

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on September 12, 2022 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, Treasurer Luenberger, Council Members: Peterson, Kaiser, Schwanz, Bean, City Attorney Cook and guests. Absent: Bauermeister. Clerk Pierce and Alderman Mason arrived at 7:03 PM.

Motion by Bean, support by Peterson to approve the minutes of August 8, 2022. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Schwanz to pay the bills in the amount of \$42,202.31. Motion carried: 4-0.

Fall clean-up and Hydrant flushing schedule is as follows:

CLEAN-UP: Friday, October 14, 2022, and Friday, October 28, 2022. Bagged leaves and brush secured in bundles will be picked up at street side.

HYDRANT FLUSHING: Weeks of Oct. 3rd-14th, 2022.

A request from Craftmakers Cabin to have, temporarily on site, a “gazebo” and “Buck Pole” to be sold by the Cabin committee to raise \$500.00 for repair of the logs on the cabin.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Bean to approve Craftmaker Cabin’s request to temporarily amend the lease to allow them to display the structures on site for fund raising purposes. Motion carried: 5-0.

A letter of resignation from Bruce Beyer, Harbor Commission Chairman was discussed.

Motion by Bean, support by Kaiser to accept Bruce Byer’s resignation as chairman of the Harbor Commission. Motion carried: 5-0.

REPORTS

Treasurer Luenberger indicated that Wednesday, September 14, 2022 is the last day to pay Summer 2022 taxes. She will be in the city office from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 for in person payment of taxes. Treasurer Luenberger also recommended approval for the city assessor to have Assessment Change Notices printed and mailed by Whitlock.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson to approve assessors request to use Whitlock for the Assessment Change Notices. Motion carried: 5-0.

Attorney Cook shared with council his intent to step down as City Attorney at the end of this year, 2022. He will continue his private law practice.

Harbor Commission reported by Mayor Gehring that transient boat usage of the marina has increased this season.

Planning Commissioner Schwanz reported on the on-going work updating the Master Plan. Denise Cline, NEMCOG representative, is working with the planning commission on finalizing the Master Plan. Once this is complete, the Recreation Plan update will follow. The planning commission is looking for new members to fill a city resident and non-city resident vacancy.

Tree Board member Keerl informed that Griff and Son Tree Service has been notified to inspect several trees of concern within the city.

County Commissioner Thompson reports that the County Fair for 2022 went very well and plans are in the offing for 2023. There will be a Barn Tour on October 14-15, 2022 encompassing the counties of Alcona, Alpena and Presque Isle. A Bump and Run is planned for October 8, 2022.

Comment Cards: Resident Andy Vanderheuel commented that some of the trees on Main Street need to be trimmed because of low hanging branches that are impeding pedestrian travel. Bob Turek updated council as to the work being done by the volunteers of the Pickle Ball group. They have power washed the pavilion on the court lawn and secured wire in the ceiling to keep birds from roosting in the rafters. He also shared some thoughts as to the next steps the committee has for continued use of the courts. Marci Redlawsk shared the continuing efforts of a group of volunteers offering ideas for decorating Main Street for the Christmas season. Kathy Ashton asked what the process would be to utilize the utility poles on Main St. to update those speakers. Lynn Kosto shared information from the Depot Committee as to a fund-raising project for help in the restoration of the Depot.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Schwanz has proposed a mural project meant to raise interest in painting murals at different locations around town.

Motion to adjourn by Mason.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Next City Council meeting: Monday, October 10, 2022 at City Hall at 7:00 PM.

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Clerk _____