

**City of St. Ignace
Council Proceedings
(Official)**

A Regular Meeting of the St. Ignace City Council was held on Monday, November 6, 2023, in City Hall Council Chambers as a hybrid attendance meeting with Zoom video conference available. Mayor LaLonde called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. Councilmember Gustafson led the invocation.

PRESENT FROM CITY COUNCIL: Councilmembers Cronan, Fullerton, Gustafson, Mayor LaLonde, Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis, and Councilmember Williford.

ABSENT: Councilmember Pelter. It was moved by Councilmember Cronan, seconded by Councilmember Gustafson, to excuse Councilmember Pelter from the meeting due to illness. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Marshall, City Manager; Andrea Insley, City Clerk/Treasurer; Charles Palmer, City Attorney; Kevin James, Police Chief; Cathy Lamb, Recreation Facility Manager; Nick Montie, Fire Chief.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Manager Marshall – Reschedule Budget Work Session II.

Councilmember Williford – Request Approval for Absence at Council Meetings.

Mayor LaLonde – Closed Session per MCL 15.268(c), *For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.*

PUBLIC COMMENT (3-min limit)

No public comment was received.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2023, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING & THE OCTOBER 30, 2023, SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING:

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis, seconded by Councilmember Cronan, to approve the minutes of the October 16th Regular Council meeting & the minutes of the October 30th Special Council meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. UNSOLD REVERTED PARCEL

City Manager Marshall informed Council that Mackinac County Treasurer, Jennifer Goudreau, stated the amount of \$2,977 will be charged back to the City for prior years' taxes on the unsold parcel at 930 N State Street whether or not the parcel is deeded back to the City or remains with the County. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Fullerton, seconded by Councilmember Cronan, to approve the parcel be deeded back to the City.

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Councilmembers Fullerton, Gustafson, Mayor LaLonde, Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis, Councilmembers Williford and Cronan.

No: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Police Chief James updated Council on the Police Department's current staff status and also made recommendations on ways to attract more applicants for the open officer positions. The suggestions from Chief James included signing bonuses and workout program incentives. Council will consider the suggestions during the next budget work session.

B. PROCLAMATIONS FOR ROBERT ST. LOUIS & THOMAS CRONAN

Mayor LaLonde read the following proclamations aloud:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Robert St. Louis has been a member of the St. Ignace City Council from November 2015 to November 2023, serving as both Council Member and Mayor Pro-Tem; and

WHEREAS, during his term, Mr. St. Louis has been dedicated to the success of the City of St. Ignace; and

WHEREAS, in his eight years on the Council, Robert committed his time to serving on many different organizations, including the Building Authority, Straits Area Fire Authority, Policy Committee, Streets Committee, and Recreation Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Robert served on the Fire Department from June 1980 to December 2002, completing numerous fire safety training; and

WHEREAS, Robert offered his knowledge and experience as a resource to fellow Council members, assisting new and incumbent members throughout his years on the Council; and

WHEREAS, Robert always took the time to read and research issues, offer thoughtful advice and ideas to the matter at hand; and

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that William LaLonde, Mayor of the City of St. Ignace, and the St. Ignace City Council honor Council Member Robert St. Louis on this 6th day of November and wish him well in his future endeavors.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Thomas Cronan has served the citizens of St. Ignace on the City Council from November 2021 to November 2023; and

WHEREAS, during his term, Mr. Cronan has been dedicated to the success of the City of St. Ignace; and

WHEREAS, in his 2 years on the Council, he dedicated his time to serving on many different committees, including the Downtown Development Authority, EUP Planning, H.O.M.E., Dock 3, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

WHEREAS, Thomas offered his knowledge and experience as a resource to fellow Council Members and to better serve the citizens of the City of St. Ignace throughout his years on the Council; and

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that William LaLonde, Mayor of the City of St. Ignace and the St. Ignace City Council honor Council Member Thomas Cronan on this 6th day of November and be it further to wish him well in his future endeavors.

C. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT ON PARCEL REZONE

Planning Commission Chairperson Betsy Dayrell-Hart discussed the concerns that were communicated in the Public Hearing for re-zoning parcel 052-140-009-60 from R2 to R3. After presenting the factual findings of this request, it was the consensus of the Planning Commission to recommend that Council approve the rezoning of the parcel from R2 to R3. At this time, it was moved by Councilmember Williford, seconded by Councilmember Cronan, to approve Councilmember Fullerton abstaining from this vote due to a conflict of interest.

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Councilmember Gustafson, Mayor LaLonde, Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis, Councilmembers Williford and Cronan.

No: None.

Abstain: Councilmember Fullerton.

Motion carried five to none, with one abstaining.

After further discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Cronan, seconded by Councilmember Gustafson, to approve rezoning parcel 052-140-009-60 from R2 to R3.

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Mayor LaLonde, Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis, Councilmembers Williford, Cronan and Gustafson.

No: None.

Abstain: Councilmember Fullerton.

