

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

A Regular Meeting of the St. Ignace City Council was held on Monday, September 20, 2021, in the City Hall Council Chambers as a hybrid attendance meeting, with Zoom video conference available.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Litzner, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Clapperton gave the invocation.

**PRESENT FROM CITY COUNCIL:** Councilmembers Clapperton, Fullerton, LaLonde, Mayor Litzner, Councilmember Pelter, Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis and Councilmember Tremble.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Darcy Long, City Manager; Charles Palmer, City Attorney; Andrea Insley, City Clerk/Treasurer; Stephanie Baar, Assistant to the City Manager; Tony Brown, Police Chief.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA –** None.

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was received regarding the proposed Personnel Policy Handbook and the City contribution to EUPConnect.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:**

It was moved by Councilmember Pelter, seconded by Councilmember LaLonde, to approve the minutes from September 8, 2021, as presented.

**Roll Call Vote**

Yes: Councilmembers Fullerton, LaLonde, Mayor Litzner, Councilmember Pelter, Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis, Councilmembers Tremble and Clapperton.

No: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. FIRE TRUCK LEASE**

The City of Mackinac Island has offered the City of St. Ignace a 1990 Spartan Ladder/Fire Truck for a leased term of 10 years, paying \$1.00 annually.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis, seconded by Councilmember LaLonde, to approve the lease agreement for the ladder truck.

**Roll Call Vote**

Yes: Councilmember LaLonde, Mayor Litzner, Councilmember Pelter, Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis, Councilmembers Tremble, Clapperton and Fullerton.

No: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

**B. RESOLUTION EUP CONNECT COLLABORATIVE**

**EUP Connect Collaborative-Resolution to Partner**

The following resolution was offered for adoption by Councilmember Pelter, seconded by

Councilmember Fullerton:

WE AGREE THAT WE NEED EQUITABLE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY FOR ALL CITIZENS IN THE Eastern Upper Peninsula. The EUPConnect Collaborative will be one regional source for all stakeholders to receive and share information saving valuable time, resources, and energy for all partners as we move forward with the EUP broadband build-out and connect all EUP citizens equitably.

We acknowledge that recent investments by private sector partners to secure access to high-speed internet has improved service for some, yet others remain without adequate access.

*Whereas* reliable and affordable internet is a prerequisite for sustainable economic growth, efficient delivery of healthcare, banking, local government, and education services;

*Whereas* current service across the EUP is often unavailable, unreliable, or inadequate;

*Whereas* the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (FCC RDOF) is injecting \$37 million into the EUP, a community of partners will need to leverage this collective investment to optimize organizational structures to maximize our collective power in our region. This investment will be the EUPConnect Collaborative.

*Whereas* local communities are receiving federal American Rescue Plan funds. Building a community of partnerships with leveraged resources will create one resource for information as we ensure that communities can both afford and have the know-how to connect securely.

*Therefore*, as elected officials, nonprofit organization leaders, healthcare leaders, K12 and higher education leaders, and economic development and business leaders all serving the community, we agree that we need to take the lead to leverage the collective investment of all our partners.

*Therefore*, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District has developed the EUPConnect Collaborative and will serve as its fiscal agent.

*Therefore*, we agree to work together to create an optimal organizational structure to maximize our collective power.

*Therefore*, to ensure that our communities remain vibrant and vital, it is imperative that this fiber-optic network development be completed as soon as possible, and that community members have resources available to both afford and have the know-how to connect by leveraging targeted investments from individual partners now,

*Be it resolved* that the City of St. Ignace, County of Mackinac, Michigan will act in support of EUPConnect Collaborative with the primary objective to manage the coordination of work and resources for all working toward equitable affordable connectivity for all citizens in the EUP.

*Furthermore*, be it resolved that the City of St. Ignace, County of Mackinac, Michigan will provide \$7,294 of direct support to the EUPConnect Collaborative.

*Furthermore*, be it resolved that the City of St. Ignace, County of Mackinac, Michigan will provide contractors of EUPConnect Collaborative with the easements needed to expand existing fiber networks.

*Furthermore*, be it resolved that the City of St. Ignace, County of Mackinac, Michigan will work with EUPConnect Collaborative to apply for grants to expand existing fiber networks.

I hereby certify that this resolution was passed by the City of St. Ignace City Council at a regular monthly meeting held on September 20, 2021.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

Ayes: Mayor Litzner, Councilmember Pelter, Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis, Councilmembers Tremble, Clapperton and Fullerton.

Nays: Councilmember LaLonde.

Absent: None.

Resolution declared Adopted.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. FALL FEST & PUMPKIN ROLL RESOLUTION**

#### **RESOLUTION**

The following Resolution was offered for adoption by Councilmember Pelter, supported by Councilmember Clapperton:

**WHEREAS**, the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce requests permission to conduct the Fall Festival & Great Pumpkin Roll; and

**WHEREAS**, event requires the usage of Goudreau, Ellsworth and Marquette Streets and the Little Bear East Community Center parking lots; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 413 of the City of St. Ignace, "The Peddler's Ordinance", requires certain criteria be met in order for the event to be held.

