

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on Monday, December 11, 2023.

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: Council Members Schwanz, Mason, Bean, Vanderheuel. Absent: Bauermeister, Kaiser.

Motion by Mason, support by Bean to approve agenda. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Bean, support by Schwanz to approve the minutes of November 13, 2023. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Schwanz to approve minutes of the Special City Council meeting of Tuesday, November 28, 2023, as amended, to include the pay raise of a 12%, one-time salary increase to the treasurer and clerk for 2024. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel to pay the bills in the amount of \$112,905.04. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring shared correspondence from the County Wide Cleanup for 2023. Discussion. Council will address the cities contribution to the County Wide Cleanup in 2024.

Discussion of use of Zoom for city council meetings was tabled until there is full attendance of city council.

Mayor Gehring updated council as to progress on plans for stairway work at the harbor. Discussion.

Alderman Schwanz led discussion with council on results of the Recreation Plan Survey. Discussion.

Mayor Gehring addressed request from Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. for permission to hold the fireworks display for 2024.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel to approve permit of aerial display of fireworks by Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. for 2024. Motion carried: 4-0.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring expressed a Thank You to all the volunteers and the Harrisville Arts Council that made the tree lighting occasion at the end of Main St. a great success. The mayor also addressed a letter from Harbormaster Alexander detailing the usage of the public bathrooms at the harbor during the summer concert series. Discussion.

Treasurer Luenberger shared with council that a reimbursement has been received on sewer project. Discussion by council as to pay increases for mayor and city council members.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel to approve mayor's salary to \$15,416.76 for 2024. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Schwanz to approve city councils per diem rate to \$90.00 per meeting.

Motion by Mason, support by Schwanz to approve Special City Council meetings per diem rate to \$50.00. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring reports the harbor is experiencing a muskrat problem at the docks. The mayor reports he is in contact with a critter control company.

Planning Commission liaison Schwanz states there will be a January 3, 2024 public meeting for review of the Recreation Plan at 6:30 PM. Any comments can be sent to Lane Schwanz at : plnchairschwanz@harrisvillemi.org or Jacquelyn Schwanz at:

Ward3schwanz@harrisvillemi.org. Liaison Schwanz also shared a letter of interest from Tim Slezak to fill a vacancy on the planning commission.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel to appoint Tim Slezak as a member of the planning commission. Motion carried: 4-0.

Comment Cards: Tim Slezak commented on the security of the public bathrooms at the harbor. The condition of sidewalks in the city were also discussed. *Clerk reminds council that there has been a sidewalk repair/replacement grant applied for in April, 2023 through Huron Engineering*.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Mason reports that a DNR permit for fish at the harbor is being researched by Harry Harvey. Schwanz reports concern about lack of replacement lighting on Main St. as well as the lack of salt on Main St. during the last snow. Vandeheuel reported the trash cans on Main St. need to be emptied.

Motion by Bean, support by Kari to adjourn.

Adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, January 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

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Mayor _____

Clerk _____