

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MACKINAC ISLAND CITY COUNCIL,  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 7358 MARKET STREET,  
MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN, ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023, AT 3:00 PM**

Mayor Doud called the Regular Meeting of the Mackinac Island City Council to order at 3:00 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Bailey, R. Chambers, T. Corrigan, S. Moskwa, A. Myers, A. Sehoan  
MEMBERS ABSENT: None  
TREASURER: R. Linn  
MIPD: D. Topolski

CITY ATTORNEY: E. Evashevski  
via Zoom from St. Ignace, MI

Motion by Bailey, second to the motion by Chambers, to change the Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> meeting to Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on November 29, 2023 were presented. Mayor Doud stated that the minutes stood approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report was presented.

Motion by Chambers, second to the motion by Corrigan, to place the Treasurer's Report on file as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Payroll and Payables were presented.

Motion by Moskwa, second to the motion by Chambers, to approve the bills and payroll in the amount of \$143,724.99.

Ayes: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoan

Nays: None. Motion carried

Motion by Corrigan, second to the motion by Sehoan, to accept the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

Councilman Corrigan noted that Star Line was requiring a Mackinac Island driver license to be able to acquire a resident pass, even though the contract language says a person may present a driver license, tax bill, OR utility bill.

- Councilwoman Myers asked legal counsel to reach out to Star Line to receive clarification in writing as the language in the contract was provided by Star Line.

Councilman Moskwa asked that a thank you letter be sent to Star Line for running extra boats during the tree lighting and Christmas Bazaar.

Motion by Moskwa, second to the motion by Corrigan, to send a thank you letter to Star Line. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Doud noted that she had received a complaint today that there was no heat on the Huron. She has contacted Jerry Fetty who said he would take care of the issue.

**New Business:**

The 2024 Schedule of Regular Meetings for the City Council was presented. Meetings around Thanksgiving and Christmas were discussed.

- Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> was chosen rather than Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> since Thanksgiving is on Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> was chosen rather than Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> due to Christmas Day

Motion by Corrigan, second to the motion by Sehoan, to accept the 2024 schedule as presented with the changes in regards to the meetings near Thanksgiving and Christmas. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Myers, second to the motion by Moskwa, to accept and sign the \$1,000.00 grass seed grant for the Cemeteries from the Mackinac Island Community Foundation. All in favor. Motion carried.

A letter was received from the Historic District Commission requesting an amendment to the Historic District Commission Code of Ordinances, Section 10-170(a), to include a graduated fine scale for violations. The proposed amendment would include a graduated fine schedule of the following:

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense - \$250.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense - \$2,500.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense - \$5,000.00

Councilwoman Myers noted that the Planning Commission was looking into raising their fines too, and also wondered if Attorney Evashevski could work on language to be able to escalate fines depending on the severity of the violation.

Councilman Sehoyan questioned if the Historic District Commission and Planning Commission could issue fines for the same violations.

Motion by Myers, second to the motion by Moskwa, to send the request for ordinance amendment to the Ordinance Committee for further review and discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Moskwa, second to the motion by Sehoyan, to grant the two (2) foot variance needed to haul the box sections for the proposed Forest Way Townhome duplexes.

- Standards list a maximum of 14ft width
- Have discussed using the runway with the State Park, which could easily handle the 16ft wide boxes
- If not approved, would need to have duplexes redesigned – the 16ft box design is the most economical
- Boxes are also 10 feet shorter than the standard maximum length
- Getting the approval now will help move along the drawings and building quote which will allow the City to move forward with the bonding process
- Attorney Evashevski has spoken with Warren Creamer and Tom Colis regarding bonding
  - o Looking to borrow between \$1.3 and \$1.5 million
  - o To proceed with bonding in July, we will need to get a bond resolution presented and adopted by the beginning of the year

