

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on June 12, 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.

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

Motion by Schwanz, support by Bauermeister to move Public Comments to

Motion to amend the minutes of May 8, 2023 by Vanderheuel, support by Schwanz. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Bean, support by Schwanz to approve the minutes of May 8, 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz to pay the bills in the amount of \$60,768.13. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Bauermeister to move Public Comments to beginning of Agenda because of the seeming over-capacity of the room. Motion carried: 5-0.

Comment Cards: Guest Becky Bean shared information about the garden club doing a clean-up at the harbor overlook. Volunteers are needed. Becky Bean informed that the Garden Club Annual Garden Walk will be July 22, 2023. The Pocket Park will be offering brick pavers for sale. Kathy Ashton discussed continuing plans and road closures for the 4th of July Kids Bike Parade. Tim Slezsak discussed the idea of a "Cardboard" boat race at the Mill Pond. Bradly Cecil addressed city airport issues and volunteered his help with airport issues. Judy MacNeill discussed the Farm to Fork project. Monica Spears requested the Annual Fourth of July Kid's Parade be moved to Lake St. Doug Cheek and Laura Frawley discussed the use of the Harbor bathrooms.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz to have bathrooms open when Harbor Pavilion is rented to be funded at end of season by the city. Motion carried: 5-0.

In Old Business: Mayor Gehring requested a motion to un-table discussion of security cameras at the playground.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz to un-table discussion of security cameras at the Harbor Playground. Motion carried: 5-0. Discussion.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz to decline purchase of security cameras from CATCH-M-CAMS for the Harbor Playground. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring requested a motion to un-table the presentation from Highly Cannico by Eric Ryant.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel to un-table Highly Cannico discussion. Motion carried: 5-0. Presentation by Eric Ryant. Discussion.

Motion by Mason, support by Bauermeister to table for further discussion. Motion carried: 5-0.

In New Business: Mayor Gehring presented request from John Boufford and Jim Berry of a proposed history project for downtown Harrisville and to use city light poles to attach a holder for a QR code to a history video. Discussion.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Vanderheuel to approve the request for use of the city light poles as a holder for the QR history video. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring opened discussion from Bloomin Buds owner Nathan Keith about a delivery service from the provisioning center. Discussion.

Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Schwanz to send request to Planning Commission for review and recommendation. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring discussed with council the use of marijuana licensing money for the purpose of purchasing two motorized bikes for the Sheriff's department to enhance the presence of the department in the city. Discussion.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz to purchase two motorized bikes for the sheriff's department in the amount of \$8178.00 and an additional \$1000.00 for accessories totaling \$9178. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring presented to council the bid of \$541.50 from C & S Dust Control for chloride treatment of the ballfield parking lots. Discussion. Suggestion to add "dust control" to yearly April agenda.

Motion by Mason, support by Bauermeister to approve \$541.50 to C & S Dust Control to chloride the baseball field parking lots. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring addressed bid from Hart Tire to powder coat and clear coat the bench and trash bin at Harbortown Mall. Discussion.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Bean to approve Hart Tire to powder coat outdoor furniture at Harbortown Mall in the amount of \$1100.00. Motion carried: 6-0.

A request from Craftmakers Cabin to use city property for the 4th of July Craft and Vendor Fair was brought to council. Discussion.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Bean to approve Craftmakers Cabin request to use city property June 30 to July 2, 2023 for Craft and Vendor Fair. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Bauermeister, to excuse mayor at approximately 9:00 PM and appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Schwanz to continue meeting. Motion carried: 5-0.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Schwanz stated that she would create a city FOIA Procedures and Guidelines. Discussion of city Finance committee meeting times. Discussion of Harbor Commission open chair. Discussion of city streets project..

Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Bauermeister to place notification of street project in Summer Tax bills to all property owners. Motion carried: 5-0.

Clerk Pierce shared that the Summer Concert Series will be back again this summer at the Harbor Pavilion beginning Wednesday, July 5- Wednesday, August 2, 2023. Clerk Pierce would like to thank the Harrisville Arts Council and Lincoln Sand and Gravel, Inc., for their support in funding of the printing of the concert brochures and Alcona County Review for their printing services. FYI Oscoda-AuSable Chamber of Commerce brochure. Discussion pertaining to monthly City Council agenda items. Discussion that clerk email agenda two weeks prior to city council meeting to all alderman. Realistically, the agenda is not usually finalized until the Friday prior to Monday Council meetings. Discussion of approval of Agenda after Roll Call at beginning of council meeting.

Clerk Pierce addressed question of Ex-Officio per diems for additional meetings. Discussion.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Mason to table discussion of per diems for ex-officios for additional meetings attended by city council liaisons. Motion carried: 5-0.

Treasurer Luenberger requested additional pay for additional hours worked creating property tax rolls due to the county's withdrawal of services. Discussion.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Vanderheuel to amend the budget to increase the treasurer's stipend for tax work an additional \$300.00 per year. Motion carried: 5-0.

Planning Commissioner J. Schwanz reports the updated Recreation Plan is almost completed and a survey will go out to the public for input. The next Planning Commission meeting is Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Harbor Master Alexander shared information about the \$5000.00 grant from Alcona High School to plant and maintain a rain garden at the harbor. The annual Fishing Tournament was very successful. Fuel sales are down as of now. All but three seasonal slips are rented and paid in full.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Bauermeister to appoint Bradly Cecil to the Airport Commission. Motion carried: 5-0.

Monica Spears addressed concern about the sidewalk edging debris not being cleared from the sidewalks after edging was complete. Judy MacNeill shared the progress of the Farm to Fork project. Laura Frawley and Doug Cheek discussed concerns of the availability of Public Bathrooms being open during the hours of their respective concert evenings.

Council Last Comment: Alderman Vanderheuel shared her concern about the trash receptacle in front of her business on Main Street not being emptied in a timely manner.

Vanderheuel moved meeting to be adjourned. Support by Bauermeister. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 P. M.

Next City Council meeting: July 10, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____