

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on November 11, 2019 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, Clerk Pierce, Council Members: Peterson, Kaiser, Schwanz, Thomas, Ferguson, City Attorney Cook and guests. Absent Treasurer Luenberger.

Motion by Thomas, support by Peterson, to approve the minutes of October 14, 2019. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser to pay the bills in the amount of \$34,815.69. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Gehring asked to set the Budget Hearing for the 2020 Water/Sewer Budget, for December 9, 2019 at 7:30 PM.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson to set the budget hearing for the 2020 Water/Sewer Budget for December 9, 2019 at 7:30 PM. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring presented the Consumers Energy contracts, hereafter identified as Resolution #2019-05 and Resolution #2019-06.

Motion by Thomas, support by Peterson to accept Consumers Energy contract. Resolution #2019-05 and Resolution #2019-06: Resolved, that it is hereby deemed advisable to enter into a contract with Consumers Energy Company of Jackson, Michigan for furnishing lighting service within the City of Harrisville for a period of 2 years and thereafter from year to year, in accordance with the terms of the contract heretofore submitted to and considered by this council; and Resolved, further that the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized and directed to execute such contract on the behalf of the City. Ayes: Thomas, Schwanz, Kaiser, Ferguson, Peterson. Nay: 0. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring presented the Corps of Engineers Supplemental Agreement No.5 to Department of the Army License No. DACW35-3-93-3005; Whereas, the parties, hereto entered into Department of Army License No. DACW 35-3-93-3005 executed on 14 September 1993, which authorized the construction, maintenance, repair, replacement, and operation of a rubblemound barrier connection to the U.S. South Breakwater as more accurately described in the basic license. NOW, THEREFORE, effective 14 September 2018 “for a five (5) year term beginning on 14 September 2018 and ending on 13 September 2023.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Schwanz for City to enter into Department of Army License No. DACW 35-3-93-3005 for a five- year term beginning 14 September 2018 and ending 13 September 2023. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring addressed letter of resignation from Kelly Heller, Alderman, Ward III.

Motion by Thomas, support by Peterson to accept, with regret, the resignation of Kelly Heller, Alderman Ward III. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser for Clerk to advertise position for Alderman, Ward III. Motion carried: 5-0. Letters of interest can be sent to The City of Harrisville, P.O. Box 278, Harrisville, MI 48740, email: harrisville1905@hotmail.com, or call the city office at 989-724-6666 for additional information.

Alderman Ferguson addressed request from the Harbor Commission for a loan to the harbor operational funds of \$15,000.00, to be repaid in full by August 2020. Discussion.

Motion by Thomas, support by Schwanz to make a loan to the harbor commission of \$15,000.00 to be repaid in full by August 2020. Motion carried: 5-0.

As decreed by Mayor Gehring, Holliday Office Closures shall be:

Thanksgiving: November 28 and 29, 2019. Christmas: December 24, 25, 26, 2019. New Year: December 31-January 2, 2020. The city office will reopen, January 3, 2020.

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Mayor Gehring: Christmas in the Village takes place Saturday, December 7, 2019.

Clerk Pierce discussed the 2020 Census information. Clerk Pierce urges all to be informed and pass along the importance of being counted to all constituents. Clerk Pierce will begin advertising the Consumers Energy Gift Certificates of \$50.00 each to be awarded to the Best Residential Holiday decorations and the Best Commercial Holiday decorations for the holiday season.

Harbor Commission representative Ferguson reports that the ice suppression units are in place at the harbor and are being tested. The commercial fishing boats will continue to be docked at the harbor this winter season which brings added revenue to the harbor.

Fire Department Chief Klukowski brought information to council for new bunker outfits for members of the department.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Schwanz to advertise for bids for fire department bunker gear. Motion carried: 5-0.

County Commissioner Johnston reports that a Public Meeting will take place at Greenbush Township Hall on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 for discussion of the counties plan to repair the dam at the north end of Cedar Lake at Cedar Lake Dr. and Cedar Lake Rd. There is also a state investigation into the possibility of Brownfield grant monies for a study of two areas of contamination at the unoccupied Marathon gas station and market on US 23 in Greenbush.

Comment Cards: Ed Chrumka introduced himself and informed council of his plans to investigate properties within the city for the possibility of the establishment of a Grow and Processing facility for marijuana distribution. His presentation was very informative.

Motion to adjourn by Mayor Gehring.
Adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____