

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council for February 13, 2023 was held 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: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Vanderheuel, and Mason. Absent Bean.

Motion by Mason, support by Bauermeister to approve the minutes of January 16, 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Vanderheuel to pay the bills in the amount of \$38,248.83. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Gehring updated council about playground project information which required additional information and corrections to be submitted to the state by OHM.

Mayor Gehring shared with council that the State of Michigan is offering a 100% funding of the lagoon project (sewer) which is in the amount of \$10.6 million and will allow the lagoons and the Clark Street pumping station to be renovated and updated. Preliminary details are being worked out.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Kaiser to set the Tax Board of Review dates as follows:

Organizational Meeting: March 7th, 2023, 10:15 A.M.

March 14, 2023: 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. March 16, 2023: 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

July 18, 2023: 9:00 A.M. (If needed). December 12, 2023: 9:00 A.M. (If needed).

Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor presented letter from Friends of Cuyler Park requesting use of the baseball fields at Cuyler Park for an Old Timers game on September 23, 2023.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Mason to approve request by Friends of Cuyler Park to use the baseball fields on Saturday, September 23, 2023 (rain date-September 24, 2023) for an Old Timers game. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring presented council with a request by the Harrisville Arts Council for approval to close a portion of Main Street on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 3rd. Street to 1st Street and possibly 1st Street to Lake Street for additional use, from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM. This closure would be used for an Antique Car Show, a Chili Cook-Off, a 50s and 60s Costume Contest and a Dance Off. The funds raised will be donated to the Alcona High School German Club to fund a club trip.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Vanderheuel to approve closure of said portions of Main Street on May 20, 2023, with details to be worked out. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring reviewed the Alcona County Land Division Act Services Agreement with council.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz to approve mayor and clerk to sign Alcona County Land Division Services Agreement. Motion carried: 5-0.

Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. has requested approval for the permit for the fireworks display on Saturday, July 1, 2023 at the Harrisville Harbor.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Mason to approve the permit from Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. for the fireworks display on Saturday, July 1, 2023 at the Harrisville Harbor. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring discussed the Sheriff's Deputies contracted work for the City of Harrisville.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz to set the General Fund Budget and Truth and Taxation Hearing for March 13, 2023 at 7:05 PM. Motion carried: 5-0. Clerk to publish notice.

REPORTS

Mayor updated council on the marijuana provisioning facilities in the city. "Highly Cannaco" which owns the building at 108 N. US 23, Harrisville, MI 48740, formerly Moosetales, to begin renovation soon. "Consume" is in the process of restructuring and "Blooming Buds" will have a grand opening on March 17th.

Treasurer Luenberger will hold a Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2023

Harbormaster Steve Alexander reports that 35% of slips are already rented for the season. The Harbor will have an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) available and on hand for medical emergencies. The Harbor has received 5 letters of interest to fill a vacancy on the Harbor Commission. Interviews will take place soon.

Planning Commission Ex-Officio Schwanz reports that there will be a Public Hearing on March 8, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the city offices, for the public to discuss any questions related to the Master Plan prior to adoption. Schwanz adds that the Planning Commission will be holding additional meetings throughout the year to begin updating the Recreation Plan.

Motion by Mason, support by Vanderheuel for clerk to publish notice of Public Hearing for the Master Plan. Motion carried: 5-0.

Fire Department Assistant Chief Keerl reports that the fire department is acquiring an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to add to its equipment for medical emergencies.

County Commissioner Johnston reports on several state grants available for Parks and Blight eradication. The VA office will be moving to the old Building Department space attached to the Sheriff's Department building.

Comment Cards: Monica Spears informs that there is a NarCan box available next to the Food Pantry building at the Harrisville Methodist Church. Steve Arens shares that the HHG grocery store and Laundromat on Main Street, both of which he owns, will be closing soon. Becky Schroeder shared that the Depot Preservation group has a "to do" list and encourages volunteers to reach out to assist in the effort. Ryan Mendyka encourages everyone to purchase a "Heart for a Heart" being sold for \$5.00 each, at businesses in town to raise funds for the acquisition of an AED for the fire department. Tim Slezak commented on the ongoing zoning questions concerning the "temporary" building on his property at Mill Creek Café and how to bring visitors to Harrisville. Harry Harvey, representing the County Road Commission, reported on road closings this spring north of Harrisville on US23.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Mason commented on the closing of the HHG grocery store.

Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Kaiser to adjourn. Adjourned at 8:16 PM.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____