**WHEREAS**, this event will be required to follow all COVID Federal, State and Local regulations in place at that time to qualify for Special Event status; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. Ignace City Council does approve the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce ~~to be a "Special Events Organization"~~ and has determined that the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce does meet the criteria established in the various sections of the Ordinance No. 413; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council does approve the usage of Goudreau, Ellsworth and Marquette Streets and Little Bear East Community Center parking lots for this event; and grants St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce the authority to control vending approved by the City during the event.

Saturday, October 2, 2021    1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council approves the closure of Goudreau Street, from Ellsworth to North State Street on Saturday, October 2, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## **Roll Call Vote**

Yes: Councilmember Pelter, Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis, Councilmembers Tremble, Clapperton, Fullerton, LaLonde and Mayor Litzner.

No: None.

Absent: None.

Resolution declared Adopted.

## **B. ORANGE SHIRT DAY SEPTEMBER 30TH**

Mayor Litzner introduced Bridgett Sorenson, with the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, to request Council's support for Orange Shirt Day on September 30th. Orange Shirt Day is observed annually and remembers those Native American children that were once taken from their families and placed in Indian Boarding Schools during a time when some did not survive.

It was moved by Councilmember Pelter, seconded by Councilmember Fullerton, to approve recognizing September 30<sup>th</sup> as Orange Day.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Yes: Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis, Councilmembers Tremble, Clapperton, Fullerton, LaLonde, Mayor Litzner and Councilmember Pelter.

No: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **C. RESOLUTION ADOPTION OF EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK**

After some short discussion, it was moved by Mayor Litzner, seconded by Councilmember Fullerton, to postpone consideration of this resolution until further details can be resolved.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Yes: Councilmembers Tremble, Clapperton, Fullerton, LaLonde, Mayor Litzner, Councilmember Pelter and Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis.

No: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **D. FINANCIALS**

City Manager Long presented the August 2021 financials to Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Pelter, seconded by Councilmember LaLonde, to approve the financials for August 2021 as presented.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Yes: Councilmembers Clapperton, Fullerton, LaLonde, Mayor Litzner, Councilmember Pelter, Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis and Councilmember Tremble.

No: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

After some discussion regarding the National Office Product statement charges and the expenditures marked as over budget, it was moved by Councilmember Fullerton, seconded by Councilmember Tremble, to approve paying the bills as presented.

AIRGAS USA LLC	159.44
AL E TESTER	1,442.40
ANDERSON TACKMAN & COMPANY	6,000.00
ANDREA INSLEY	118.69
ANDREW DIXON	320.00
BELONGA EXCAVATING, LLC	3,227.50
BLARNEY CASTLE OIL CO	519.99
CHARLES J. PALMER, P.C.	1,978.24
CHEBOYGAN CEMENT PRODUCTS INC	1,521.50
ETNA SUPPLY COMPANY	2,773.24
FERGUSON WATERWORKS #3386	23.24
GALLS, AN ARAMARK CO	12.99
GFL ENVIRONMENTAL USA, INC.	274.04
GRAINGER INC	184.46
HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE LT	887.97
HOLIDAY	230.81
HURON VALLEY GUNS LLC	19.53
HYDRITE CHEMICAL CO	6,400.80
INDIAN TRAILS	452.94
J & T SERVICES, LLC	900.00
KIMBALL-MIDWEST	310.02
KSS ENTERPRISES	846.86
LYNN AUTO PARTS	667.75
MACKINAC PLUMBING & HEATING CO	33.75
MACKINAC SALES	7.31
MICHAEL RICHARD LAMB	2,301.00
MICHIGAN STATE POLICE	66.00
MILLER CONSULTATIONS & ELECTIONS, INC	52.16
NATIONAL OFFICE PRODUCTS	7,098.14
NCL OF WISCONSIN INC	653.95
QUILL CORPORATION	75.96
SAULT PRINTING COMPANY	329.31
SPARTAN STORES	132.69
ST IGNACE AUTOMOTIVE	442.63
ST IGNACE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	150.00
ST IGNACE POSTMASTER	62.00
ST IGNACE TRUE VALUE	1,609.87
SYNCB/AMAZON	381.03
UP REGION OF LIBRARY COOPERATION, I	583.46
WESLEY H MAURER JR	476.80
Grand Total:	\$44,549.82

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

Yes: Councilmembers Fullerton, LaLonde, Pelter, Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis, Councilmembers Tremble and Clapperton.

No: Mayor Litzner.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was received regarding City properties considered for sale, overbudget items and the final two fireworks shows for the season.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Long informed Council that the City staff is preparing the 2022 Budget and also updated them on the code enforcement progress and CIP project discussions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – None.

## **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Mayor Litzner commended the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau, St. Ignace Chamber and Events Committee for their work on the successful weekend Truck Show.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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**Connie Litzner, Mayor**

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**Andrea Insley, City Clerk/Treasurer**

