

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on November 9, 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 Mason, support by Kaiser, to approve the minutes of October 12, 2020. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Schwanz to pay the bills in the amount of \$34,029.90. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Gerhing updated council on the progress of the playground project. The DNR has recommended that the city resubmit bids in January, 2021 for the engineering portion of the project. Completion tentatively scheduled for Spring 2021.

Mayor Gehring discussed the agreement between Harrisville Township and the City for the purchase of the baseball fields and property at the end of Lake St. An agreement has been reached.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson to approve and sign as presented, the agreement between Harrisville Township and the City of Harrisville for the purchase of the property of the baseball fields and buildings included on said property. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Bean for city to sign and register the deed of said property at the Alcona County Register of Deeds office. Motion carried:5-0.

Mayor Gehring asked to set the Budget Hearing for the 2021 Water/Sewer Budget, for December 14, 2020 at 7:30 PM.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson to set the budget hearing for the 2021 Water/Sewer Budget for December 14, 2020 at 7:30 PM. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring presented the recommendation of the city planning commission to approve the request of Holistic Healing Center SW, LLC to operate a Provisioning Center and Marijuana Retailer Establishment at 116 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Harrisville, MI. Discussion.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson to approve the establishment and operation of Holistic Healing Center SW, LLC. Provisioning Center and Marijuana Retailer at 116 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Harrisville, MI. Ayes: Schwanz, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nay: Kaiser. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson to amend the city zoning ordinance to state a moratorium on the number of Marijuana Provisioning Centers within the city from unlimited, to three, for one year. To be reviewed November, 2021. Aye: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nay: 0. Motioned carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring presented a draft letter to be included in the mailing of the Winter Taxes 2020 informing property owners of the upcoming wastewater infrastructure project for the city and the increase in sewer rates which will be dependent on grant funding. Currently the city is working with OHM Engineering exploring grant funding through the federal USDA Rural Development department. Discussion. Ideas of content from council members to be reviewed for inclusion in the final draft.

As decreed by Mayor Gehring, Holiday Office Closures shall be:

Thanksgiving: November 26 and 27, 2020. Christmas: December 22, 23, 24, 25, 2020. New Year: December 30-January 1, 2021. The city office will reopen, January 4, 2021.

## REPORTS

Mayor Gehring: Thank you to the election inspectors for all the work and attention that went into making the general election go so well. Thank you to Harbortown Pizza for the donation of a pizza for the election workers on election night. Very much appreciated.

Clerk Pierce reports that the 2020 General Election saw a total of 292 votes cast out of 394 registered voters, including 126 Absent Voter ballots, within the city on election day. It was an outstanding turnout and a very grateful THANK YOU to the outstanding team of election workers that staffed the day. You are the BEST.

Planning Commissioner Schwanz reports that she and Lane Schwanz have completed extensive training, with certification from the state, for planning commission members. In addition, the planning commission will begin review of the city's Master Plan which is reviewed and updated every five years. Alderman Schwanz also reports she continues to be in conversation with Consumers Energy designating Harrisville to become a "hub" for capabilities for meter plug ins for electric cars. Schwanz reported on an Up Northeast marketing campaign running from Standish, south, to Cheboygan, north.

Airport Assistant Manager C. Higgins reports that an agreement has been reached between the airport and the private property owner of trees at the south end of the runway. Cutting will begin soon to meet state specifications.

Fire Department Chief D. Klukowski reports there were several small fires and medical first responder runs the month of October. The Department is looking into purchasing new individual pagers for the volunteers.

Comment Cards: Guest B. Bean asked for clarification on the percent rate increase on the sewer bills. City is researching cost and grants.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Mason presented his findings in his review of the city's current insurance coverage compared to information from an outside insurance company. Mason will bring comparisons of coverage to the December council meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Mayor Gehring. Adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

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Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_