

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on October 9, 2023 at the City Office.

The meeting was called to order a 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Gehring and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

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

Motion to approve the agenda by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Mason, support by Bean to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 11, 2023 as amended. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz to pay the bills in the amount of \$39,980.54. Motion carried: 6-0.

In Correspondence: Mayor Gehring opened discussion of the request by Richard Huneke, Chairman Harrisville Harbor Commission, for city council approval of the Harrisville Harbor Commission Bylaws. Discussion.

Council agreed to table discussion of the draft of the new Harbor Commission Bylaws dependent upon receiving copies of the original Bylaws, from Harbor liaison Alderman Vanderheuel, for comparison of the two, to the November 13, 2023 council meeting.

Mayor Gehring addressed request by Ed Chrumka for a power point presentation of a Marijuana update. Mayor Gehring suggested to have the presentation at the November 13, 2023 city council meeting. The mayor also addressed Mr. Chrumka's city website suggestions. Discussion.

Council approved to table discussion for the November 13, 2023 city council meeting.

Guest John Hartley shared information with council concerning the ability to use a Zoom format to stream city council meetings, live, and have You Tube rebroadcast for future viewing. Discussion. Schwanz and Vanderheuel to research and present findings at November 13, 2023 council meeting.

Mayor Gehring informed council that all Playground information has been submitted to the state and the city will get final word as to the financial reimbursement from the state for the cost of the Playground Project.

Mayor Gehring has been in contact with Huron Engineering as to the Stairway Project at the Harbor. The city is waiting for project plans.

Progress concerning the wording of parts of a new FOIA Guideline for the city is in the final stages of completion with updated dates and website information being added.

Mayor Gehring decrees and declares that the official hours for Halloween Trick or Treating, in the city, is Tuesday, October 31, 2023, and will be from 5:30 PM-7:30 PM.

A request by the Alcona Public Library for city council to approve a resolution for a charitable gaming license.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel to approve Resolution #2023#07 for the Alcona County Public Library to conduct licensed gaming events as allowed by Act 382 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended. Motion carried: 6-0.

The Harrisville Arts Council asked for approval from city council to close parts of Main Street on Saturday May 18, 2024 for the second annual May Fest in Harrisville. Discussion as to other possible locations instead of closing off certain portions of Main Street. Tabled to November 13, 2023 council meeting.

Becky Bean shared with council the information for a grant to generate an inventory of the condition of trees in the city and an assessment of the condition of the existing trees and the need for a management plan to be developed. The committee will review the existing tree ordinance for possible revision and clarify the Mission Statement of the board. Discussion.

Mayor Gehring shared the update as to the stocking of fish at the harbor this past week. Thank you to all who were involved with this project. Tim Slezack provided additional information as to the possibility of future plans for Harrisville to become a center for an egg harvesting station.

Mr. Slezack also informed council that he is coordinating a cleanup of the raceway from the Mill Pond to the creek with volunteers from several community groups.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring reports he is in contact with Lane Schwanz concerning the development of a Disc Golf Course on city property at the ballfields area. The city compost yard will be open 24/7 for residents during fall cleanup.

Clerk Pierce reports that Absent Voter applications are available through Saturday, November 4, 2023 at the city office, which will be open from 9:00AM- 5:00PM to file for an Absent Voter application and receive an Absent Voter ballot for the Tuesday, November 7, 2023 School Mileage Election. Election hours are 7:00 AM-8:00 PM, Tuesday, November 7, 2023 for in person voting at City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St. Harrisville, MI. Call 989-724-6666 for information.

Treasurer Luenberger presented the Current Budget Adjustments for the General Fund, Water/Sewer and Major/Minor budget funds. Discussion.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel to approve the General Fund budget adjustments. Motion carried:6-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Kaiser to approve the Water/ Sewer budget adjustments. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Bauermeister to approve the Major/Minor Fund budget adjustments. Motion carried: 6-0.

Treasurer Luenberger shared the new ALLPAID system using the QR codes for property tax and water/sewer payments. A copy of the QR codes is posted in the city office window.

Harbor Liaison Vanderheuel reported on the Harbor Commission review of repair of the flag pole at the harbor. Motion by Schwanz, support by Bean, to table discussion of cost of flag pole repair until January, 2024. Motion carried: 6-0.

Planning Commission Liaison J. Schwanz informs council of a special meeting of the Planning Commission for Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM. A regularly scheduled quarterly meeting will follow.

Tree Board member Becky Bean shares that the committee has changed their name to the Tree Advisory Committee. She also shared her concern about the improperly trimmed trees on an area of Main Street. The trees were not cut correctly and could incur future problems for their growth. Any tree trimming concerns that are on city property should be addressed to the Tree Advisory Committee and the city DPW. A meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2023 at the city office at 5:30 PM.

Comment Cards: Becky Schroeder addressed that The Alcona County Historical Society has informed the Train Depot Committee that they need to begin looking for another sponsor to transfer the Depot committee's 501C to. Maureen Sullivan shares that she is working on setting up the Halloween weekend festivities at the State Park. She also has a contract in place for 2024's Firework Display. Teri O'Callaghan voiced her concern about the disrepair of the empty buildings on Main Street. Mike Stone, member of the Planning Commission, shared that the Planning Commission is working on a Vacant Building Ordinance to address this issue. Mike Stone also thanked everyone that contributed and participated in the Old Timer's baseball game this year. Warner Vanderheuel addressed his concerns about trees on Main Street that need trimming. He also addressed the issue of Main Street closures.

Councils Last Comments: Bauermeister addressed all the changes Tim Slezack has accomplished as far as bringing fish back to Harrisville. Schwanz addressed her concern about the inefficiency of the city website. Vanderheuel offered her and Lane Schwanz being added to the city website as additional administrators to update and fix the site.

Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Schwanz for Karie Vanderheuel and Lane Schwanz to be added to the city's website as additional administrators. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion to adjourn: By Schwanz, support by Bean.

Adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

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Mayor _____

Clerk _____