

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on March 13, 2023 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: Kaiser, Schwanz, Vanderhueul, Mason, Bauermeister, and guests. Absent: Bean.

Motion by Mason, support by Bauermeister to approve February 13, 2023 minutes. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz to pay the bills for March 13, 2023 in the amount of \$37, 339.77. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Gehring updated council as to the progress of the Playground grant request. It has been resubmitted to the state by OHM Engineering and the city is awaiting a response.

OHM Engineering is in the process of refining the lagoon grant proposal to be submitted to the state. More meetings are planned in the future to define and amend the grant prior to final submission.

Mayor Gehring opened the General Fund Budget, 2023-2024 Truth and Taxation Hearing at 7:05 PM. The treasurer and finance committee members reviewed the General Fund Budget, Fire, Liquor, DPW Revolving Fund, Marijuana Licensing, Major, Minor Streets with council for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Mayor Gehring announced, as part of the Truth and Taxation requirement, that the City of Harrisville would collect the maximum millage allowed as required by law. The meeting was opened to the public with no comments. The meeting was closed at 7:14 PM.

Motion by Mason, support by Vanderheuel to approve the new General Fund, Fire, DPW Revolving Fund, Liquor, Marijuana Licensing, Major and Minor Budgets, as presented to council, for fiscal year 2023-2024. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring presented a letter from Inspiration Alcona for permission to use city property at the Harbor Pavilion, Fridays, from June 16, 2023-September 1, 2023, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM at a cost of \$35.00 per evening.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Mason for Inspiration Alcona to use the Harbor Pavilion from June 16, 2023-September 1, 2023, Friday evenings at a cost of \$35.00 per evening, pursuant to a new contract proposal. Motion carried: 5-0.

Resolution #2023-04 between the City of Harrisville and the Michigan Department of Transportation authorizing DPW supervisor Tom Keerl to sign Contract No.23-5046 between the city and MDOT.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Kaiser for DPW supervisor Tom Keerl to sign said contract between the City of Harrisville and MDOT. Motion carried: 5-0. Ayes: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Mason, Vanderheuel. Nays: 0. Absent: Bean.

The Personal Property Annual Canvas Policy was presented to council for approval. "In order to ensure accurate assessments the City of Harrisville is required to establish a policy regarding the inspection (canvassing) of personal property" done by the City of Harrisville's Assessor to determine if personal property has been removed or added to parcels within the city during the preceding tax year."

Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Bauermeister for the City of Harrisville to establish the Personal Property Annual Canvas Policy. Ayes: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Vanderheuel. Nays: Mason. Absent: Bean. Motion carried: 4-1.

Resolution #2023-05: Adoption of City of Harrisville Master Plan. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The content of this document, together with all maps attached to and contained herein are hereby adopted by the City of Harrisville city council as the Master Plan on this 13th day of March, 2023.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz to adopt Resolution #2023-05 as the current Master Plan for the City of Harrisville. Motion carried: 5-0. Ayes: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Mason, Vanderheuel. Nays: 0. Absent: Bean.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring reports to council he is working to have council members, planning commission, and employees to have their own priority email addresses from the city for ease of communication from constituents, between council members and the city, directly. Mayor Gehring informed council of the pending purchase of security cameras for the city offices, the fire department areas and the outside areas of the building. State allocated marijuana dollars paid to the city, will be used for the purchase. Mayor Gehring shared that various contractors have been contacted as to the repair of the fountain at Lake St. and Main St. Contractor's estimates for the work will be sent to the insurance company covering the cost of the repair. The Harbor Commission has chosen not to fill a vacancy on the commission, at this time, referring to the harbor bylaws for clarification.

Alderman Bauermeister asked for clarification from Attorney Dan White's office concerning the possibility of reimbursements for the FOIA work which Dan White's office has done for the city and the city has paid for.

Harbor Commissioner Keerl addressed that the commission will review the commission bylaws as to number of members required on the commission.

Planning Commissioner Schwanz discussed the Community Development Block Grant which would enable communities to make critical improvements to new and/or existing spaces. Schwanz was given support from council to pursue the work required to apply for this grant. Alderman Schwanz presented the NEMCOG proposal to update the city's Recreation Plan. The Recreation plan needs to be updated every 5 years and cannot be started until the Master Plan is in place. NEMCOG's proposal to provide services to the city has a proposed budget of \$4,500.00.

Motion by Mason, support by Vanderheuel to approve the NEMCOG proposed budget of \$4,500.00 to provide services to the city for the updating of the Recreation Plan. Motion carried: 5-0.

Comment Cards: Guest Warner Vanderheuel informed council of his progress working with the state on the regulation of speed limits on US23 and M72. Sandy Mendyka was thanked for her efforts in a successful fundraiser for the purchase of 3 AEDs. One will be donated to the fire department, one to the harbor and a third place to be determined. Sandy and Ryan Mendyka are stepping down from their work on organizing the Labor Day Parade. The city thanks them for all their effort in continuing this tradition. Maureen Sullivan spoke about a planned ATV/ORV Poker Run for May 6, 2023 as a VIP fundraiser for the 4th of July Fireworks display. Tim Slezsak spoke about forming a Fishing Committee of individuals interested in bring fishing back to the area.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Mason questioned the progress concerning the structure at the Mill Creek Café. He was told by the owner that the building will be moved and conform to the zoning for that type of building. Mason also inquired on the continued treatment of invasive species in the city. Tom Keerl is working on a new contract with Huron Pines. Alderman Schwanz indicated that fundraising can begin for the city mural project through Inspiration Alcona.

Schwanz/Vanderheuel moved meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____