

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
St. Ignace, Michigan
Monday, March 4, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

******A G E N D A******

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of allegiance
- III. Invocation
- IV. Roll call
- V. Consideration of minutes of the February 18, 2019 meeting
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Additions to the Agenda (Council and Staff Only)
 - 1. **WELCOME OF NEW POLICE CHIEF ANTHONY BROWN**
 - 2. **APPROVAL TO BID LAKESIDE CEMETERY LAWN CARE 2019**
- VIII. Business
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Consideration of Bills

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

A Regular Meeting of the St. Ignace City Council was held on Monday, February 18, 2019, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Present: Councilmembers Clapperton, Fullerton, Mayor Litzner, Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, Councilmember Pelter (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Councilmembers St. Louis and Tremble.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mike Stelmaszek, City Manager; Bill Fraser, DPW Director; Kyle Mulka, City Assessor; Andrea Insley, City Clerk/Treasurer.

Consideration of minutes from February 4, 2019 Council meeting:

It was moved by Councilmember Clapperton, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, to approve the minutes of February 4, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment: None.

Additions to the Agenda:

Councilmember Pelter – Statement to Council.

1. CITY ASSESSOR UPDATE:

City Assessor, Kyle Mulka, informed Council that notification has been received from the State Tax Commission announcing the 2017 and 2018 tax rolls are certified, and the City is awaiting official correspondence to determine how to process the changes.

2. APPROVAL OF POLICE CHIEF CONTRACT 2019:

City Manager Stelmaszek requested Council's approval of the Negotiation Committee's recommendation to offer Anthony Brown the position of Police Chief with the contract that includes a first-year salary of \$48,000, a second-year salary of \$50,000, family medical coverage immediately, a cell phone stipend and leave benefits equivalent to those listed in the current Police Union contract, with the exception of allowing the sale of accrued leave time back to the City.

It was moved by Councilmember Fullerton, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, to accept the recommendation of the Negotiation Committee and approve the Police Chief contract of \$48,000 for the first-year salary, \$50,000 for the second-year salary. Motion carried unanimously.

3. REQUEST FOR TRAINING APPROVAL FOR POLICE CHIEF:

City Manager Stelmaszek informed Council of a five-day training opportunity for Anthony Brown, specifically for new Police Chiefs, to be held in April in Lansing and sponsored by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP).

It was moved by Councilmember Clapperton, seconded by Councilmember Pelter, to approve the training for Anthony Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

4. PERMISSION TO PURCHASE PUMP FOR WATER PLANT:

City Manager Stelmaszek presented Council with a request to rebuild a high-service pump at the Water Plant. DPW Director Bill Fraser verified this request was approved by Council last year but then put on hold due to a computer system repair. DPW Director Fraser received two bids for the pump rebuild, one from KSB Dubric for \$13,216 and another from Crane Engineering for \$13,468, but recommended that Council accept the Crane Engineering bid due to the company's efficient and dedicated relationship with the City and other existing equipment.

It was moved by Councilmember St. Louis, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, to approve the bid from Crane Engineering in the amount of \$13,468 to rebuild the high-service pump at the Water Plant. Motion carried unanimously.

5. REQUEST TO BUY LAKESIDE CEMETERY PLOTS FROM OWNER:

City Manager Stelmaszek informed Council that the heirs of the Linda Budnick Estate owning Lakeside Cemetery plots LL-H-B9-12 and 13 request that the City purchase back the cemetery plots, per Ordinance 583.

It was moved by Councilmember Fullerton, seconded by Councilmember Pelter, to purchase the two Lakeside Cemetery plots from the Linda Budnick Estate for the original purchase price of \$400. Motion carried unanimously.

6. LAWSON PROPERTY UPDATE:

City Manager Stelmaszek updated Council on the Lawson property, confirming the sale of the property to Shepler's was completed and a plan to renovate into a parking area for their customers by June 2020 was submitted via email by Chris Shepler.

7. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Litzner announced an appointment of Zackary Sylvain to the Board of Review for a one-year term.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, seconded by Councilmember Pelter, to approve the one-year appointment to the Board of Review. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Litzner requested Council's consideration of the following appointments:

Councilmember Tremble to the Ambulance Committee, Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin to the Planning Commission and Mayor Litzner to the Recreation Board.

It was moved by Councilmember Pelter, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, to approve these appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

Additions to the Agenda:

Councilmember Pelter – Statement to Council.

Councilmember Pelter apologized to the Council and public regarding her objection to vote in the February 4th Council meeting, recognizing it as a violation of the City Charter.

