

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on June 8, 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, Clerk Pierce, Treasurer Luenberger, Council Members: Schwanz, Kaiser, Peterson, Ferguson, City Attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Schwanz to approve the minutes of May 11, 2020. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson to pay the bills, as amended, in the amount of \$70,855.47. Motion carried: 4-0.

In Old Business: Mayor Gehring updated council as to new playground bid. This required new specifications which were closer to the grant amount awarded. This will be presented to the DNR for review.

In New Business: Mayor Gehring presented to council the Planning Commission's recommendation to grant approval to LuAnn and Edward Chrumka to proceed in the process of the construction of a marijuana processing facility in the city of Harrisville.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Schwanz for LuAnn and Edward Chrumka to proceed in the process of building a marijuana processing facility in the city of Harrisville. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring discussed Craftmaker's Cabin request for use of City property for the annual Craft Sales Supplies Saturday June 27, July 28, and August 15, 2020, 10:00-2:00 PM.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson to approve Craftmaker's Cabin use of city property on June 27, July 18, and August 15, 2020. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring recommended to city council formal approval of Resolution 2020-04 as adopted by council May 28, 2020 by phone call.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson to formally adopt Resolution 2020-04 Transportation Economic Development Fund. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Ferguson, Peterson. Nay: 0 Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring discussed with council the DPW departments investigating new pump motors for the Clark St. lift station. It was decided by council to wait until more complete information from the engineering firm involved in the design and implementation of the current project has been presented to make a determination as to the need for the pump replacement now.

Mayor Gehring informed council to the updates concerning the spraying of Japanese Knotweed within the city and the current contract information. Huron Pines is scheduled to be in the city to spray for Japanese Knotweed on June 15-16, 2020.

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Mayor Gehring is volunteering with his children, to water the flower pots on Main St. this season. The Kids Bike Parade on the 4th of July has been canceled.

Clerk Pierce encourages registered voters in the city who have received absent voter applications in the mail from the state of Michigan and who wish to receive an August 4, 2020 state and local primary ballot, to fill out the applications and drop off or mail the applications to the city office. Mail In: City Clerk, P.O. Box 278, Harrisville, MI 48740 or call 989-724-6666 for questions. Clerk Pierce asked council for approval to advertise for vacancies for Alderman in Ward I and Ward III.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Schwanz for clerk to advertise for vacancies of Alderman in Ward I and Ward III. Motion carried: 4-0.

Treasurer Luenberger addressed the issue of mail delivery of Water/Sewer bills not arriving in a timely manner or not at all. The late fee will not be added to the next bill. Those who have paid a late fee will have a credit on their account. This is for the April billing only.

Attorney Cook addressed his contact with the owner of the empty factory at the end of 3rd. St and a potential buyer. He will wait for further instructions from owner as how to proceed..

Harbor Commission will meet on June 18. The long race for the Port Huron to Mackinac race has been canceled. The shorter race is still open. Mayor Gehring discussed the limited availability of the public restrooms at the harbor because of COVID-19 and the COVID-19 restrictions of the boater's bathrooms.

Planning Commission met on May 20, 2020 and voted to recommend the proposal presented by Ed and LuAnn Chrumka for a marijuana processing facility in the city of Harrisville to be presented to city council at the council meeting on June 8, 2020. Planning Commission meetings will be changed to the second Tuesday of the month.

Comment Cards: None.

Council Last Comment: Alderman Kaiser raised the question of how the zoning administrator is addressing the issue of un-mowed grass at properties in the city.

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

Next City Council meeting: July 13, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____