

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council scheduled for January 9, 2023 at the City Office was cancelled because of lack of a quorum. The meeting is rescheduled for Monday, January 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

The rescheduled meeting of city council for January 16, 2023 was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Gehring. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present: Mayor Gehring, Treasurer Luenberger, Clerk Pierce, Council Members: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Mason, Vanderheuel, and guests. Absent: Bean.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Kaiser to approve the minutes of December 12, 2022. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Mason to pay the bills in the amount of \$27,420.02. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz to un-table a motion from December 12, 2022 concerning funding for the Summer Concert series. Motion carried: 5-0. Discussion.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz to increase the Summer Concert budget up to \$3500.00 for the 2023 season with a review of the series budget at the October 9, 2023 city council meeting for discussion of funding for the Concert series in 2024. Motion carried: 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Gehring shared a letter of interest from Mary Peterson to fill a vacancy on the Tax Board of Review. Discussion.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz to appoint Mary Peterson to fill the vacancy on the Tax Board of Review. Motion carried: 5-0.

ORGANIZATION

Mayor Gehring recommended the law firm of White and Wojda to be retained as attorneys representing the City of Harrisville. Discussion.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Vanderheuel for mayor to negotiate a per hourly rate, and means of being present via zoom, phone calls, etc. for council meetings with the law firm of White and Wojda for retention as City Attorneys. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Kaiser to set City Council meeting times, at City Hall, as the 2nd Monday of the Month at 7:00 P.M. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Kaiser to appoint Jacquelyn Schwanz as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Bauermeister to appoint Marjory French as Deputy Clerk for the City of Harrisville. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mason, support by Kaiser to appoint Thomas Keerl as Deputy Treasurer for the City of Harrisville. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz to appoint Jim Kaiser as Street and Sidewalk Administrator for 2023. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Mason, support by Schwanz to reconfirm Clerk as City Census Administrator for 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel to confirm Jim Kaiser as FEMA Representative for 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Mason to appoint Thomas Keerl as city Web Site Coordinator for 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Schwanz to appoint David Bauermeister as Ex-Officio to the Harbor Commission. Motion carried: 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Schwanz, support by Bauermeister to approve Tom Keerl, DPW Director, to sign the MDOT Transportation Economic Development Fund, Category B – Project program application. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring updated council as to the status of the Recreation Passport Project Agreement for the playground at the harbor. The city project coordinators, OHM Engineering, has not completed and submitted outstanding paperwork for the state. This is leaving the city a deficit of \$128,000 which the state grant will reimburse to the city upon submittal of the finalized forms.

Mayor Gehring also updated council as to the status of the lagoon project, headed by OHM Engineering. OHM has not responded with any timely information as to their progress in securing grant possibilities for the city. Alderman Bauermeister suggested Summary Letters be sent to OHM indicating the timeline of inactivity and monies already spent for each project.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Vanderheuel to appoint J. Schwanz and T. Mason to the finance committee for term ending December 31, 2023. Motion carried: 5-0.

Moratorium Review on number of Marijuana Facilities in the city was discussed. Decision was made on November 9, 2020 at the city council meeting to hold the number of facilities to three.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Kaiser to continue the moratorium and review it on a yearly basis. Next review set for January 8, 2024. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Mason to confirm appointment of Richard Dunn, Mary Peterson, and Paul Althoff to the Tax Board of Review for the term ending December 31, 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Bauermeister to confirm appointment of L. Schwanz, A. Kay as Zoning Board of Appeal members, (3- year terms to end December 31, 2025) with a floor nomination of Warner Vanderheuel to fill a vacancy on the board. Vanderheuel nomination accepted and confirmed. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Mason to confirm appointments of Becky Bean, Dave Reigle, Tom Keerl as Tree Board members. Motion carried: 5-0.

Treasurer Luenberger addressed the investment policy of the city.

Motion by Mason, support by Kaiser to reconfirm and accept the investment policy as presented by the Treasurer for 2023 using the following banks: Huron Community Bank, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, Northland Area Federal Credit Union, Nicolet, PNC and to do business with said institutions. Motion carried: 5-0. Ayes: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Mason, Vanderheuel. Nays: 0.

A Finance meeting will be held on February 16, 2023 at 12:00 PM.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Mason to approve clerk to submit MDOT Application for use of M-72 and US-23 for annual activities and repairs use permit.

Request from Kathy Asheton for use of Main Street and Lake Street and the Harbor Pavilion for the Fourth of July Kid's Parade on Saturday, July 1, 2023, from 12:30 PM-3:00PM.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel to approve K. Ashton's request to use city properties for the Fourth of July Kid's Parade on Saturday, July 1, 2023. Motion carried: 5-0.