It was moved by Councilmember Clapperton, seconded by Councilmember Tremble, to accept the apology and not move forward with any misconduct proceedings. Motion carried unanimously.

8. FINANCIALS:

City Manager Stelmaszek reviewed the January 2019 financials with Council.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, seconded by Councilmember Pelter, to accept the January 2019 financials. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

Consideration of Bills:

It was moved by Councilmember Clapperton, seconded by Councilmember St.Louis, to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$18,904.75. Motion carried unanimously.

The following bills were presented to Council for payment:

A & I MIDWEST PRINTING CO	139.92
ACC PLANNED SERVICE INC	1,329.76
ACE HARDWARE	171.48
AIRGAS USA LLC	140.65
BELONGA'S PLUMBING AND HEATING	37.26
BS & A SOFTWARE	829.00
CHARLES J. PALMER, P.C.	2,646.04
EJ USA INC	170.07
HARRIS COMPUTER SYSTEMS	207.70
INTERSTATE BATTERIES	112.95
JOHNSON CONTROLS INC.	520.80
KIMBALL-MIDWEST	169.29
KSS ENTERPRISES	337.93
LYNN AUTO PARTS	3,073.37
MACKINAC SALES	508.00
MICHIGAN ASSOC MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES	35.00
MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	1,771.00
NATIONAL OFFICE PRODUCTS	402.47
NCL OF WISCONSIN INC	1,369.88
OK INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	177.94
PARAGON LABS	204.00
PATRIOT 2000 INC	295.00
SAULT PRINTING COMPANY	119.41
SPARTAN STORES	19.90
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STATE OF MICHIGAN	975.00
STRAITS BUILDING CENTER	95.94
TED FESTERLING LLC	50.00
UIS SCADA	231.00
WESLEY H MAURER JR	1,256.27
YOGA ACCESSORIES LLC	108.57
Grand Total:	\$18,904.75

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Connie Litzner, Mayor

Andrea Insley, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Monday March 4th, 2019
*****MANAGERS REPORT*****

WELCOME OF NEW POLICE CHIEF

Statement by the Mayor.

2019 LAKESIDE CEMETERY LAWN CARE

I would like approval to bid this out for the season as it was done last year.

Other Matters

I went through with the Dock #3 Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new 2020 lease.

The application window ends May 6th. I will be working to get it on some kind of national bulletin board.

We replaced two part time vacancies recently. Chad Lozen was hired at the Library and Jacob Dickey was hired for a temporary seasonal position at LBE.

Subsequent to your approval of Elmer's Crane and Dozer for our upcoming Waste Water Project, C2ae has moved forward with submitting our financing request with the USDA. I sent you a copy of the application documents via email. Some you have already seen. I can provide you hard copies of any of these documents upon your request.

Due to the weather, we have had the windshield in one of our police squads and fire trucks crack. Both will have to be replaced. We will be turning in claims on each with our insurance company.

Beer Now A Favorite: And A Number of Places for Its Sale Will Be Established in the City.

Michigan is dry. The saloons went out of business Tuesday night, many before that time, in order to come within the provisions of the law.

The predicted last hour orgy in St. Ignace failed to materialize. In the first place there was no general disposition even on the part of the usual habitués of the saloons to celebrate the closing event, and secondly, the dealers themselves were careful to keep within the bounds of the law and they would have prevented any undue outbreak. There was a scarcity of beer in the town for two or three days before the end, and near beer was resorted to. It is said that the old staggers are taking kindly to this new beverage and say they will be satisfied with the less intoxicating drink.

Joseph Smith will remain at the old stand, which will be fitted up as a wholesale and retail place for near beer, soft drinks, cigars and tobacco.

The Valters expect to put in a soft drink parlor, with billiards, pool, and lunches.

M. McGrath is out of the business entirely and is not as yet decided as to what he will engage in in future. He informed The Enterprise that he might go to Bois Blanc and cut cedar, which is one of Mike's jokes.

Dennis Lenahan and Son will remain here for the summer, after which they expect to go to Detroit to make their home. Relative to the agitation for an amendment to the constitution permitting the sale of beer and light wines, Mr. Lenahan says he is not personally interested as he is out of the business for all time, no matter what changes may take place.

The Leclerc and Rock View bars will be made over to be used for hotel purposes.

Al Mosher may put in soft drinks and lunch room in his present place. He is not decided, but expects to remain at the old stand.

Some of the towns up the line report very exciting times during the closing hours, but so far as can be as-

sed traffic crossing the straits on each of its big boats, the Chief Wawatam and the Sainte Marie, without their having to drain their gas tanks or be loaded upon freight cars, the cost of transportation has been placed at 17.5 cents per hundred, with the minimum rate of 2,000 pounds.

