

May 5, 2008

Regular meeting of the Ludington City Council held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Monday, May 5, 2008, at 7:34 o'clock p.m.

Present: His Honor, Mayor John Henderson, Councilors Kaye Holman, Paul Peterson, Brent Scott, Dave Weston, Pete Engblade, and Gary Castonia.

Absent: Councilor Dykstra was excused.

Also present were City Manager John Shay, City Attorney Roger Anderson, Police Chief Mark Barnett, Fire Chief Jerry Funk, City Treasurer Mary Reeds-Mortensen, and City Clerk Deborah Luskin.

Invocation was pronounced by Councilor Pete Engblade.

Pledge to the Flag was given.

Moved by Councilor Holman, seconded by Councilor Peterson, that the Agenda be approved as presented. Motion Carried.

The meeting was opened for public comments.

After no comments were received, the regular order of business was resumed.

Moved by Councilor Castonia, seconded by Councilor Holman, that the minutes of the regular meeting held 04/28/08 be approved as printed. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Castonia, seconded by Councilor Scott, that the request received from the Ludington Area Jaycees for the permit to hold the Ludington Jaycees Fireworks display be approved as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Holman, seconded by Councilor Peterson, that the Finance Report with total expenditures in the amount of \$102,899.12 for this period be approved and orders drawn according to the City Charter. Motion Carried.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The United States Power Squadrons, now celebrating its 94th anniversary, has earned the respect of boating men and women through the nation, for their many civic service contributions to boating safety; and

WHEREAS, The voluntary members have taught their USPS public boating courses to more than four million people to date, and are presently teaching in excess of 40,000 men, women, and youngsters a year; and

WHEREAS, The Sable Point Sail & Power Squadron was organized in Ludington and chartered by the United States Power Squadrons in January 2002; and

WHEREAS, The Sable Point Sail & Power Squadron encourages its members to improve their boating knowledge and skills through advanced boating courses and as a civic service has and continues to provide public safe boating courses to local residents; and

WHEREAS, The successful completion of the USPS boating Course meets the Educational requirements of boat operation in all states; and

WHEREAS, The members of USPS, working in concert with the National Ocean Service, have provided and are continuing to provide, tens of thousands of chart corrections yearly, more than any other organization, in order to keep our nation's 1000 Nautical charts up to date; and

WHEREAS, The United States Power Squadrons have been honored by four U.S. Presidents for the many contributions they have made in boating safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Henderson, Mayor of the City of Ludington, do Hereby declare, Saturday, May 17, 2008, the first day of Safe Boating Week, as United States Power Squadrons Day and urge all people to join in this observance.

Phyllis Thompson, Safety Officer of the Sable Point Sail & Power Squadron explained that National Safe Boating Week is the week of May 17th through the 23rd and the theme this year is "Wear It". The "It" is the life jacket. She explained that 90% of all drowning on the lakes are the result of not wearing a life jacket. There are two boating classes coming up, June 21st and July 16th at Harbor View Marina. Also present were Commander Roger Thompson and Charles Van Ameyden, Vessel Safety/Administration Officer.

Moved by Councilor Engblade seconded by Councilor Castonia, that the foregoing Proclamation be approved. Motion Carried.

Under Communications from City Officials, Councilor Engblade expressed appreciation to the Fire Department, Police Department, and Life EMS for the outstanding work they did Sunday evening when his father-in-law passed away, they go one step beyond their job.

Moved by Councilor Engblade, seconded by Councilor Castonia, that the meeting be adjourned. So carried at 7:45 p.m.

Deborah L. Luskin, City Clerk