The Harrisville Harbor Commission recommends Tom Keerl, term ending December 31, 2023; Steve Arens, term ending December 31, 2024; Tim Claseman, term ending December 31, 2024, to serve as members of the harbor commission.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Mason to approve appointment of Tom Keerl, Steve Arens, Tim Claseman as members of the harbor commission. Motion carried: 5-0.

Bill Thompson, Recycle Alcona, requested a "payment for services" from the city for the Alcona County, County Wide Clean-Up on May 20, 2023.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz to pay \$750.00 for services to Recycle Alcona for the county wide clean-up on May 20, 2023.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Mason, support by Schwanz to adopt City of Harrisville Poverty Exemption Policy-2023. Motion carried; 5-0.

#2023-01: Resolution for Poverty Exemption. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor/Assessor and Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these reasons are communicated in writing to the claimant.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel to adopt Resolution #2023-01. Ayes: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Vanderheuel. Nay: Mason. Motion carried: 4-0.

#2023-02: Authorization to Allow Local Residents to Protest in Writing to Board of Review. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Harrisville of Alcona County that all resident taxpayers, or their agents, are authorized to protest to the board of review by letter. Said letters must be delivered to the physical or electronic address provided in the public notice or publication. For the March meeting of the board of review, letters must be received prior to the deadline on the publication. For the July and December meetings of the board of review, letters must be received by 5:00 pm on the day prior to the meeting stated on the public notice; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Harrisville shall include a statement notifying taxpayers of this option in each assessment notice under section 24c and on each notice or publication of the meeting of the board of review.

Motion by Mason, support by Schwanz to adopt Resolution #2023-02. Ayes: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Mason, Vanderheuel. Nays: 0. Abstain: 0. Motioned Carried: 5-0.

#2023-03: Asset Level Test to be used by the Board of Review. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that liquid assets of no more than \$5000.00 and no other tangible assets with the exception of one automobile and one primary residence, subject to being adjusted or amended by the Board of Review or any other additional pertinent information on a case-by case basis. Income producing assets shall be treated at the discretion of the Board of Review.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Vanderheuel to adopt Resolution #2023-03. Ayes: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Vanderheuel. Nays: Mason. Motion carried: 4-0.

Maureen Sullivan, representing The Harrisville Fireworks Fund, requested approval of Resolution #2023-04 for a charitable gaming license. Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel to approve gaming license for The Harrisville Fireworks Fund for fundraising. Ayes: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Mason, Vanderheuel. Nays: 0. Motion carried: 5-0.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring addressed the Fire Department grant which is providing county-wide funds to fire departments for purchase of pagers and radios in the amount of \$4999.00. Mayor Gehring is also gathering information as to the Blight management grant awarded to the county. There was a traffic accident at the intersection of Main Street and Lake Street and the driver of a vehicle slid into the water fountain on the corner and destroyed the stone structure surrounding the fountain.

Clerk Pierce: Summer Concert dates will be Wednesdays, July 5,12, 19, 26 and August 2, 2023. All dates have been booked.

Treasurer Luenberger presented the adjustments to the 2023 Water/Sewer and General Fund budgets.

Motion by Mason, support by Bauermeister to approve the adjustments to the 2023 Water/Sewer budget. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Mason, support by Vanderheuel to approve the adjustments to the General Fund budget for 2023. Motion carried: 5-0.

Harbormaster Alexander addressed the updates and unexpected expenses incurred by the harbor this past season for major repairs to the harbor building infrastructure and the bubblers at the docks. He addressed grants being sought for repairs to the stairway at the lower parking lot and a Rain Garden being planned in conjunction with the elementary school and MSU Extension. The harbor Facebook page has been updated and he addressed the advantage of Food Trucks being available during concerts at the harbor.

Planning Commission Ex-Officio J. Schwanz recommends Mike Stone, Ed Chrumka, Todd Zellmann to fill vacancies on the planning commission.

Motion by Mason, support by Kaiser to approve appointment of Mike Stone, Ed Chrumka, Todd Zellmann to the Planning Commission.

Fire Department Assistant Chief Tom Keerl discussed the grant received from the MDNR/Forest Resources Division, for a county wide grant for pagers and radios and the state mandated 12 hours of training, yearly, for fire fighters. If continuing education not maintained, the state will rescind an individual's certification.

Comment Cards: Guest Patty Thomas urges the community to support the \$12.5 million state grant for the community housing project proposed by the Senior Center of Lincoln. Information available on the ACCOA website. Warner Vanderheuel addressed his information gathered from the state concerning the traffic speed limits on US23, north and south.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Schwanz has been in contact with NEMCOG for information concerning grant potential for the proposed Art/Mural project for the city. Mason congratulated harbormaster on the excellent camera system installed at the harbor.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel for meeting to be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Next City Council meeting February 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

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Mayor_____ Clerk_____