

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on February 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, Treasurer Keerl, Clerk Pierce, Council Members: Luenberger, Kaiser, Thomas, Peterson, Baird, Ferguson, City Attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Luenberger to approve the minutes of January 14, 2019, with corrections. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Baird support by Ferguson to pay the bills in the amount of \$302,203.82. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Organizational Meeting: March 5, 2019, 10:15 A.M.

March 12, 2019, 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. March 14, 2019, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

July 16, 2019, 9:00 A.M. (If needed). December 10, 2019 9:00 A.M. (If needed).

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Thomas, support by Baird to set the 2019/2020 General Fund Budget and the Annual Truth and Taxation Hearing for March 11, 2019. Hearing to start at 7:30 P.M. Clerk to publish notice. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Gehring discussed the Michigan Recreation Passport Grant Agreement.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Peterson to accept the Michigan Recreation Passport Grant Agreement (RP18-0116) giving Mayor Gehring authorization to sign said agreement.

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Ferguson to approve the following Resolution as adopted: “Resolved, that the City of Harrisville, Michigan, does hereby accept the terms of the Agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and that the City of Harrisville does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows: to comply with any and all terms of said Agreement including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.”

Aye: Luenberger, Thomas, Kaiser, Baird, Ferguson, Peterson. Nay: None. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring reported to council the offer from NEMCOG of new tele-conference materials and gear.

Mayor Gehring discussed the applications received to fill the Maintenance vacancy. Mayor Gehring recommends to council the approval and appointment, with a 90 day probation period, of Logan Tompkins to fill the vacancy.

Motion by Baird, support by Ferguson to appoint and accept Logan Tompkins, with a 90 day probationary period, to fill the maintenance vacancy. Motion carried: 6-0.

Alcona County Wide Clean-up has made a request to the city for a contribution of up to \$1000.00 for services to be provided. The date of the clean-up is Saturday, May 18, 2019 at the ARA site in Lincoln, MI.

Motion by Thomas, support by Baird to contract with the County of Alcona, the sum of \$500.00 to Alcona County, County Wide Clean-up for 2019. Motion carried: 6-0.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring shared with council the meeting he and Clerk Pierce had with Tom Reif, a consultant in the area of the new laws pertaining to municipalities opting in or out of the decision to accept marijuana establishments within municipal boundaries. He presented a review of the new marijuana laws in the state of Michigan. It was a very informative meeting and Mayor Gehring suggests he would like the planning commission and city council members to meet in an open format to hear and discuss this information. Chairman Haight, of the planning commission, will be asked to coordinate this effort.

Clerk Pierce asked for approval of Jim Potter to fill a vacancy on the Tax Board of Review.

Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger for Jim Potter to fill a vacancy on the Tax Board of Review. Motion carried: 6-0.

Treasurer Keerl reminds that Winter 2018 taxes are due February 14, 2018.

Harbor Commissioner Baird reports that the commissioners met and re-appointed all positions of the harbor commissioners. Baird also made a request of the city for a short term loan to the harbor for the sum of \$5000.00 for the season to be used as startup funds.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Kaiser for a short term loan of \$5000.00 to the harbor commission to be used as startup funds for the 2019 boating season.

Motion carried: 5-0. Abstain: 1.

Harbormaster Ferguson reported on meeting with engineers for the continuing dock project. The fuel delivery system for the marina to be complete by May 15, 2019, with the total project to be completed by July 1, 2019.

County Commissioner Johnson reported on the new VA counselor, Tony Atkinson, being hired and working out of the MSU extension building. The Extension Building is currently up for sale. The jail has received some refurbishments, and the county is looking for applicants for the maintenance position at the county.

Fire Department Chief Klukowski reports there were 7 fire calls and 37 Medical First Responder calls in January for the department. There are four members of the Fire Department attending the Medical First Responders class: Chief Danny Klukowski, Ryan Geddert, Jaymes Hollnagle, and Matt Fogle. Classes will last eight weeks.

Comment Cards: Guest Patty Thomas reports that State Representative, Sue Allor, visits the county and holds regular hours for all interested constituents to come and address concerns with her as to issues that affect our northern Michigan area.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Baird addressed the issue of snow removal on city sidewalks. Snow removal on city sidewalks is not mandated by policy for the city to be responsible for this service. Because of the absence of many city residents during the winter season, the city has not made it a city policy for mandatory snow removal by property owners of the walks in front of their residences or business. It is, however, strongly recommended that business owners and residents be mindful of the conditions in front of their property and clear their sidewalks as needed. Council would also like to extend a very grateful THANK YOU to city resident, Richard Dunn for his thoughtfulness in helping to clear the sidewalks on Main St. and surrounding areas during the height of our latest snowfall. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Mayor Gehring moved meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Next City Council meeting March 11, 2019. Published prior to council approval.

Mayor _____ Clerk _____

