

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on July 13, 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, Ferguson, Schwanz , Attorney Cook and guests.

Mayor Gehring presented letter of intent to fill a vacancy of Alderman in Ward III by Thomas Mason. Mayor Gehring recommends the appointment of Thomas Mason to fill the vacancy of Alderman Ward III.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Ferguson to appoint Thomas Mason to fill a vacancy of Alderman Ward III. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gerhing presented letter of intent from Michael Bean to fill a vacancy of Alderman Ward I. Mayor Gehring recommends the appointment of Michael Bean to fill the vacancy of Alderman Ward I.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Schwanz to appoint Michael Bean to fill a vacancy of Alderman Ward I. Motion carried: 4-0.

The Oath of Office was given to Michael Bean and Thomas Mason as newly appointed city council members by Clerk Pierce. They took their seats at council table.

Alderman Ferguson tendered his resignation as Alderman Ward I, effective immediately.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Schwanz to accept the resignation of James Ferguson, Alderman Ward I, with regret. Motion carried:5-0.

The letter of resignation by Thomas Mason from the Tax Board of Review was read by Mayor Gehring.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson to accept resignation of Thomas Mason from the Tax Board of Review. Motion carried: 5-0.

Michael Bean tendered his resignation from the Planning Commission, effective immediately.

Motion by Peterson, support by Schwanz, to accept resignation of Michael Bean from Planning Commission. Motion carried:5-0.

Motion by Bean, support by Schwanz, to approve the minutes of June 8, 2020. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Peterson, support by Kaiser to pay the bills in the amount of \$30,615.15 Motion carried: 5-0.

Comments received about 4th of July weekend were all positive and everyone appreciates all the hard work the volunteers put forth to make a very successful celebration. The fireworks were spectacular!

On Monday, July 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM, the city will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed wastewater system project for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons at the city offices, 200 N. Fifth St. Questions may be directed to the city at 989-724-6666.

Mayor Gehring updated council on the Japanese Knotweed treatment in the city. Huron Pines will return in September for a second treatment.

Superintendent of Alcona Community Schools, Dan O'Connor presented a review of the upcoming school millage proposals on the August 4, 2020 primary election.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring discussed Ken Lind Ins. would like to present his findings and proposals of insurance costs to city for the August city council meeting. The Playground Project is on hold because of the current health crisis. Harrisville Arts council has cancelled the 56th Harmony Festival for this Labor Day Weekend 2020. This includes the annual Labor Day parade.

Clerk Pierce reports there will be a Tax Board of Review meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 9:00 AM. The state and local primary election will take place on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. Polls will open at 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM for in person voting. Per Gov. Whitmer's executive order #2020-147, face masks or coverings are required to enter any business establishment. The city will be adhering to this requirement. The Clerk's Office will be open Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 9:00AM-5:00 PM for anyone wishing to apply for an absent voter ballot prior to the August 4th election. This the last date absent voter ballots will be available. Call the city office at 989-724-6666 for any additional information.

Attorney Cook reports that the empty building at the end of 3rd St. is still on contingency options for a final sale.

Harbor Commission plans for the final phase of the dock project is at a standstill because of state funding availability.

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

Comment Cards: Sharon Geotz had concerns about the removal of the outdated "NO PARKING" signs at the end of Dock St.

Council Last Comments: Alderman Kaiser expressed concern about the abandoned car issue in the city Zoning Ordinance Administrator Somers has addressed the issue.

Mayor Gehring moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 P. M.

Next City Council meeting: August 10, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____