

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on September 13, 2021 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, Bauermeister, Mason, Bean, City Attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Kaiser to approve the minutes of August 9, 2021. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Bean, support by Peterson to pay the bills in the amount of \$46,444.11. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Gehring brought to council Resignation of Tom Keerl from Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Kaiser to accept resignation of Tom Keerl as member of Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring recommends the appointment of Paul Althoff to fill a vacancy on the Tax Board of Review. Discussion.

Motion by Mason, support by Bauermeister to appoint Paul Althoff to fill a vacancy on the Tax Board of Review. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring recommends the appointment of Allen Kay to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Discussion.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson to appoint Allen Kay to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried: 6-0.

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

CLEAN-UP: Friday, October 15, 2021, and Monday, November 29, 2021. Bagged leaves and brush secured in bundles will be picked up at street side.

HYDRANT FLUSHING: Weeks of Oct. 4-15, 2021.

Caroline Pender, Harbor Town Development, LLC. and Rebecca Rivard, Huron Engineering, presented plans for development of property on 4th Street. Discussion.

Motion by Mason, support by Bauermeister to table further discussion until October 11, 2021 city council meeting. Motion carried: 6-0.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring informed council of his information gathering into the website services provided by Nathan Makowske, yourneighborhoodhub.com, for a new formatting of the city's website. Mayor Gehring asks council to direct constituent phone calls to the city office at 989-724-6666, the maintenance garage, 989-724-7050, or the city's email at harrisville1905@hotmail.com, not his personal cell number.

Clerk Pierce: Request from Kristie Miller, Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach, Alcona Community Schools, for permission to use city properties for a 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, October 9, 2021.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson to grant permission for Kristi Miller to use city property for a 5K Run/ Walk on Saturday, October 9, 2021. Motion carried: 6-0.

Clerk Pierce added a note from Dan O'Connor, Alcona Community School Superintendent, about the School Forest and Nature Trail Open House on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 9:00

AM for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony officially dedicating the Trail. The official sale of bricks at the Pocket Park ends September 15, 2021. An additional list will be compiled for future orders. To add your name to this list contact: Becky Bean at 989-724-6569.

Clerk Pierce asked if auditors have ok'd purchase of commemorative brick for Louis Campbell to be placed at the Pocket Park. Auditors agreed to funds being used from the General account.

Treasurer Luenberger indicated that Tuesday, September 14, 2021 is the last day to pay Summer 2021 taxes. She will be in the city office from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 for in person payment of taxes.

Harbor Commission reported by Chairman Joe Lukasiewicz and commissioner Dennis Swanson. The harbor is in good financial standing this season. Harbor commission looking to fill the positions of treasurer and recording secretary. The water at the docks will be turned off September 26 and the public bathrooms at the boathouse will be closed for the season on September 29, 2021. The commission is looking to having general maintenance done to the parking lots and is assessing erosion damage at the harbor which will be passed on to the Army Corps of Engineers. The harbor office will close October 15, 2021.

Chairman Lukasiewicz received several letters of interest to fill vacancies on the harbor commission. He recommends Steve Alexander and Bruce Byer to fill two of the commission vacancies.

Motion to appoint Steve Alexander and Bruce Byer to harbor commission vacancies by Bauermeister, support by Kaiser. Motion carried: 6-0.

Planning Commissioner Schwanz reported on the on-going work updating the Master Plan. The planning commission is looking for new members to fill two city resident vacancies.

County Commissioner Thompson shared information statistics of the County wide Clean-up held in May. The County Fair had a moderate outcome given there were no carnival attractions this year. The Bump and Run, steak dinner and the entertainment show featuring several musical impersonators was very enjoyable and successful. Thompson also shared the discussion concerning the county jail capacity and future plans for housing inmates.

Comment Cards: Resident Terry Lowell shared his concerns about the planning process put forth by developers of property in the city. Two residents of Swamp Rd. voiced concerns about the quality of the road, the type of traffic that has used that road and the need for repairs.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Schwanz reports that Consumers Energy is planning a dedication ceremony on Friday, September 24, from 2:00 PM-3:00 PM to officially announce the installation of two electric charging stations at the harbor.

Motion to adjourn by Bean.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Next City Council meeting: Monday, October 11, 2021 at City Hall at 7:00 PM.

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Mayor _____

Clerk _____