

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on December 13, 2021.

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

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Schwanz, Treasurer Luenberger, Clerk Pierce, Aldermen Bauermeister, Mason, Bean, Peterson, Attorney Cook and guests. Absent: Mayor Gehring, Alderman Kaiser.

Motion by Mason, support by Bean to accept the minutes of November 8, 2021. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Bean, support by Mason to pay the bills in the amount of \$35,989.09. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Schwanz informed council of the completion of the Harbor Playground installation and plan to have a formal Grand Opening in the Spring of 2022.

Mayor Pro Tem Schwanz recommended the appointment of Nancy McKenzie, a resident of the city, to fill a vacancy on the Harbor Commission for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Bean to appoint Nancy McKenzie to fill a vacancy on the Harbor Commission, term ending December 31, 2024. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Schwanz opened discussion with city council about the content and issues described within Resolution 2021-08 and a “declaration”, brought to council by Dr. Bob Turek, concerning an individual’s autonomous choices about their own health and that the city will not require or mandate any employee, or contractor to require proof of vaccination as a general condition of employment.

Motion by Mason, for the city to adopt said Resolution 2021-08 and declaration as presented. Motion died due to lack of second.

City Holiday Office Hours: Office Closed-Friday, December 24, 2021 and Monday, December 27, 2021. Office will open on Tuesday, December 28, 2021. New Year closed: Thursday, December 30 and Friday, December 31, 2021. Office will open Monday, January 3, 2022.

Mayor Pro Tem Schwanz opened the Water/Sewer Budget Hearing for 2022 at 7:30 PM with a public comment period. No public comments concerning the budget were made. Budget meeting closed at 7:34 PM. Treasurer Luenberger presented budget overview with discussion by council. The millage rate will be 3.30 mils for the water debt.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Peterson to approve the Water/Sewer Budget for 2022. Motion carried: 4-0.

REPORTS

Clerk Pierce discussed the upcoming 2022 election cycle for the coming year and reminded Alderman Bean, Ward I, Alderman Peterson, Ward II, and Alderman Schwanz, Ward III, they are up for re-election and must file a petition of intent for the primary election in August, 2022. The offices of mayor, treasurer and clerk are also up for reelection in 2022.

Treasurer Luenberger reminds residents that Winter Taxes will be due February 14, 2022. Discussion on Water/Sewer Budget adjustments.

Motion by Bean, support by Peterson to approve Water/Sewer adjustments to the 2021 budget. Motion carried: 4-0.

Attorney Cook informed council of a water leak from a hydrant on private property on School Dr. Alderman Mason reports that the problem has been fixed. Attorney Cook reported that the existing Barber Shop building on US 23 and Clark Rd. is being discussed by interested parties as to future use.

Harbor Commissioner Lukasiewicz introduced Richard Huneke to council as the new treasurer for the Harbor Commission and appreciates the council approval of Nancy McKenzie as a new member of the Harbor Commission. Joe will be resigning his chairmanship of the commission, effective December 31, 2021 and Bruce Byer has been appointed the new chair. Joe indicates he will continue as a commissioner on the Harbor Commission. The commission is working with the state and the Army Corps of Engineers to get work done on the break wall surrounding the harbor. The next meeting of the Harbor Commission is January 6, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

Planning Commissioner Schwanz will post a Public Hearing for review of the updated Master Plan. Notice will be published in the local newspaper, The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM. Place To Be Announced.

Fire Department Chief Klukowski informed council of the departments quest to purchase a new Jaws of Life. Attorney Cook reminded that any purchase over \$5000.00 must be put out for bids and published in the local newspaper. The cost for this equipment can exceed \$22,000.00.

Motion by Bean, support by Peterson to publish for bids for this equipment. Motion carried:4-0.

Sheriff Stevenson reported to council the use of a Hummer vehicle by the department received from Mackinac City. Alcona is utilizing Iosco County Jail as a unit to house county detainees. The Alcona Community School liaison officer will be back at school four days a week.

County Commissioner Thompson discussed that things are going as planned with the county.

Comment Cards: Dr. Bob Turek shared his interest in the resolution he brought before the council and reiterated that the city, even though council did not adopt the resolution, the city is doing most of what is recommended in the resolution without formal adoption.

Councils Last Comments: None.

Motion to adjourn by Mason, support by Peterson.

Adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, January 10, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

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Mayor _____

Clerk _____