

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on July 10, 2023 at the City Office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Schwanz and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll Call: Present-Mayor Pro Tem Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Vanderheuel.

Present: Treasurer Luenberger, Clerk Pierce and guests. Absent: Mayor Gehring.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Kaiser to approve agenda. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Bean, support by Kaiser to approve the minutes of June 12, 2023. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Vanderheuel to pay the bills in the amount of \$30,114.07. Motion carried: 6-0.

In Correspondence: Mayor Pro Tem Schwanz addressed the resignation letter from Mickey and Colleen Higgins as Harrisville Airport Managers. Discussion.

Motion by Bean, support by Vanderheuel to accept, with regret, the resignations from Mickey and Colleen Higgins as Airport Managers. Motion carried: 6-0. Council advises clerk to place ad in local newspaper to fill vacancy on the Airport Commission.

A letter from Eric Ryand owner of Highly Cannico, provisioning center, was addressed.

A letter from Friends of Cuyler Park was reviewed and discussed. A formal request for usage of the ball field will be needed from Friends of Cuyler Park for permission from the city for the use of the field on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

An archivist from Grand Valley State University reached out to the city to inform council that they have recently acquired a collection of items containing materials concerning the City of Harrisville. If there are any items about the city, Master Plans, Ordinances, etc. that people would like to contribute, contact Andrea Howard at: howarda!@gvsu.edu.

Old Business: The City of Harrisville's FOIA Procedure and Guidelines, effective July 1, 2015, was compared with the FOIA information Alderman Schwanz sent to all council members for consideration. Discussion. Council suggests sending FOIA requestor, a monetary amount of what the charges would be to fulfill the FOIA request and request a 50% down payment. Mayor Pro Tem Schwanz suggests current City of Harrisville's FOIA Procedures and Guidelines be updated for discussion by the August 14, 2023 city council meeting.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Mason to un-table discussion of ex-officio per diems. Motion carried: 6-0. Discussion.

Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Bean to table discussion of per diems of ex-officio members to August 14, 2023 city council meeting. Motion carried: 6-0.

New Business:

Comments received about 4th of July weekend were all positive and everyone appreciates all the hard work the volunteers put forth to make a very successful celebration. The fireworks were spectacular! Discussion about the lack of streets being blocked off for the Kid's Parade. Discussion of City donation to fireworks fund.

Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Mason to table discussion until August 14, city council meeting. Motion carried: 6-0.

Huron Pines has sent information concerning their spraying of invasive species within the city. The team will be in the city the Week of July 16th. Discussion. Clerk to place ad in local newspaper advising residents of Huron Pines intentions of areas to be addressed.

Harrisville Harbor commission has requested the need for possible repair of the railroad tie stairs from the lower parking lot to the harbor. Discussion.

Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Bean to table the discussion of the city to repairs to the stairs. Motion carried: 6-0.

REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Schwanz reported on information she received concerning an all-terrain wheelchair to be used at the State Park and to partner with the State Park in this endeavor. Donations can be made through the DNR website and directed specifically to Harrisville State Park to support this endeavor.

Treasurer Luenberger reports that a problem with inappropriate trash dumping has been handed over to the proper authorities.

Planning Commission ex-officio J. Schwanz reports the commission will meet on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 6:30 to continue work on updating the Recreation Plan. The commission will also discuss issues concerning a cannabis lounge, delivery of marijuana products in-person and at private areas. A Blight Ordinance will continue to be addressed.

Fire Department reports that Epi-Pens have been purchased to be available on First Responder vehicles.

County Commissioner Johnston reports the county building chimney is being repaired. Veteran's Affairs is moving forward with the Village of Lincoln to secure available land for a building site. The county is looking to hire a director and senior appraiser for the equalization department.

Comment Cards: Guest Tim Sle Zack brought ideas for a cardboard boat race on the Mill Pond. Thank you to the Mayor and the DPW for fixing the sewer problem on US23.

Motion by Mason, support by Bauermeister to approve boat race upon receipt of proof of liability insurance coverage for the planned boat race on the Mill Pond. Motion carried: 6-0.

Marge French asked where the seats and trash bin in front of Harbor Town Mall was. It is being powder coated by Hart Tire in Oscoda. Bradley Cecil addressed his concern about debris being left on the sidewalk after the DPW cuts the city grass. Sharon Goetz addressed her ongoing concern about the parking and beach usage at the end of Dock Street. Sue Oldani addressed her concern about the towing of cars from a private parking lot during the 4th of July Fireworks display.

Mason moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Next City Council meeting: August 14, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

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Mayor _____

Clerk _____