

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrisville City Council for April 13, 2020 was CANCELLED due to COVID-19 virus concerns.

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on May 11, 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 Gerhing, Treasurer Luenberger, Clerk Pierce, Council Members: Peterson, Kaiser, Schwanz, Ferguson, Attorney Cook.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Schwanz to approve the minutes of March 9, 2020. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson to pay the bills in the amount of \$39, 826.41. Motion carried 4-0.

Spring Cleanup dates are May 22, 2020 and June 5, 2020. Place bundled and bagged yard waste (only) at curbside for pick up.

Hydrant flushing took place April 27-May 8 2020. All went well.

Mayor Gehring discussed the need for council to determine rates and fees associated with any FOIA requests. The rates and fees will be posted on the city's website for review by any interested party regarding FOIA requests.

Mayor Gehring discussed the issue of hiring summer help for the city this season. Discussion. Mayor Gehring, with support from council, recommends not hiring additional help for the summer season.

Mayor Gehring updated council as to the latest information concerning the construction of the playground. The bid application has been published and the city is waiting to hear from OHM Engineering and the DNR Passport Grant as far as the status of the bids and the next step in the process.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring discussed with council the hiring of Huron Engineering of Alpena to assist the city in an application process to the Office of Economic Development, Category B: Community Service Infrastructure Fund Application for city street funding. Tom Keerl, DPW senior maintenance, has met with Huron Engineering and discussed the needs of the city. Huron Engineering will complete the application form and submit it to the state as part of the initial consideration.

Clerk Pierce has spoken with the State Bureau of Elections concerning mail-in-ballots for the upcoming elections. Registered voters have the option of mailing in a request to be placed on a permanent Absent Voter list to the city at: City of Harrisville/Clerk, P.O. Box 278, Harrisville, MI 48740 as well as applying online to: Michigan Voter Information Center(MVIC) at Michigan.gov/Vote. The Summer Concert series was discussed. Clerk Pierce has chosen to cancel the concerts for this summer season because of COVID-19 health concerns.

Harbor Commission reported by Mayor Gehring that he will meet with Harbormaster Wilson and Harbor Commission Chairman Weber to review policies and procedures for the opening of the harbor facilities for this boating season.

Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 6:30 at the City Offices.

Comment cards: None.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Schwanz is investigating alternative sources of renewable energy using a water turbine source. Alderman Kaiser asked about the progress of the Pocket Park.

Mayor Gehring moved the meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Next City Council meeting: June 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____