

Minutes of the Bay St. Louis Harbor Commission

Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Location: Bay St. Louis Central Fire Station Training Room, 543 Main Street.

The meeting of the Bay St. Louis Municipal Harbor Commission convened at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Lee Seal, presiding; Ken Barbor, Vice Chair, Rod Ward, Charles LaFleur, J.P. Compretta, Chet LeBlanc and Mike Hemsley, alternate.

Absent: Commissioners Chris Roth

City Officials Present: Buz Olsen, Community Development, Don Rafferty, City Attorney and Paula Fairconnetue, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Ken Barbor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RE: June 10, 2014

Commissioner LaFleur moved, seconded by Commissioner Compretta, to approve the minutes of the Harbor Commission meeting held June 10, 2014, with corrections.

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: LaFleur, Compretta, Seal, LeBlanc, Barbor and Ward

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Roth

Harbormaster Report

Chuck Fortin reported that he will meet with the fuel distributor to get lead-time on delivery to insure the required 3300 gallons of fuel is in each tank at all times.

The first layer of asphalt in the parking lot is down; the second layer will be poured next week to complete the work. Stripping can't be done until 10 days after asphalt. The railings are close to completion. The containment area for waste oil, oil filters and batteries is complete.

Chuck Fortin and Jason Chiniche are revisiting the the fish cleaning station matter. They're considering locating the station in an area that will give us the ability to have a grinder pump, or a macerator of some sort for disposal of solid waste. If funding allows, we'll move forward, if not, the station will be a waste container. Chuck has spoken with waste management about a recycling program for the harbor. He informed the Commission that we should have the Clean Mariner designation by grand opening. Bay St. Louis will have the first Clean Mariner designation in the state. No definite date has been set for training on the fuel system, which will be one day training.

All licenses and permits have to be in order to operate fuel tanks.

Hopefully, boats will be allowed in the harbor by July 1st.

OLD BUSINESS

Request for Proposals for Fuel/Live Bait Shop

One proposal was received from the Murphy Family to operate the fuel and live bait shop. The candidate does not want the responsibility of the fuel operation, but will pump the fuel for a small fee. The Murphy's have purchased a barge and will sell live bait bought from other sources. They also propose to sell beer and ice and will acquire any necessary permits. In addition, the Murphy's requested to lease two slips to operate a charter service.

After a lengthy discussion, the proposal was taken under advisement by the Commission.

Consensus of the Commission was to request that the harbor master and city attorney meet with the Murphy's to discuss the proposal in detail and report back to the board.

MOTION TO REQUEST MEETING

RE: Proposal to Operate Fuel & Bait Shop

Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner LeBlanc, to request that the harbor master and city attorney meet with the Murphy's to discuss the proposal and report back to the Commission for further discussion.

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: LaFleur, Compretta, Seal, LeBlanc, Barbor and Ward

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Roth

Guest: Mike Rosato

RE: Harbor Fest

Mr. Rosato reported that he did not have the Harbor Fest layout plan available as promised at the last meeting because the stage layout on a barge won't work with the line of sight. He now has to build a stage on the event deck, or work with the harbor master in finding another location in the parking area, which will be the most feasible, cost effective way of setting up a stage.

The Fishing Tournament is confirmed with the Fishing Association of South MS Anglers. A location has been designated for weight -in. The harbor master approved the location of vendors to be lined up along the waterside of the harbor, along the walkway where electrical pedestals are available for usage, as long as rubber strips are installed to prevent a tripping hazard. He's still waiting on state approval for use of the green space.

Harbor Fest would like to promote schooners.

The Commission recommended that Mike Rosato work with the harbor master on logistics for the Harbor Fest.

Commissioner Seal will attend next City Council meeting to recommend approval of the \$25 dock box installation fee.

Commissioner Seal requested the city attorney's input on the Commission's request for an ordinance to be adopted that requires a six (6) inch grass height in the downtown area and along Beach Blvd., from Washington Street to Highway 90.

Mr. Rafferty advised the Commission that an ordinance for the area could possibly be adopted with specific findings.

During discussion, Mr. Rafferty informed the Commission that the city has an ordinance in place that allows a height of 18 inches on overgrowth, and also allows unimproved property to go back to nature.

Commissioner Seal will speak with the Council regarding the possibility of adopting an ordinance to regulate a six (6) inch grass height for the downtown area.

Chuck Fortin will speak with the Coast Guard about the railroad bridge opening for boaters.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner LeBlanc moved, seconded by Commissioner LaFleur, to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting of June 17, 2014, there being no further business to discuss.

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: LaFleur, Compretta, Seal, LeBlanc, Barbor and Ward

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Roth