

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

A Regular Meeting of the St. Ignace City Council was held on Monday, May 15, 2023, in the 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., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Gustafson led the invocation.

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Andrea Insley, City Clerk-Treasurer; Charles Palmer, City Attorney; Scott Marshall, DDA Director; Kevin James, Police Chief.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Councilmember Pelter – Tony Brown’s request to pay attorney fees (old business).

Mayor LaLonde – Police Chief James statement.

Councilmember Cronan – Dock #3 and city property parking.

PUBLIC COMMENT *(3-min limit)*

Public comment was received regarding Ferry Lane and the new Hampton Inn in St. Ignace.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 1, 2023, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

Councilmember Gustafson noted the correct time the meeting was called to order was 7:08 p.m. due to some technical difficulties.

It was moved by Councilmember Pelter, seconded by Councilmember Cronan, to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2023, Regular Council meeting with the noted correction.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

(1) Councilmember Pelter – Tony Brown Request to Pay Attorney Fees

Councilmember Pelter requested Council’s consideration regarding the request made by former Police Chief Tony Brown to reimburse him for his attorney fees regarding a 2022 employment agreement. After some discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Pelter, seconded by Councilmember Williford, to approve the payment of \$735 for Tony Brown’s attorney fees incurred during negotiations for his 2022 employment contract with the City.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: Councilmember Gustafson.

Motion carried six to one.

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION 23-22 LIQUOR LICENSE – 1141 N STATE, LLC

At a Regular meeting of the City of St. Ignace Council called to order by Mayor LaLonde on May 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. the following resolution was offered by Councilmember Gustafson, seconded by Councilmember Cronan:

The application from 1141 N State, LLC for the following license B-H MCL 1531.1531(4) to be located at 1141 North State Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781 and the following permit for Banquet Facility Permit for address: 1141 North State Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781.

It is the consensus of this body that it recommends this application be considered for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: Councilmember Williford, due to his spouse working for 1141 N State, LLC.

Motion carried six to zero, with one abstaining.

B. FERRY LANE DISCUSSION

Mayor LaLonde informed Council that Ferry Lane improvements were originally discussed in early 2022 with MDOT representatives, who recommended borings be done to discover the depth of the existing street. The borings were performed by C2AE and a report was provided to the City. It was the consensus of Council to seek options for assistance with funding the improvements.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

(2) Mayor LaLonde – Police Chief James Statement.

Mayor LaLonde requested Police Chief James make a statement regarding recent concerns about a Truckey Street property. Chief James assured Council action is being taken to reach a solution through appropriate processes.

(3) Councilmember Cronan – Dock #3/Public Launch Parking

After some discussion about improvements and overseeing City property, it was the consensus of the Council that the Dock #3 Committee schedule a meeting to discuss parking near the Dock#3 area and the dumpsters stored on City property.

C. FINANCIALS

City Clerk/Treasurer Insley reviewed the April 2023 financials with Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Pelter, supported by Councilmember Gustafson, to approve the April 2023 financials as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

City Clerk/Treasurer Insley noted the 2022 invoice for C2AE has not been appropriately budgeted in 2023 and will generate a necessary budget amendment in the next budget review. It was moved by Councilmember Gustafson, seconded by Councilmember Cronan, to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$96,280.13.

AIRGAS USA LLC	191.31
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	1,629.62
BAM TOOLS	172.33
BELONGA'S PLUMBING AND HEATING	527.03
BLARNEY CASTLE OIL CO	15,148.04
C2AE	13,650.00
CCB'S LLC	1,950.00
CHARLES J. PALMER, P.C.	2,256.24
EDWARD BARR	200.00
ELLEN'S EQUIPMENT INC.	2,205.89
GRANICUS	1,533.38
HAWKINS	3,524.68
HYDRITE CHEMICAL CO	13,371.62
JASON ROXNOWSKI	1,030.00
JOE ST LOUIS	810.00
KIMBALL-MIDWEST	932.80
KSS ENTERPRISES	229.31
KURT NEY	175.68
KYLE JAMES BROW	2,880.00
MACKINAC PLUMBING AND HEATING CO	1,224.53
MACKINAC SALES	198.97
MEYER ACE HARDWARE	1,155.53
MOTOR PARTS AND EQUIPMENT CORP	1,694.99
NATIONAL OFFICE PRODUCTS	10,483.75
NORTHERN SHIRT COMPANY, LLC	508.56
PARAGON LABORATORIES, INC	1,047.75
PAYNE & DOLAN INC	7,670.30
PRO-TECH SECURITY SALES	556.00
SPARTAN DISTRIBUTORS, INC	400.94
SPARTAN STORES	74.54
ST IGNACE AUTOMOTIVE	688.51
STRAITS BUILDING CENTER	620.69
THE ST IGNACE NEWS/HOFFMAN MI MEDIA	273.00
TROJAN TECHNOLOGIES	6,990.00
UIS SCADA	274.14
Grand Total:	\$96,280.13

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Councilmember Pelter, 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 Addition to Agenda #1.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

City Clerk/Treasurer Insley discussed the following points as part of the Management report:

- The City Street Millage Renewal has been recommended to be moved from the August election to the November 7th election.
- Short-term rental permits expiring May 31st.
- Marina and Golf Course have opened up for the season with sufficient staff.

At this time, it was moved by Councilmember Cronan, seconded by Councilmember Pelter, to approve another Addition to the Agenda (4) – City Street Millage Renewal changed from August Election to November Election, and to open up public comment on this unexpected agenda item. Public comment was received regarding the amount of the millage renewal. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

(4) Councilmember Gustafson – Approval for City Street Millage Renewal for November 7th Election.

It was moved by Councilmember Gustafson, seconded by Councilmember Williford, to approve moving the City Street Millage Renewal from the August election to the November 7, 2023, election.

Roll Call Vote

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

No: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, DDA Director Marshall updated Council on bids for the new Fitness Center equipment, grants received for Little Bear East and recreation, and the new staff at the facility.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Negotiations Committee – minutes from May 5 & May 11 Committee meetings were provided for Council's review. Mayor LaLonde updated Council on the status of the candidate for City Manager, Lauren Amellal.

Planning Commission – Betsy Dayrell-Hart offered a resolution on behalf of the Planning Commission for the St. Ignace News and Maurer family. Minutes of the April 11th meeting were provided to Council for review.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember comments were received.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

William LaLonde, Mayor

Andrea Insley, City Clerk/Treasurer