

City Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 3, 2017
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers



1. **Call to Order by Mayor Burr @ 7:00 p.m.**
2. **Invocation – Reverend Travis Wilson – Peace Lutheran Church**
3. **Roll Call**

Present: Jeff Arnold, Clark Gruber, Steve Schlack, Scott Smith, Robert Burr

Absent: Andy Klavins, Vickiy Kozlik-Wall

Moved by Arnold, seconded by Smith, to excuse councilmembers Klavins and Kozlik-Wall due to personal reasons.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Smith, seconded by Gruber, to approve the agenda.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

5. **Consent Agenda: Items A through D (Roll Call Vote Required)**

Moved by Gruber, seconded by Smith, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Council will be asked to approve the regular City Council minutes for December 19, 2016.
- B. Council will be asked to approve invoices totaling \$1,445,206.95 for the period ending January 1, 2017 to be approved and forwarded to the Clerk and Treasurer for payment.
- C. Council will be asked to approve the proposal from Davey Resource Group of Kent, Ohio in the amount of \$22,500, of which \$20,000 will be reimbursed through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Community Forestry Grant, for the completion of a street and park tree inventory report.
- D. Council will be asked to accept the following meeting minutes:
 - 1) April 19, 2016 Harbor Commission minutes;
 - 2) June 21, 2016 Harbor Commission workshop minutes;
 - 3) October 13, 2016 South Haven Area Recreation Authority minutes

A Roll Call Vote was taken:

Yeas: Arnold, Gruber, Schlack, Smith, Burr

Nays: None

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Council will be asked to consider an amendment to the license agreement with Bearclaw Mobile Catering, LLC for an additional building in the concession area at South Beach.

Assistant City Manager Kate Hosier explained that Bearclaw Mobile had been experiencing theft issues and a lack of space, and summarized the need for a second trailer for. Additionally, Hosier offered a brief description of the proposed building.

City Manager Brian Dissette discussed the fact that the additional building has been approved by the Parks Commission to be brought before the Council.

Todd Newberry of Bearclaw Mobile addressed councilmember Gruber's questions relating to the size of the proposed building.

Paul Vandenbosch, 757 Superior, expressed his concerns regarding the additional building's effect on the view of the South Beach. Mr. Vandenbosch also asked the Council to consider a policy prohibiting trailers, storage containers and dumpsters on the South Beach west of the picnic pavilion.

Moved by Gruber, seconded by Arnold, to approve an amendment to the license agreement with Bearclaw Mobile Catering, LLC for an additional building in the concession area at South Beach.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

8. Council will be asked to consider a motion to request the city's Planning Commission to actively review and prepare a recommendation on how the City of South Haven should address the newly enacted Marihuana (marijuana) Facilities Licensing Act.

City Manager Brian Dissette summarized the potential request for the Planning Commission to review Marihuana (marijuana) Facilities Licensing Act. Dissette emphasized that the Council is simply being asked for a motion for the Planning Commission to begin the review process.

Councilmember Gruber voiced his support for additional input from the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Smith explained that, in his opinion, the issue will not be going away, and that the information gained by review process could be useful.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Schlack, to request the city's Planning Commission to actively review and prepare a recommendation on how the City of South Haven should address the newly enacted Marihuana (marijuana) Facilities Licensing Act.

Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

9. Interested Citizens in the Audience Will Be Heard on Items Not on the Agenda

Paul Vandebosch, 757 Superior, encouraged city residents to complete an online survey regarding customer service provided by the city.

10. Police Chief's Update to City Council

Chief of Police Natalie Thompson provided an update to the Council regarding the police department. Among the topics discussed, Thompson mentioned the department's involvement in the Seeds of Hope Scholarship Dinner, an assembly organized by the local diversity club, and the annual Shop with a Cop event. The department's new dog Chaos was also introduced.

11. City Manager's Comments

City Manager Dissette gave an update on the status of the maintenance gravel on North Shore Drive, as recent weather conditions have begun to cause issues. Dissette also informed the Council that the city's Kids Corner project has received funding from the State's Recreation Passport Program. Dissette offered a brief timeline for the funding, bidding, and construction portions of the project.

12. Mayor and Councilperson's Comments

Councilmember Smith asked for clarification regarding the city's FOIA process, as well as how the city's website is being used to accommodate requests for information. City Manager Dissette responded by explaining the process, and also by referencing the documents that are always available on the city's website. Dissette also briefly discussed the progress being made as the city continues to transition to a new website.

Councilmembers Arnold, Gruber and Schlack wished everyone a happy new year.

Mayor Burr offered congratulations to City Manager Dissette and South Haven Township Supervisor Ross Stein on obtaining a grant for the construction of soccer fields within the city.

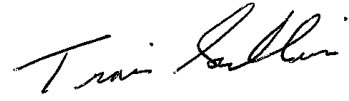
13. Adjourn

Moved by Gruber, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the meeting.

Voted Yes: All. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T".

Travis Sullivan
City Clerk