

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on November 14, 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, Clerk Pierce, Council Members: Peterson, Kaiser, Schwanz, Mason, Bean, Bauermeister and guests. Absent: Attorney Cook.

Motion by Mason, support by Bean to approve the minutes of October 10, 2022. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Bean, support by Kaiser to pay the bills in the amount of \$45,372.27. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Gerhing addressed correspondence from resident Charlene Talbot concerning city's response to emergency shelters for use for city residents during power outages, etc. Discussion.

Mayor Gehring asked to set the Budget Hearing for the 2023 Water/Sewer Budget, for December 12, 2022 at 7:15 PM.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Bauermeister to set the budget hearing for the 2023 Water/Sewer Budget for December 12, 2022 at 7:15 PM. Motion carried: 6-0.

As decreed by Mayor Gehring, Holiday Office Closures shall be:

Thanksgiving: November 24 and 25, 2022. Christmas: December 23, 26, 2022. New Year: December 30th, 2022, January 2, 2023. The city office will reopen Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring reports the Master Plan has been sent to council for review. Denise Cline, NEMCOG representative, has reviewed and updated the Master Plan for a final review. The plan will now be sent to surrounding municipalities for approval (Greenbush, Harrisville Township, Village of Lincoln). A final vote of approval will be in February, 2023.

The Train Depot Committee has requested a letter of support from the city to Lake State Railway for the restoration of the depot. Mayor Gehring has responded with a letter to support the restoration project.

Motion by Mason, support by Bean to approve Master Plan upon approval of surrounding municipalities within a 63-day approval timeframe. Ayes: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Motion carried: 6-0.

Clerk Pierce reports the General Election of November 8, 2022 went very well. A total of 236 votes were cast with 84 ballots being Absent Voter ballots. A total of 405 voters are recorded on the city Voter List.

Treasurer Luenberger reports that Winter 2022 Taxes will be sent out December 1, 2022.

Harbor Commission Mayor Gehring reports that Harbormaster Alexander will call a commission meeting for December. The bubbling system at the docks has had updates completed for the winter season. The two commercial fishing boats that rent dockage at the harbor have not yet signed a rental agreement for the 2023 season.

Planning Commissioner Schwanz reports the commission recommends approval of the resident request for vacation of part of Adams and 4th Street.

Motion by Mason, support by Peterson for approval of vacation of said portions of streets pending approval of attorney. Motion carried: 6-0.

Schwanz reports that the planning commission has recommended Ed Chrumka, Todd Zellman, and Mike Stone to fill vacancies on the planning commission. The vacancies will be approved pending council confirmation with additional data from the planning commission as to term limits per each member of the commission.

Fire Department Mayor Gehring reports the fire department had three major fire calls on election day.

County Commissioner Thompson reports that the commission meeting dates have been moved to Mondays. The county will be having a county-wide clean-up on the 3rd Saturday in May, 2023. Consumers Energy set up generators for the township election sites that had no power because of the power outage from the storm.

Comment Cards: Guest B. Turek questioned when the next Planning Commission will meet. Becky Bean addressed the Pocket Park Plans for decorations. M. Redlawsk reported on progress of city Christmas decorations and was told that a new electrical outlet has been installed at the end of Main St. for their decorations. Kathy Ashton shared information regarding Christmas in the Village for 2022: Saturday, December 3, 2022, 9 AM-3 PM-Harrisville Arts Council Building, 3rd. Street will offer horse drawn wagon rides, with cookies and hot chocolate served. Arts and Craft vendors will be at Maria Hall at St. Annes Catholic Church from 9 AM-3 PM.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Bauermeister addressed and suggested the use of the county-wide clean-up project and all the work that goes into planning this scope of a project.

Motion to adjourn by Mason, support by Bean. Adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, December 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

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