Motion carried five to none, with one abstaining.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Manager Marshall – Reschedule Budget Work Session II

City Manager Marshall requested that the Council Budget Work Session II be rescheduled for Monday, November 20th at 6:00 p.m. It was moved by Councilmember Gustafson, seconded by Councilmember Cronan, to cancel the Budget Work Session II for November 13th and reschedule the meeting for Monday, November 20th at 6:00 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Williford – Excused Council Meetings

Councilmember Williford requested Council's approval to be excused for the upcoming meetings on November 13 and 20 due to being out of town. It was moved by Councilmember

Gustafson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis, to approve excusing Councilmember Williford from the November 13 and 20 Council meetings due to being out of town. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

City Clerk/Treasurer Insley informed Council that there was an adjustment to the Meyer Ace Hardware billing statement reducing the total amount of bills to be paid from \$40,427.70 to \$40,391.74. It was moved by Councilmember Cronan, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis, to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$40,391.74.

Airgas USA, LLC	Rental Gas	\$13.74
All-Phase Electric Supply Co.	Chall LED Light Fixture	\$220.00
Amazon	October 2023 Statement	\$1,546.32
Arrow Signs	LBE-Fitness Center Signs/Hockey Banner	\$270.00
BAM Tools	Tools/Light/Lagoon Supplies	\$469.38
BC Pizza	LBE Concession	\$112.40
Beckett & Raeder	Zoning Code Update	\$1,045.00
Belonga Excavating, LLC	Cemetery Gravel/Wtr Break Equip Rental	\$2,727.50
Belonga Plumbing and Heating	City Hall Furnace Repair/WTR Plant Drain Repair	\$180.00
C2AE	DWSRF Phase 1 Water Pro 21-0084	\$703.23
Cheboygan Cement Products	Form Stakes	\$313.00
ETNA	Annual Support/Supplies	\$7,735.00
Ferguson Waterworks	WTR/WWTR Marking Flags	\$191.95
Gordon Food Service	LBE Concession	\$544.64
Grainger	Uniform Boots, Air Hose, Wire Cloth	\$567.02
Hawkins, Inc.	Water Plant Supplies	\$2,676.92
Interstate Battery	Rec Truck Battery	\$155.95
Johnson Controls	LBE Boiler Repair	\$2,208.31
Kelly's Splash of Colors	City Welcome Sign/Wtr Plant Flower Beds	\$1,090.00

KSS	LBE Supplies	\$1,226.74
M32 Enterprises LLC	DPW Parts	\$160.35
Mark's Tire	Water 2 Tires	\$1,056.80
Meyer Ace Hardware	October 2023 Statement	\$1,626.08
National Office Products	October 2023 Statement	\$1,297.38
NC Labs	Water Lab Supplies	\$641.86
Paragon Laboratories	WWTR Plant Testing	\$223.40
Pomasl Fire Equipment	SIFD-Gate Valve, Nozzle	\$3,095.64
R&R Fire Truck Repair	SCBA/Breathing Air Compressor Service	\$509.29
Spartan Nash	October 2023 Statement	\$237.00
St Ignace Chamber of Commerce	Tree Lighting Event Fee	\$2,000.00
St. Ignace Auto	October 2023 Statement	\$308.17
State of Michigan - EGLE	Public Water Supply Annual Fees	\$1,618.08
Straits Area Building Center	October 2023 Statement	\$2,214.85
The St. Ignace News	October 2023 Statement	\$526.00
USA Bluebook	WWTR Lab Supplies	\$793.74
Witmer Public Safety	SIFD-Fire Line Barricade Tape	\$86.00
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		\$40,391.74

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis, Councilmembers Williford, Cronan, Fullerton, Gustafson and Mayor LaLonde.

No: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT *(3 min limit)*

Public comment was received regarding the Police Department update and the November 7th Election.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

City Manager Marshall provided a written report to Council, as well as discussed the following:

- Council update planned for the next Regular meeting regarding the fiber internet infrastructure expansion and a report from the company Integrated As A Service.

- Dock #3 meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 9th at 1:00 p.m.
- Meeting with Senator DaMoose regarding funding for potential City projects.
- Negotiations Committee meetings with AFSCME on November 27th at 12:00 p.m. and the F.O.P. November 28th at 1:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Dock 3 Committee – Minutes provided from the October 18th meeting
- B. Straits Area EMS (SAEMS) Authority – Official minutes provided from the September 19th meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember comments were received.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA (*continued*)

Mayor LaLonde - Closed Session per MCL 15.268(c), *For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.*

At this time, Mayor LaLonde stated that Council will be entering into Closed Session, per MCL 15.268(c) to discuss collective bargaining regarding the AFSCME Union. Mayor LaLonde also stated no decisions will be made after Council enters back into the open meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Gustafson, seconded by Councilmember Cronan, to enter into Closed Session at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Council returned from Closed Session at 8:55 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

William LaLonde, Mayor

Andrea Insley, City Clerk/Treasurer