

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on August 10, 2020 at the City Office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Gehring and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present: Mayor Gehring, Treasurer Luenberger, Clerk Pierce, Council Members: Peterson, Kaiser, Schwanz, Mason, Bean, Attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Bean, support by Peterson to approve the minutes of July 13, 2020. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Bean to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 20, 2020, Clean Water State Revolving Fund Project. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson to pay the bills in the amount of \$31,534.44. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring asked Bruce Weber, Harrisville Harbor chairperson, to discuss the Resolution from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the city to appropriate the sum of \$21,410.00 to match the \$47,100.00 State grant authorized by the Department.

Mayor Gehring presented Resolution #2020-06. "RESOLVED, that the City of Harrisville, Michigan, accepts the terms of the Agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources WATERWAYS GRANT AGREEMENT-Harbor and Docks-Mooring Construction...To comply with all terms of the Agreement, including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution."

Motion by Schwanz, support by Bean to accept Resolution #2020-06, WATERWAYS GRANT AGREEMENT. Aye: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nay:0. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor discussed Annual Certification of Employee-related Conditions. Public Act 51. To be signed by Street Administrator Kaiser and Treasurer Luenberger. Due September 30, 2020.

Mayor Gehring discussed the Renewal Permit Application for the Commercial Marijuana Facility in the city.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson to accept the Renewal Application Permit for a commercial marijuana facility in the City of Harrisville, from Cam Club LLC. Motion carried: 5-0.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring recommended to council the appointment of Alderman Schwanz as Mayor Pro Tem. Schwanz accepted the nomination.

Motion by Bean, support by Kaiser to appoint Alderman Schwanz as mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring discussed the introduction of conversations concerning the upcoming Sewer grant funding and the potential increases in residential and commercial sewer billing.

Discussion on stipend for Treasurer Luenberger for her transcription work for the Clean Water Revolving Fund Project Plan (CWSRF).

Motion by Peterson, support by Bean to approve a stipend for Barbara Luenberger of \$132.50 for her transcription work for the CWSRF). Motion carried: 5-0.

Clerk Pierce reported the State and Local Primary on August 4, 2020 had 152 votes cast. Eighty-seven Absent Voter ballots were distributed. Ballots for the November General Election will be available by the first week in September. All requests from voters who indicated they wanted to

be on a Permanent Absent Voter Application file and checked the appropriate box on the state application, will receive their November General Election ballot, in the mail, as soon as they become available. Call the city office for any further information. 989-724-6666.

A thank you to Dean Pierce who volunteered to paint all the fire hydrants in the city this past week. Mission accomplished! Sixty-eight hydrants now Massey Ferguson red! Thank You Dean!

Mayor Gehring recommended the appointment of Lane Schwanz to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson to appoint Lane Schwanz to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried: 5-0.

Harbor Commission: Harbor has paid back \$10,000 of the \$15, 000 loan request.

Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Fire Chief Klukowski reports the department has two fire rigs that it would like to put up for auction. Discussion on how best to bid them out.

County Commissioner Johnston reports the county building offices have gone on shortened business hours because of Covid-19. Call the county clerk's office, 989-724-9410, for information on building hours of operation. The latest county audit appears to be in good standing.

Comment Cards: Ed Chrumka shared his plans for a marijuana processing facility on the grounds of the old NAS building at the end of Third St. at the State Park.

Michael Baird presented his proposal for a zoning variance to council. The matter is recommended go before the Zoning Board of Appeals pending further information.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Schwanz is in the process of investigating utilities and grant funding for alternative energy sources for the City of Harrisville to become an example of a "green city". Alderman Kaiser expressed continuing concerns about a property on Swamp Rd. which is out of compliance as far as the city's grass cutting ordinance. The city and zoning administrator are in contact with the bank which is now in possession of the property.

Mayor Gehring moved meeting to be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Next City Council meeting, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____