

CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 05, 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

Richard Linn, Treasurer

Michael Gruits, Chief of Police

Erin Evashevski, Attorney, via Zoom from St. Ignace, MI

Anneke Myers

Alan Sehoyan

Jason St. Onge

IV. Additions to / Adoption of Agenda

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

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

V. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, held on January 22, 2025 were presented
 - Mayor Doud stated that the minutes stood approved as presented
- Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting, held on January 29, 2025 were presented
 - Mayor Doud stated that the minutes stood approved as presented.

VI. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

- The February 5, 2025 Treasurer's Report was presented.
 - Mayor Doud stated the report was to be placed on file as presented

VII. Approval of Payments for:

Motion made by Corrigan, seconded by Sehoyan, to approve the payroll and payables.

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

X. Old Business

- Mackinac Island Police Department – hiring of a local K-9 Unit
 - Donation has been offered to cover the \$1,200.00 annual fee, City will now only be responsible for the hourly rate if incurred
 - Councilman Moskwa questioned if the position should be posted?
 - Councilman St. Onge responded that, following best practice, the position should be posted

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to table the request to hire a local K-9 Unit for two (2) weeks to allow time for the job to be posted.

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

- 2025 parking fees & schedules submitted by Arnold Transit & Shepler's Ferry
 - City attorney Mike Cavanaugh pointed out that Hoffman Marine holds three (3) monopolies
 - Ferry boats
 - Docks for services
 - Designated parking areas
 - Parking fees should be submitted to the City for approval to avoid anti trust issues
 - If Hoffman is not willing to submit the parking fees then
 - 1.) The City or State could bring an anti-trust lawsuit
 - 2.) The City can take in to account the parking revenues when the pricing of ferry boat tickets is considered for approval (consider what is a fair price to public and fair return to the operator)
 - All three of these are necessary for ferry service
 - Hoffman's attorney, present via Zoom, noted that he is working on setting up a conference call with attorneys Evashevski & Cavanaugh for some time next week.

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by St. Onge, to table parking fees and schedules for 2 weeks to send the submissions to be reviewed by attorneys and the Transportation Committee.

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

XI. New Business

- Police Department request to hire a part-time seasonal officer beginning in February 2025
 - o This new hire will help give the coverage needed
 - o Wage - recommend to hire at the increased rate (due to past experience) in order to avoid any conflict with the union under the collective bargaining agreement
 - Attorney Evashevski would like to draft and discuss a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the ambiguous language in the Collective Bargaining Agreement regarding hiring wages\
 - Chief Gruits noted that he has spoken with the Union representative and it has been past practice to hire at an increased wage due to past experience, so they are ok with this being applied to a seasonal officer

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Corrigan, to have an MOU drafted by attorney Evashevski and present it to the Union for agreement and signature.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Sehoan, to approve the hiring of a part time seasonal officer beginning in February 2025.

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

- Mackinac Marine Rescue 2024 Annual Report
 - Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Moskwa, to place the report on file.
 - Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoan, St. Onge
- Adoption of the City of Mackinac Island Resolution for Poverty Exemption
 - Motion made by Myers, seconded by St. Onge, to adopt City of Mackinac Island Resolution No. 25-002, Resolution for Poverty Exemption, and to authorize the City Clerk to sign the resolution.
 - Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoan, St. Onge
- Adoption of the City of Mackinac Island Assessor Contact Information & Policy Regarding Access to Assessment Records
 - Motion made by Myers, seconded by Sehoan, to adopt the City of Mackinac Island Assessor Contact Information & Policy Regarding Access to Assessment Records.
 - Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoan, St. Onge
- 2025 parking locations for the 2025 Wheelman event
 - o During daytime hours – parking is available via tied ropes in front of the Murray Hotel
 - o Additional overflow parking in the Community Hall Courtyard – using stakes and ropes.
 - Miss Digs will be scheduled by the Murray Hotel / Wheelman

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the 2025 parking request for the Wheelman.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoan, St. Onge
- Competitive Event Application, submitted by Aaron Palaian, for the 2025 OTILLO SwimRun
 - o Race is set for Sunday, August 24, 2025 from 6:45 am to 3:00 pm

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the Competitive Event Application.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoan, St. Onge
- (3) Competitive Event Applications, submitted by Run Mackinac Events
 - o Lilac Festival 10K – Saturday, June 7, 2025 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
 - o Eight Mile Road Race – Saturday, September 6, 2025 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
 - o Great Turtle Trail Race – Saturday, October 25, 2025 10:30 am – 1:30 pm

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Chambers, to approve all three (3) Competitive Event Applications submitted by Run Mackinac Events.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoan, St. Onge
- Trailer permit, submitted by Dickinson Homes, for work at Hoban Hill
 - o Trailer is set to arrive on February 10th and will be on site for 30 days

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Corrigan, to approve the trailer permit.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoan, St. Onge
- (1) vehicle & (3) trailer permits, submitted by J&R Building Movers & U.P. North Construction, to deliver modular sections to the Wenzel build – Forest Bluff Lot #3
 - o Delivery date is to be determined depending on weather / ice conditions / boats

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the permits with the condition that permits must be resubmitted to Council if the sections are not delivered by March 15th for discussion of new moving dates / plans

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

- Vehicle permit, submitted by U.P. North Construction, for a telehandler for roof work at the Wenzel build – Forest Bluff Lot #3
 - Delivery date is to be determined depending on weather / ice conditions / boatsMotion made by St. Onge, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the permit with the condition that the approval / delivery date begins once the house sections have been delivered.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

- (2) vehicles & (1) trailer, submitted by Plutchak Crane Rental, to set modular sections at the Wenzel build – Forest Bluff Lot #3
 - Vehicles and trailer are set to arrive on February 17th and will be in use for one (1) to three (3) daysMotion made by Sehoyan, seconded by Corrigan, to approve the vehicle and trailer permits.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

- Off-Island Business License Application, submitted by Steve Brinks
Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the Off-Island Business License.

- (2) vehicle and (1) trailer permit, submitted by Steve Brinks, for factory house setting work at the Wenzel build (Forest Bluff Lot #3) & at the new school housing
 - Delivery date is to be determined depending on weather / ice conditions / boats
 - City must be updated on all dates as soon as possibleMotion made by St. Onge, seconded by Myers, to approve the permits and to waive the fees for the School project.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 pm.

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