauler Committee and Planning Commission.

18. Council Comments: Council Member Verplank asked for Council's direction on way-finding signs for the City.

Council Member Bekken thanked the Board of Review members for their hard work and serving on the board.

Mayor Vettori would like to order a couple of flags to place on the Blue Star Highway Bridge that says, "Welcome to Saugatuck" and asked that City Manager Harrier look into the cost.

19. Adjournment: Mayor Vettori adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Looman
City Clerk