From the Houghton Mining Gazette: A permanent military camp in the United States is cantonment and it properly is pronounced "can-ton-ment" with the accent on the second syllable, which rhymes with "tone" as it is pronounced in the United States.

The word has been much discussed since the United States began building training camps with permanent structures in which to house the men. The American soldier ordinarily pronounces the word "Can-Ten-ment" with the accent on the second syllable. President Wilson's pronunciation is "Can-ton-ment" with the accent on the first syllable.

On March 9 the city editor of the Gazette read in the Ladies Home Journal the statement that the word was pronounced "can-ton-ment" with the accent on the second syllable. This appeared to be too much of a strain on a reasonably simple word and it was decided to refer the matter to the world's greatest authority.

The word cantonment first came to the notice of America readers in the writing of Rudyard Kipling in his Indian tales. The city editor of the Gazette wrote Mr. Kipling, asking him to indicate the proper pronunciation. His answer, passed by the censor, was received yesterday. It follows:

"The Ladies Home Journal is right as to the pronunciation of cantonment."

Henry Lajoie was drowned shortly before noon Monday by falling in the bay from the cribbing of the transfer deck while attempting to rescue a hat that had blown into the water. The body was recovered about three hours after the accident by George Lasley, the diver from

the attempt Daily called to Henry and said, "never mind it come on." He then went back to his work and supposed that Henry had also. The young man was first missed by his parents when he failed to come home for dinner and a search was instituted, which ended in the finding of the body.

St. Ignace friends deeply sympathize with Jimmy Boynton in his illness of Bright's disease, for which he is being treated in a New York hospital.

When the United States declared war on Germany, Jimmy was one of the first of the town's young men to offer his services to his country. He was accepted and proved his worth by being rapidly advanced and soon was wearing sergeant's stripes. He worked hard to fit himself for his duties in the hospital department and was counting the days when he would sail with his regiment for overseas and become an actual participant in the world conflict. And then, just before orders came for his command to sail, he was stricken down with a disease that brought a sudden end to his ambitions, for there is little hope held out that he will ever be able to discharge the duties of a soldier. Just how long it will be before he can return home is a question. His father, O. C. Boynton, who visited him in New York, was told by the hospital authorities that it would be at least two months before he would be able to travel north - perhaps longer.

The young ladies of the Ursuline

fruct, as no canoe was available, a full outfit of the latest road building machinery will be purchased for the job. The amount of the contract is in the neighborhood of \$70,000.

We noticed a crowd of railroad men off duty gathered about the station the other day, all busy with pencil and pad in an endeavor to figure out the amount of the plum that would come to them when the new wage law becomes effective...It is generally believed the advance will be about 20 per cent. It will mean cutting a melon of \$200,000,000 to be divided in view of the high cost of living, so the poorly paid men will receive a bigger proportion of increase.

The ice jam in the St. Clair river was broken by tugs Monday and the big fleet in waiting is now on its way to Lake Superior Ports.

Wm. Derusha and Frank Votter were the first fishermen to set nets in St. Martin's bay this spring - Frank with four and Billy with one.

Capt. John Votter left for Cleveland the first of the week to take charge of his boat, the Sergeant. His first trip will be from this port, being a cargo of Murray Bros. timber bound for south ports.

Elmer Klise, who had charge of the Klise lumbering operations at Gilchrist, is reported as slowly recovering from an operation for appendicitis at Lockwood Hospital.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE City of St. Ignace

The City of St. Ignace will be holding a public hearing on Monday, May 7 at 7 p.m. at the City Council Meeting at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to hear public comment regarding a proposed road abandonment of a portion of Grandin Street in the City of St. Ignace.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS City of St. Ignace

The City of St. Ignace is accepting bids on grass cutting for the Lakeside Cemetery. Grass cutting will be done on an "as needed" basis. There will be certain requirements of when the grass has to be cut for special dates. There are two areas to be cut, which include the upper and lower sections of the cemetery. Quotes for the cutting can be brought to the City Manager's office at 396 N. State St., St. Ignace by May 11, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.

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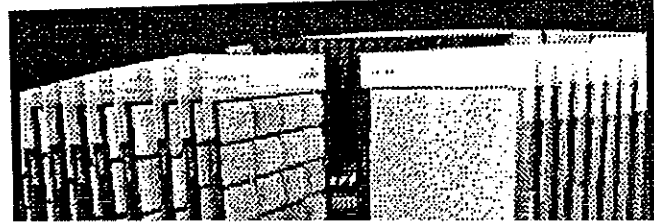
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