

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on June 10, 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: Luenberger, Peterson, Thomas, Ferguson, City Attorney Cook and guests. Absent: Keerl, Baird, Kaiser.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Thomas to approve the minutes of May 13, 2019. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Thomas, support by Peterson to pay the bills in the amount of \$224,281.23. Motion carried: 4-0.

In Old Business: The City of Harrisville Airport Banking Account will add new names to the signature cards: Edward M. Higgins, Colleen M. Higgins, Thomas F. Keerl. The signature names of Jack Brewer and Darrell Morrisey will be removed.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson to change signature cards of the Airport account at the Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union to reflect new signatures of Edward R. Higgins, Colleen M. Higgins, and Thomas F. Keerl. The signature names of Jack Brewer and Darrell Morrisey will be removed. Motion carried: 4-0.

In New Business Mayor Gehring discussed the resignation of Alderman (Ward III) Michael Baird. Baird is also resigning from the numerous committees and commissions he has been a part of for many years. These include the Planning Commission, the Harbor Commission, the Fire Board, acting liaison between the city and Harbortown Development, LLC. and the Harrisville Website Committee. We extend to Michael and his family our best wishes for the issues they are encountering.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson to accept Michael Baird's resignation, with deep regret, from the City elected and the appointed offices he has held. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor asked council approval to advertise for the vacancy of Alderman Ward III by City Clerk.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Thomas to approve clerk to advertise for the position of Alderman Ward III. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring is pleased to report the city has hired Jordan Steiner as our summer maintenance help. He is working well with the DPW department. Welcome Jordan.

Mayor Gehring recommended to city council the adoption of the amended zoning ordinance authorizing and permitting Commercial Medical Marijuana Facilities under the State of Michigan Marijuana Licensing Act ("MMFLA"), MCL 333.27101 et seq. Ordinance NO. 2019-001.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Thomas to adopt the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act ("MMFLA") MCL.333.101 et seq. Ordinance No. 2019-001. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring recommended to city council the adoption of the amended zoning ordinance authorizing and permitting Commercial Recreational Establishments under the State of Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act (MRTMA), MCL 333.27951 et seq. Ordinance No. 2019-002.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson to adopt the State of Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act (MRTMA), MCL 333.27951 et seq. Ordinance No. 2019-002. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring recommended to council the adoption of the amendments to the City of Harrisville Zoning Ordinance to regulate Marijuana Facilities and Establishments, modifying

Article 2. Construction of Language and Definitions, Article 4. District Regulations Matrix and Article 7. Supplemental Development Regulations. Ordinance No. 2019-003. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson to adopt the amendments to the City of Harrisville Zoning Ordinance to regulate Marijuana Facilities and Establishments, modifying Article 2. Construction of Language and Definitions, Article 4. District Regulations Matrix and Article 7. Supplemental Development Regulations. Ordinance 2019-003. Motion carried: 4-0.

The above ordinances and amendments will take effect seven (7) days following publication in a newspaper of local circulation, on June 26, 2019.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring, along with the members of city council would like to thank Michael Baird for his years of dedication to the City of Harrisville in his many capacities as city Alderman Ward III, ex-officio member of the Planning Commission, ex-officio member of the Harbor Commission, Fire Board member, liaison with Harbor Town Development and his tireless involvement with the Labor Day weekend festivities. Thank you, Mike. Your contributions have been greatly appreciated.

Clerk Pierce indicates the first Summer Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Harbor Pavilion. Volunteers are needed to help collect audience donations for the concerts. Please contact the clerk at 724-6666 to volunteer.

Harbor Master Ferguson reports the Harbor Commission has been discussing a “Sportsman’s Dock” for public fishing access at the harbor. Mayor Gehring is in full support of this access.

Planning Commission held a public meeting for the purpose of the reading of the proposed amendments to the city zoning ordinances pertaining to marijuana rules and regulations in amending those ordinances. The public had the opportunity for discussion and questions.

Airport Member Colleen Higgins stated that Jack Brewer and Darrell Morrissey request to remain on the airport board as members.

Tree Board Member Luenberger indicated that the board members will meet soon to assess the trees within the city. The board needs an arborist or a certified forester on the board for the city to qualify as a “Tree City”.

Fire Department Chief D. Klukowski reports ten fire calls and forty-seven medical calls for the month of May. Chief Klukowski reports there are three new candidates for volunteer firefighters. Chief Medical Officer Mendyka reports that Sandy Mendyka would like to organize a “Fireman’s Ball” as a fundraiser for the department. Mendyka reports the department may have ten volunteers qualifying as Medical First Responders. Ryan Geddert has recently passed his Medical First Responder test. Congratulations Ryan.

Comment Cards: Marge French asked about the possibility of having a recycle container at the harbor. Patty Thomas thanked the MFR’s that give assistance to her family. Patty also discussed the possibility of a permanent structure at the upper parking lot at the harbor for events which occur annually in the city. Jackie Trimmer asked about update of the playground and Mayor Gehring suggested a Spring 2020 implementation.

Mayor Gehring moved meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P. M.

Next City Council meeting: July 8, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____

