

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on April 10, 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: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Vanderheuel and guests.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Mason to approve the minutes of March 13, 2023. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Kaiser to pay the bills in the amount of \$48,076.65. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring informed council that the state plaque for the playground has arrived and will be installed soon. There are still finishing requirements that need to be addressed to complete the state requirements for the Passport Grant.

As a member of the Wine and Food Festival committee, Alderman Vanderhuel is asking city permission to use the upper parking lot at the harbor and surrounding area for the annual Wine and Food Festival, scheduled for Saturday, July 15, 2023.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Bean for the Wine and Food Festival committee to use the upper parking lot and surrounding area for the annual Wine and Food Festival scheduled for Saturday, July 15, 2023 subject to all liabilities being fulfilled by the committee and submitted to the city. Motion carried: 6-0.

Hydrant Flushing will be May 1st-May 12th, 2023.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring adds a reminder that the Harrisville Fireworks fund is holding an ATV/ORV fireworks fund raiser on Saturday, May 6, 2023. The baseball field parking lots will be in use for the gathering and parking of the participants. The harbor bathrooms will be available.

Clerk Pierce addressed the Lake Huron Forever initiative which is a student-led stewardship effort which will take place at the Harrisville Harbor in conjunction with students from Alcona High School and the Harbor Administration.

Treasurer Luenberger presented the Current Budget Adjustments Worksheet for the General, Fire, Major/Minor and Water/Sewer Funds for this quarter, for review.

Motion by Mason, support by Bauermeister to approve adjustments for funds reviewed. Motion carried: 6-0.

Harbor Commission has requested a loan from the city in the amount of \$20,000.00 as start up collateral for the 2023 preseason purchase of fuel supplies, with a condition of repayment by August 15, 2023. A service fee of 1% is proposed by the commission for this service.

Motion by Mason, support by Schwanz to provide the amount of \$20,000.00 to the Harbor Commission for preseason expenses, to be repaid by August 15, 2023. The 1% service fee will be waived. Motion carried: 6-0.

Planning Commission will meet on April 12, 2023 at 6:30.

Airport Assistant Manager C. Higgins reports that the issue of trees at the north end of the runway needs to be addressed again.

Fire Department Chief D. Klukowski reports that new fire hoses have been ordered in the amount of \$9,000.00. Chief Klukowski is asking council approval for \$15, 000.00 for the

purchase of radio replacements for all fire department vehicles. A Thank You to Medical First Responder Roger Klukowski for his response to a medical emergency.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel for approval of \$15, 000.00 for purchase of replacement radios for all fire department vehicles, contingent upon Harrisville Township approval of request. Motion carried: 6-0.

Comment Cards: Kaylie Landrum of Harrisville Twp. brought forth a request for use of the baseball field area during Labor Day Weekend 2023, for an Agri-Science exhibition with vendors and tours of the hoop house. The city requests a letter indicating specifics of use to be considered. Kathy Ashton requested closure of Main St. for the Kid's Parade on Saturday, July 1, 2023. Discussion. Tim Slezak discussed forming a Fishing Committee of which he is president. He also indicated that Harrisville could take advantage of Pure Michigan advertisement promoting Harrisville.

Council Last Comments: Alderman Schwanz reported that a \$750K grant proposal she was looking into, was very involved and that the time needed was extensive and not within the realm of completing in the time allocated. Alderman Bauermeister reminded council that there is an ex-officio position available on the Harbor Commission since he had resigned from that position in March. Alderman Vanderheuel volunteered to fill that position.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Bauermeister to approve Alderman Vanderheuel to fill the position of ex-officio to the Harbor Commission. Motion carried: 6-0.

Alderman Kaiser commented on the deteriorating condition of some of the metal benches on Main St. Discussion.

Alderman Vanderheuel commented that there is some missing information on the city website and that it needs to be updated.

Motion to adjourn by Mason, support by Bauermeister. Motion carried: 6-0.

Adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is May 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

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Mayor_____

Clerk_____

