

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on August 14, 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 and guests.

Roll Call: Schwanz, Kaiser, Bauermeister, Mason, Bean, Vanderheuel.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Vanderheuel to approve agenda, with additions. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Bean, support by Schwanz to approve the minutes of July 10, 2023. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Bauermeister, support Mason to pay the bills in the amount of \$294,702.07. Motion carried: 6-0.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Gehring addressed letter of interest from Eric Ryant, owner of “Highly Cannaco” the new provisioning store in the city, offering to utilize the side of his building as a venue for local art, ie: a welcoming sign to Harrisville, and the use of landscaping on his front lawn of the business for sculptures, etc. Discussion.

Mayor Gehring addressed the issue of hiring an airport manager and what that entails. Discussion. Alderman Mason had a packet of information concerning the certification requirements needed to become a certified Airport Manager. The information was given to Bradley Cecil who has voiced an interest in the Airport Manager position. Mayor Gehring will further investigate the requirements as well.

### OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Gehring recommends to council a determination with the Fireworks Fund in the form of a motion “contracting” with the Fireworks Fund.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz to approve a supplemental payment to the Fireworks Fund in the amount of \$ 1500.00 for 2023. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Vanderheuel to amend the budget to add the addition of a supplemental payment to the Fireworks Fund for 2024 in the amount of \$1500.00. Motion carried: 6-0.

Discussion as to per diems of ex-officio members of commissions.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz, to change “ex-officio” to “liaison” and to pay Planning Commission liaison and the Harbor commission liaison by the rules of each committee. Motion carried:6-0.

Mayor Gehring addressed FOIA update and will look into getting this completed.

Mayor Gehring addressed the stair condition at the harbor. He had an engineering firm give an unofficial guesstimate on the construction of a new stairway incorporating an ADA access. The firm projected a cost of approximately \$10, 000.00. Mayor Gehring will look further into the project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

MAYOR Gehring addressed request by Kathy Ashton for permission to use Main Street on Sunday, September 3, 2023 from 1:00 PM-2:00 pm for a Labor Day Parade. Discussion.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Bean to approve request to use Main Street on Sunday, September 3, 2023 at 1:00 PM -2:00 PM for Labor Day parade with Main Street being blocked to parking from 7:00 AM-2:00 PM. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring addressed request by Mike Stone for the use of KiKi Cuyler baseball field on Saturday, September 23, 2023 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Old Timers Baseball Game.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Mason for use of KiKi Cuyler Field to be used for the “Old Timer’s ball game on Saturday, September 23, 2023. Motion carried: 6-0.

## **REPORTS**

Mayor Gehring discussed the idea of a permanent fixture at the harbor for fishermen to have their picture taken in front of, with their “catch of the day”.

Treasurer Luenberger asked council for an increase of \$1000.00 on the previously approved purchase of ebikes and a total budget adjustment of \$10178.00.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz to approve an additional \$1000.00 for purchase of ebikes and a total budget adjustment of \$10178.00. Motion carried: 6-0.

Harbor Commission liaison Vanderheuel advised council that the commission is in the process of changing the commission by-laws and the revisions have been given to their attorney.

Planning Commission Schwanz indicates there will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 6:30 at City Hall to address zoning ordinance amendments to the Marijuana zoning within the city. Schwanz also shares there have been 144 Public Survey responses to the Recreation Plan Survey. The state RRC program for underfunded municipalities is offering a Fellowship program in which the state would fund a fellowship person to work with the planning commission and the city for future business and community development. Ed Chrumpka shared information on his research into “Tiny Homes” and the impact on municipalities.

Airport-Bradly Cecil was given information for certification for Airport Managers.

Tree Board member Becky Bean discussed the need for a commitment from the city to address the need for a thorough assessment of the city trees. Dave Riegle, a tree board member, feels there is not a commitment from the city to continue his involvement on the board. Becky discussed the possibility of a stipend for Dave to do his assessment and then the city can go forward with future plans for a GIS system to track the trees and future sites for new plantings. Discussion.

Harrisville State Park supervisor, Eric Ostrander shared information of the fund raising for an Action Trackchair all-terrain wheelchair for use throughout the park. Thanks to Kali’s Cure they are now fully funded to purchase a chair. Congratulations.

Comment Cards: Tim Slezsak reports in conversations with members of the state DNR at a recent Fisheries meeting, the state has committed to supply Harrisville with the planting of 75K salmon in October of 2023, 40K salmon in the spring of 2024 and 15K steelhead in 2024. In addition, Tim shares that the Mill Creek Pond could become an Atlantic Salmon Fishery site. Thank you, Tim. Mike Stone reports that sponsors for the Oldtimers Ball game in September will be supplying banners to be hung on the outfield fences. Pam McCann questioned the city’s emergency disaster contingency plans.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Bean shared concern about flag at Cuyler ballfield being unlit. Alderman Vanderheuel requests a public finance hearing. Date and time to be published. Alderman Schwanz shared a letter of interest from Kaylie Landrum inquiring about use of city property at the ballfield area, Saturday, September 2, 2023 of Labor Day weekend to host an agricultural exhibition and event. Council will wait for more specific information.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Vanderheuel to allow mayor discretion to approve the use of city property at the ballfield area, Saturday, September 2, 2023 upon receipt of information and limited liability insurance.

Vanderheuel/Schwanz moved meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Next City Council meeting, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

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Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_