

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on June 14, 2021 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, Treasurer Luenberger, Council Members: Schwanz, Kaiser, Peterson, Mason, Bean, City Attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Bean, support by Kaiser to approve the minutes of May 10, 2021. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Peterson, support by Schwanz to pay the bills in the amount of \$38,548.74. Motion carried: 5-0.

In Old Business: Mayor Gehring updated council as to new playground bids. Monday, June 21, 2021 is the final date for all bids on the playground project to be in the city office.

In New Business: Mayor Gehring presented Ryan and Sandy Mendyka's request to organize the annual Labor Day Parade for Sunday, September 5, 2021. Discussion.

Motion by Peterson, support by Bean to approve Ryan and Sandy Mendyka's request to organize the annual Labor Day Parade for Sunday, September 5, 2021. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring discussed Maureen Sullivan's request to hold a Cornhole Tournament on Sunday, July 18, 2021, under the tent at the harbor. Discussion.

Motion by Peterson, support by Bean to approve Maureen Sullivan's request to hold a Cornhole Tournament under the tent at the harbor on Sunday, July 18, 2021. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring discussed with council the email from Dan Kobil addressing the information he provided concerning making the harbor area more "birder friendly". He also addressed electric charging station being installed at the harbor. Discussion.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring that the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce has approached him concerning the idea of having a Car Show in Harrisville on Saturday, September 25, 2021. The Chamber has also printed and is selling Passbook coupons sponsored by local businesses for use by purchasers of the coupon book.

Clerk Pierce shared that the harbor will be filled with music throughout the summer. The Alcona Music Project is presenting "Open Mic" night on Tuesdays through September 28, 2021, 6PM-9PM; the City of Harrisville Summer Concert series will be Wednesdays, July 7-August 4, 2021, 7PM-9PM; and Inspiration Alcona is offering a concert series on Fridays, June 18- September 17, 2021, 6PM-10PM. Clerk Pierce also asked council approval to advertise for the vacant council seat in Ward I. To be eligible for the vacancy, you must be a registered voter in the city of Harrisville and live within Ward I boundaries. Call the city office, 989-724-6666 for information.

Motion by Bean, support by Schwanz for clerk to advertise for vacancy of Alderman in Ward I. Motion carried: 5-0.

Planning Commissioner J. Schwanz shared that the Master Plan update is nearing completion with 2020 Census information needed for the update.

Airport Manager Colleen Higgins reported that Dave and Becky Riegle removed the trees on the south end of the airport during the past year. Thank You. The airport is still in Provisional Status due to the trees at the north end of the airport still needing to be cut down and some trees on the south side of Swamp Rd. which are on private property.

Fire Department volunteer Gehring reported there were 13 fire calls and 54 MFR calls for the month of May.

County Commissioner Thompson reports that security issues at the County Court Building are under discussion between the courts and the county offices.

Comment Cards: None.

Council Last Comment: Alderman Schwanz is waiting for notification from Consumers Energy as to the finalization of the Electric Charging Stations at the harbor. Alderman Mason had questions as to the use of the MDOT property directly next to Craftmakers Cabin and city property. Alderman Peterson shared news from the Alcona Chamber of Commerce that the Greenbush Tavern property has been sold and the new owners are exploring usage options. The property directly south of that property has also been sold and the new owners are considering building options as well.

Schwanz moved meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P. M.

Next City Council meeting: July 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____