Ayes: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan

Nays: None. Motion carried

Motion by Myers, second to the motion by Chambers, to approve an off-island business license for 97 Films. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Corrigan, second to the motion by Chambers, to approve an off-island business license for Map Electric. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Chambers, second to the motion by Moskwa, to approve an off-island business license for DVM Utilities. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Myers, second to the motion by Moskwa, to approve and Streets and Right of Way Street Cut permit for DVM Utilities at 7006 Main Street, Mackinac Island Yacht Club, to install conduit for AT&T fiber. Work will begin as soon as possible and will take seven (7) to ten days. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Myers, second to the motion by Moskwa, to approve (3) vehicle and (3) trailer permits, submitted by DVM Utilities, for work at 7006 Main Street, Mackinac Island Yacht Club. Vehicles will arrive on January 9<sup>th</sup> and will be in use until January 13<sup>th</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Sehoyan, second to the motion by Myers, to approve a vehicle and trailer permit, submitted by O'Boyle and Co., for work at the Lennox Building on Market Street. Trailer will be delivered on December 14<sup>th</sup> and will be in use through March 29, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Myers, second to the motion by Moskwa, to approve the 30-day extension of a vehicle permit for Fetting's Landscaping at the Inn at Stonecliffe. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Moskwa, second to the motion by Sehoyan, to approve the 30-day extension of a vehicle permit for Harbourview Custom Builders at the Inn at Stonecliffe. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Sehoyan, second to the motion by Moskwa, to approve the 30-day extension of five (5) vehicle permits, submitted by Hoffman & Son's Landscaping, to be used at the Inn at Stonecliffe and Manor V. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Moskwa, second to the motion by Sehoyan, to approve a preapproved vehicle permit, submitted by Dickinson Homes, to use a special vehicle to perform route checks for building deliveries. Reports of the road study are to be submitted to the City. Vehicle arrived on December 11<sup>th</sup> and was in use for one to two days. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Moskwa, second to the motion by Corrigan, to approve a trailer permit, submitted by Spence Brothers, to transport construction materials and tools to the Jockey Club. Trailer will arrive on December 8<sup>th</sup> and will be in use until May 1, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Myers, second to the motion by Moskwa, to approve three (3) vehicle permits, submitted by Belonga Excavating, to install water, sewer, and power to Bob Benser's project at 1256 Truscott Street. Vehicles will arrive the week of January 1, 2024 and will be in use for one (1) week. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Moskwa, second to the motion by Chambers, to approve three (3) vehicle permits, submitted by Belonga Excavating, to install the water line for the fire suppression system for the Lakeview Hotel at 1358 French Lane. Vehicles will arrive the week of January 1, 2024 and will be in use for two (2) to three (3) days. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Myers, second to the motion by Chambers, to approve four (4) vehicle permits, submitted by Belonga Excavating, to install a water line for a fire suppression system for the Iroquois Hotel at 1351 French Lane. Vehicles will arrive the week of January 1, 2024 and will be in use for two (2) to three (3) days. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Myers, second to the motion by Moskwa, to approve two (2) vehicle and one (1) trailer permit, submitted by Little Traverse Tree Service, for tree trimming and removal and the Inn at Stonecliffe. Vehicles and trailer will arrive December 18<sup>th</sup> and will be in use for two (2) weeks. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Myers, second to the motion by Moskwa, to approve a vehicle permit, submitted by UP North Construction, to use a Skytrack lift at the Ledtke residence on the East Bluff to install siding. Lift will arrive on December 14<sup>th</sup> and will be in use for six (6) days. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Chambers, second to the motion by Bailey, to approve a vehicle permit, submitted by UP North Construction, to use a Skytrack lift at the Gromley residence in Stonebrook to unload construction materials. Lift will arrive back at the site on December 20<sup>th</sup> and will be in use until January 5, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Sehoyan inquired if City Foreman Mike Ruddle could sand a section of Grand Hill for people who walk or ride their bike during the shoulder season

- Streets Committee will need to further review this

Dr. Mary Patay, Recreation Director, informed the Council that she received two (2) grants from the Mackinac Island Community Foundation

- A grant for winter programs, which will begin after the new year
- A grant for a beautification project at Turtle Park

There being no further business, motion by Myers, second to the motion by Moskwa, to adjourn the meeting at 3:36 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

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Margaret Doud, Mayor

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Danielle Leach, City Clerk