

CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 2:00 PM

City Hall – Council Chambers, 7358 Market St., Mackinac Island, Michigan

I. Call to Order

Mayor Doud called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

II. Roll Call

PRESENT

- Richard Chambers
- Tom Corrigan
- Steven Moskwa
- Anneke Myers
- Jason St. Onge
- Rick Linn, Treasurer
- Erin Evashevski, City Attorney (via Zoom from St. Ignace, MI)

ABSENT

- Alan Sehoyan

IV. Additions to / Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Corrigan, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, St. Onge

V. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting, held on January 8, 2025 were presented
 - o Mayor Doud stated that the minutes stood approved as presented
- Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, held on January 8, 2025
 - o Mayor Doud stated that the minutes stood approved as presented
- Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held on January 13, 2025 - 1485 Astor Group
 - o Mayor Doud stated that the minutes stood approved as presented

VI. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

- The January 22, 2025 Treasurer's Report was presented
 - o Mayor Doud stated that the report was to be placed on file as presented

VII. Approval of Payments for:

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Moskwa, to pay the January 22, 2025 bills and payroll

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, St. Onge

IX. Correspondence

- An email was received from Terry Gerdes regarding the senior transport program
Motion made by Myers, seconded by St. Onge, to place the email on file

X. Old Business

- Mayor Doud was recently contacted by Coast Guard Sector Sault regarding shutting down the straits for the season, which requires a 72-hour notice
 - o Councilman St. Onge commented that he would like to wait to see what the upcoming 30-degree weather does for the ice conditions before we call for things to be closed
 - Mayor agreed to wait and see where things are after the weekend
- Mackinac Island Police Department – hiring of a local K-9 Unit
 - o Committee's recommendation to hire Sue Stejskal and her K9 dogs beginning in April 2025 with the new budget. Proposed that Ms. Stejskal will receive an annual salary of \$1,220.00 and an activation fee of \$20.00 per hour for a one-year period. Position will be reviewed in February 2026 to assess numbers, see if the services were used and if so how many times.
 - Councilman Moskwa noted that there were offers to donate the funds to cover the annual salary

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Moskwa, to send the hiring of local K-9 unit to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, St. Onge

- Councilman St. Onge inquired if anything had been found regarding the appointment of an additional member to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)
 - o Attorney Evashevski noted that a separate ZBA could be appointed, it does not need to be made up of the Council
 - o Councilwoman Myers asked that Attorney Evashevski lay out all of the options for Council to review

XI. New Business

- Off-Island Business License Application submitted by AB Painting LLC
Motion made by Myers, seconded by St. Onge, to approve the application for business license.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, St. Onge

- NEW Business License Application submitted by Mack Tracks LLC
Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the application for business license.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, St. Onge

- NEW Business License Application submitted by 1485 Astor LLC dba Mustang Condominiums
Motion made by Myers, seconded by Corrigan, to approve the application for business license.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, St. Onge

- 2025 Planned Generator Maintenance Agreement with Cummins Sales & Services
Motion made by Myers, seconded by St. Onge, to approve the generator maintenance agreement and to authorize Building Inspector Dennis Dombroski to sign it.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, St. Onge

- Modular lengths for the Jaquiss residence located at 6948 Main St.
 - o City ordinance states a maximum 44' length & 14' feet wide
 - o Ms. Jaquiss is requesting to bring modular sections that measure 12 ft wide by 43' & 3.5" to 56' & 1"
 - o Sections will be staged at Mission Point (permission confirmed by Liz Ware at the meeting)
 - o Councilman St. Onge commented that he would consider granting the ordinance deviation due to the specific location – delivery route would not impede traffic and shouldn't cause any road blockage
 - o By voting yes, Councilman St. Onge stated that he does not agree with everything stated in the letters presented by Mr. Murray on Ms. Jaquiss' behalf
 - o Consideration for this type of ordinance deviation has to be on a case by case basis depending on the delivery location.
 - o If the ordinance deviation for sizing is granted, there is no possibility of them being delivered to the Coal Dock. Consideration of this ordinance deviation only applies to the specific route from the British Landing dock with the delivery to the specified location only.
 - o Councilwoman Myers commented that she does not believe that, as stated in the submitted letters, that this case is a cause for an ordinance amendment. Requests such as these need to be considered on a case by case basis.

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Corrigan, to grant an ordinance deviation for longer modular sections, set forth in the City's Motor Vehicle Ordinance, section 66.95-3, for Cheryl Jaquiss' residence located at 6948 Main Street, based on the criteria that the route of travel from the State Dock at British Landing should not be inhibited by the modular lengths and that the time-frame requested to deliver and set the sections are within the permitted times for the vehicle zone the residence is located in.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, St. Onge

- Lot split application submitted by Frank Blowski Sr. for parcel ID# 051-630-086-00, Lot 86, 5th St.
 - o Application and documents have been reviewed and ok'd by City Assessor Joe Stakoe
 - o Attorney Evashevski noted that it meets all the criteria under the Zoning Ordinance and was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission
 - o It is the responsibility of the applicant to have the documents recorded with the Mackinac County Register of Deeds and County Equalization Department to be properly processed and recorded

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the lot split application for Frank Blowski Sr – Parcel ID# 051-630-086-00, Lot 86, 5th St.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, St. Onge

- Preapproved vehicle and trailer permit, submitted by Norther Power Electric, to deliver their job trailer to the Inn at Stonecliffe. Vehicle & trailer arrived on January 14th – vehicle was in use for one (1) day and the trailer will remain for a few weeks.
Motion made by Myers, seconded by Corrigan, to approve the preapproved vehicle & trailer permits.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, St. Onge

- Preapproved vehicle and trailer permit, submitted by EUP Drywall, for the delivery of their job trailer for various winter projects. Vehicle and trailer arrived on January 15, 2025 – vehicle was in use for one (1) day and the trailer will remain in the alley by Cindy’s Riding Stable until April 2025.

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Myers, to approve the preapproved vehicle & trailer permits.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, St. Onge

- Pre-approved vehicle permit, submitted by O’Boyle & Co., to haul a water trailer to the Wenzel residence in Forest Bluff. Vehicle & trailer arrived on January 20th and were in use for one (1) to three (3) days.

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Corrigan, to approve the preapproved vehicle & trailer permits.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, St. Onge

- (4) vehicle and (1) trailer permit, submitted by O’Boyle & Co., for work at the Inn at Stonecliffe kitchen project. Vehicles and trailer will arrive on January 25th and will be in use for one (1) to three (3) days.

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the vehicle and trailer permits.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, St. Onge

- (3) vehicle permits, submitted by Belonga Excavating, to excavate a foundation for Bob Benser’s development located at 1274 Mission St. Vehicles will arrive the week of January 27th and will be in use for one (1) to three (3) days.

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the vehicle permits.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, St. Onge

- (3) vehicle permits, submitted by Mackinac Axe, for tree trimming and tree removal at the Windermere Hotel, Brad Chambers residence (Cadotte Ave.), and the Benjamin residence. Work dates are to be determined.

Motion made by Myers, seconded by St. Onge, to approve the vehicle permits.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, St. Onge

XII. Miscellaneous / General Council Discussion / Additional Agenda Items

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Moskwa, to have the Clerk issue letters of congratulations to Maddie Gamble and Vinny Davis to congratulate them obtaining their 1,000 points.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, St. Onge

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion made by Myers, seconded by Corrigan, to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 pm.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, St. Onge

Margaret M. Doud, Mayor

Danielle Leach, City Clerk