

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on September 14, 2020 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, Council Members: Peterson, Kaiser, Schwanz, Mason, Bean, City Attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Mason to approve the minutes of August 10, 2020. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Bean, support by Peterson to pay the bills in the amount of \$35,713.16. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Gehring brought to council, discussion of a water/sewer bill increase. The city is working with OHM engineering firm for funding opportunities with the state and federal government and design plans for an upgrade to the city's existing sewer treatment facilities. The possibility of an increase in the sewer portion of the quarterly bill was discussed.

Mayor Gehring brought Resolution #2020-07 to council for a vote. "RESOLVED, that it is hereby deemed advisable to authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the lighting service as provided in the Standard Lighting Contract between the Company and the City of Harrisville, dated 2-27-1978, in accordance with the Authorization for Change in Standard Lighting Contract dated 8-20-2020.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Kaiser to approve Resolution #2020-07. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nay: 0. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring recommends the appointment of Tom Keerl to a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson to appoint Tom Keerl to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried: 5-0.

Fall clean-up and Hydrant flushing schedule is as follows:

CLEAN-UP: Friday, October 16, 2020, and Friday, November 6, 2020. Bagged leaves and brush secured in bundles will be picked up at street side.

HYDRANT FLUSHING: Weeks of Oct. 5-16, 2020.

Ken Lind, representative from Lind and Lind Insurance, EMC Insurance Companies, presented council with his assessment of city properties and liabilities. Alderman Mason said he would do a comparison analysis of the current insurance costs to the city versus the information Mr. Lind presented.

REPORTS.

Mayor Gehring reported that the Fire Department will put out for bid, the sale of the 1983 GMC Truck Tank and the 1986 Fire Truck. The bid process will be published in the Alcona County Review. Bids will be due by noon, Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

Mayor Gehring petitioned council for a new lawnmower under \$5000.00.

Motion by Bean, support by Peterson to purchase new lawnmower for maintenance department. Motion carried: 5-0.

Clerk Pierce: General Election ballots for the November 3, 2020 General Election will become available the week of September 28, 2020. Call the city office, 989-724-6666, for information. If you indicated you wanted to be put on the permanent Absent Voter Application list on your voter

application for the state primary election in August, 2020, you will receive your General Election ballot in the mail as soon as they become available. Please vote early. Your ballot can be returned by mail or in person to the city office.

Treasurer Luenberger indicated that today, September 14, 2020 was the last day to pay Summer 2020 taxes.

Harbor Commission as reported by Mayor Gehring is in the process of the final phase of the dock repair and reconstruction project. Mayor Gehring has been in contact with the Army Corps of Engineers as to the repairs on the sea wall at the harbor. Mayor Gehring reports that the Corps evaluation of the sea wall indicates a major reconstruction of the wall is needed. The first step in the process is for the Corps to apply for funding from the state in the next fiscal year. The city may see some action on this issue by 2024.

Planning Commissioner Schwanz reports that the Planning Commission is updating the city's Master Plan. J. Schwanz and L Schwanz have been taking online courses offered by the state on information pertaining to Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC).

Airport Assistant Manager C. Higgins reports low activity at the airport, due in part to the Corona Virus, although there have been several flights in and out this summer. Manager E. Higgins and T. Keerl met with a State of Michigan Aeronautics representative who did a drone aerial survey of Harrisville Airport. Information from this survey has yet to be received. Permission needs to be granted from an adjacent property owner again, which expired in Spring 2020, for tree removal. Many south end trees have been marked for removal.

Comment Cards: Becky Bean presented to council the next phase for the development of the Pocket Park project. She has contacted Hermann's Stoneage for a proposal for installation of the paving blocks for the park. Work may begin in the Spring.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Schwanz gave input to council about her inquiries with Consumers Energy involving possibilities of renewal energy projects for the city. She discussed the possibility of Harrisville installing electric charge stations for electric cars. State funding is available. Alderman Bean discussed a concern of an un-mowed property on Dock St..

Motion to adjourn by Peterson.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Next City Council meeting: Monday, October 12, 2020 at City Hall at 7:00 PM.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____