

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on February 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: Schwanz, Kaiser, Peterson, Ferguson, and guests. Absent: Attorney Cook.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson to approve the minutes of January 13, 2020. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Ferguson to pay the bills in the amount of \$23,484.56. Motion carried 4-0.

In Old Business Mayor Gehring updated council of progress of playground and projected date of installation. May 16, 2020 is National Park Trust “Kids to Parks Day”. He would like to see the completion of this project with a celebration on that day.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser to set the Tax Board of Review dates as follows:

Organizational Meeting: March 3, 2020, 10:15 A.M.

March 10, 2020, 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. March 12, 2020, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

July 21, 2020, 9:00 A.M. (If needed). December 15, 2020 9:00 A.M. (If needed).

Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson to set the 2020/2021 General Fund Budget and the Annual Truth and Taxation Hearing for March 9, 2020. Hearing to start at 7:15 P.M. Clerk to publish notice. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Gehring recommends to council approval of Harrisville Arts Council request for use of city property for Harmony Weekend 2020.

Motion by Ferguson, support Schwanz by to approve use of city property for Harmony Weekend 2020, beginning Tuesday, September 1, through Sunday, September 6, 2020. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring recommends to council the approval of Golder Associated Inc. proposal of lagoon monitoring services for 2020. Mayor will investigate additional companies for this service for price comparisons this coming year.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser to approve Golder Associates, Inc. proposal 2020 compliance monitoring services in the amount of \$20,772.00. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring recommends to council the approval of the request of the use of city property from Craftmaker’s Cabin.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson to approve request from Craftmaker’s Cabin for use of city property for the Annual Craft and Vendor Fair, Friday, July 3-Sunday July 5, 2020 and Log Cabin Day Trunk Sale, Saturday, June 27, 2020. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring recommends approval of request from Sandy Mendyka to hold the annual Labor Day Parade.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson to approve request from Sandy Mendyka to hold the annual Labor Day Parade on Sunday, September 2, 2020. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor recommends approval of a request from Sandy Mendyka for the Friends of the Fire Department, to sell popcorn at the harbor pavilion on the 4th of July, 2020.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson for the Friends of the Fire Department to sell popcorn at the harbor pavilion on the 4th of July, 2020.

Mayor Gehring recommends the appointment of Alderman Jacquelyn Schwanz as ex-officio member of the Planning Commission.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson to appoint council member Jacquelyn Schwanz as ex-officio member of the Planning Commission. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring recommended approval of Resolution #2020-03, to seek federal disaster relief funds through the State of Michigan for the Lake Huron shoreline

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson to seek through the State of Michigan, federal disaster relief for its Lake Huron shoreline. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Harrisville asks the State of Michigan to seek federal disaster relief for its shoreline. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Ferguson, Peterson. Nays:0. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring recommended approval of Resolution #2020-01 Assets Level Test for use by the Tax Board of Review, for the year 2020.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson to approve the Assets Level Test as Resolution #2020-01, for use by the Tax Board of Review. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Ferguson, Peterson. Nays: 0. Motion passed: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring recommends approval of Resolution #2020-02, Poverty Exemption Guidelines, 2020.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser to support Resolution #2020-02, Poverty Exemption Guidelines. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the supervisor/assessor and the Board of Review shall follow the stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Ferguson, Peterson. Nays: 0. Motion carried: 4-0.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring is meeting with administrators from Rogers City, Presque Isle and state representatives to discuss the impact of the high water erosion damages done to their respective municipalities at the end of this month.

Clerk Pierce reports that the Summer Concert Series is filled. The concert dates are: July 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 2020. Absent Voter ballots are available in the city office. To receive an absent voter ballot, please call the office for the ways you may request an application and a ballot for the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary. Call the office at 989-724-6666 or email at harrisville1905@hotmail.com for information. THANK YOU to Tom and Allen for their diligent work in covering the ceilings in the fire hall.

Treasurer Luenberger is working with a representative of Huron Community Bank concerning fraud prevention and online bill payment options.

Harbor Commission report from Jim Ferguson is requesting bids for the final phase of dock reconstruction. All damaged docks due to the high water damage have been removed.

Fire Department Chief Medical Officer Mendyka would like to acknowledge and thank Lance Pierce, firefighter, from Superior Township Fire Department in Washtenaw County, for the donation of a Positive Pressure ventilation fan. Mendyka also shared information about a fund raiser by the Friends of the Fire Department, to be held at the Alcona Brew Haus on February 22, 2020. Comment Cards: Guest Trina Borenstein shared her interest in contributing to the community by developing a property in the city for a possible community center.

Mayor Gehring moved meeting to be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Next City Council meeting March 9, 2020. Published prior to council approval.

Mayor _____ Clerk _____