

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on October 12, 2020 at the City Office.

The meeting was called to order a 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Gehring and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present: Mayor Gehring, Treasurer Luenberger, Clerk Pierce, Council Members: Kaiser, Schwanz, Mason, Bean, Peterson., Attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 14, 2020. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Bean, support by Peterson to pay the bills in the amount of \$27,111.87. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring addressed the issue of a change in the Sewer portion of the quarterly Water/Sewer Billing. OHM Engineering is gathering information concerning the costs to the city for the proposed Lagoon Project. This information will be included with the city winter tax bill.

Mayor Gehring decrees and declares that the official hours for Halloween Trick or Treating, in the city, on Saturday, October 31, 2020, will be 5:30 PM-7:30 PM.

Mayor Gehring discussed the payment to the individuals of the County Board of Canvassers in regard to the recount of votes for County Commissioner-District 2 in the August 3, 2020 Primary Election. The cost was shared with the three re-countable precincts of the City of Harrisville, Harrisville Township and Haynes Township.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Kaiser to pay Edward Fines, Jaynee Germond, Margaret Kutzera, and Gregory Anderson the amount of \$20.00,each, as the portion of the city's share of the canvassers total payment. Motion carried:5-0.

Treasurer Luenberger asked for consent from city council to place delinquent water bills on the city's 2020 Winter Tax bill.

Motion by Peterson, support by Schwanz for Treasurer Luenberger to place delinquent water bills on the 2020 Winter Tax Bill.

Mayor Gehring presented the renewal application request for a commercial marijuana facility-provisioning center at 108 N. US 23 from property owner, Eric Ryant.

Motion by Peterson, support by Schwanz to accept the request for a renewal application for a commercial marijuana facility in the City of Harrisville. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring presented to council an update on the city acquisition of the baseball fields and buildings at the baseball diamonds which, currently, are Harrisville Township property.

Motion by Bean, support by Schwanz for the city to pursue acquisition of the property known as the baseball fields, from Harrisville Township. Motion carried: 5-0.

## REPORTS

Mayor Gehring reports that the two fire trucks which were put out for bid have been sold to the highest bidders.

Clerk Pierce reports, as to date, 120 Absent Voter Ballots have been requested. That is approximately 1/3 of the registered voters in the city. Clerk Pierce will have a Public Accuracy Test of the Test Ballots and voting tabulators on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 12:15 PM. On Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Clerk Pierce will be at the city office, 200 N. Fifth St, for anyone wanting to request, in person, an Absent Voter Ballot prior to the General Election, Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Call the office at 989-724-6666 for information.

Clerk Pierce asks for council input concerning the per diem amount for Zoning Board of Appeals members. Discussion.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Mason for the amount of \$40.00 to be the per diem paid for the first two hours with an additional \$10.00/hr. for any additional hours for attendance at Zoning meetings for Zoning Board of Appeals members. Motion carried: 5-0.

Treasurer Luenberger discussed the amendments to the 2020 Water and Sewer budget.

Motion by Peterson, support by Bean to accept the amendments to the 2020 Water and Sewer budget. Motioned Carried: 5-0.

Harbor Commission: Mayor Gehring reports that Water Street Adventures, a company from East Jordan, MI will be taking the old finger docks from the harbor and restoring them for use in East Jordan.

Planning Commission/RRC representative J. Schwanz reports she has been taking classes on line through the state for training for planning commission members. Schwanz also reports she has been working with a subsidiary of Consumers Energy gathering information as to Harrisville becoming a hub for charging stations for electric cars. This is very promising.

Airport Commission Assistant Manager Colleen Higgins reports there is some interest in the cutting of the white pines along the boundary of the airport.

Comment Cards: Sheriff Scott Stevenson informed council of options available to the city for the payment of liquor inspections the Sheriff's Department does for the city. He also informed council of two police cars that are up for bid from the department. Sheriff Stevenson also reported on current and past investigations and arrests and the testing procedures in place at the jail when taking in new inmates. Sheriff Stevenson reported that there is a shortage of First Responders in the county.

County Commissioner Candidate Bill Thompson spoke with council about his qualifications to become a county commissioner and detailed his involvement on the county board in the past and his involvement in the considerable county projects as to date.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Bean inquired about the progress of the playground. Mayor Gehring informed that three bids have been received for the ground work needed prior to placing any new equipment. The bids have been sent to OHM Engineering representative Vanessa Warren who is working with the DNR and the grant process.

Motion to adjourn: Mayor Gehring.

Adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

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Clerk \_\_\_\_\_