

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on August 12, 2019 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 Keerl, Clerk Pierce, Council Members: Peterson, Kaiser, Luenberger, Thomas, Ferguson, Attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson to approve the minutes of July 8, 2019. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Thomas, support by Kaiser to pay the bills in the amount of \$266,413.68. Motion carried: 5-0.

In Correspondence, Mayor Gehring updated council on progress of playground plans. Once the topographical survey is complete the engineering firm will complete the design and present to the city for approval. Firm waiting for surveyors for a time frame.

Mayor Gehring recommended the appointment of Kelly Heller as Alderman of Ward III to fill the vacancy of Michael Baird, term ending December 31, 2020. Discussion.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Luenberger to appoint Kelly Heller as Alderman Ward III to fill vacancy, term ending December 31, 2020. Motion carried: 5-0. The Oath of Office was taken and Alderman Heller was asked to join the table. Welcome.

Mayor Gehring presented the roofing bids for the Health Department District #2 from Hartman Roofing for \$21,538.38 and from John's Home Maintenance for \$21,925. Discussion.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser for Mayor Gehring to further inquire of both bidders for additional information concerning options on the bids. Council gives permission to authorize mayor to make final decision which company receives the award, upon receiving clarification on bid options. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring presented billing from Everett Goodrich for the repair of Swamp Rd. of an additional \$1000.00. Discussion.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Luenberger to pay Everett Goodrich Trucking, Inc. an additional \$1000.00 for the repair of Swamp Rd. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Peterson to adjust the budget for the repair to Swamp Rd. in the amount of \$1000.00. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring informed council of the ongoing Tax Tribunal litigation and offer of settlement.

Motion to accept terms of Settlement Agreement as put forth by Thomas, support by Kaiser. Motion carried: 5-1.

Mayor Gehring presented council with Resolution 2019-04 for Phase 5 of the Harbor construction project.

“Resolved, that the City of Harrisville, Michigan, accepts the terms of the Agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and that the City agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows, to comply with all terms of the agreement, including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.”

Motion to pass Resolution 2019-04 by Luenberger, support by Peterson.

Ayes: Luenberger, Thomas, Kaiser, Heller, Ferguson, Peterson. Nays: 0. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring presented estimate for Main St. road striping from Briggs Asphalt Maintenance for the sum of \$335.00. Discussion. Motion by Ferguson to wait until spring 2020 to have work done. Motion died for lack of support.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Thomas to accept bid from Briggs Asphalt Maintenance for striping of Main St. for the sum of \$335.00. Motion carried: 5-1.

Mayor Gehring presented to council a request from Ryan and Sandy Mendyka for permission to organize and hold a Labor Day Parade on Sunday, September 1, 2019.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Luenberger for Ryan and Sandy Mendyka to go ahead with plans for this year's Labor Day parade. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring recommends the appointment of Barbara Luenberger to the office of City Treasurer to fill term ending December 31, 2020, effective August 13, 2019.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson for Barbara Luenberger to be appointed City Treasurer to fill term ending December 31, 2020, effective August 13, 2019. Motion carried: 5-0. Abstain: 1.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Thomas to appoint Thomas Keerl Deputy Treasurer. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring recommends the appointment of Alderman James Ferguson as Mayor Pro Tem term ending December 31, 2020.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Thomas to appoint Alderman James Ferguson Mayor Pro Tem, term ending December 31, 2020. Motion carried: 5-0. Abstain: 1.

## REPORTS

Mayor Gehring reports that Logan Tompkins, maintenance worker has been dismissed from city employment.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Luenberger to place an ad in the local newspaper to fill the vacancy.

Discussion on a "bonus" for summer employee Jordan Steiner.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Ferguson to award a bonus amount of \$175.00 to summer employee Jordan Steiner for his exceptional work this summer. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring recommends to council the approval of a permit to Cam Club LLC to establish a Marijuana Provisioning facility upon state permit procedures.

Motion by Thomas, support by Peterson to approve the applications for permits by Cam Club LLC to establish a Marijuana Provisioning facility in the City of Harrisville. Motion carried: 6-0.

Ken Lind representing Ken Lind Insurance Co. gave a presentation requesting permission from council to prepare a quote for municipal insurance coverage. Permission was granted by council.

Mayor Gehring would like to recognize Tiffany Wilson, for her work on the repair of a fence at the harbor. Thank you. Your work is greatly appreciated.

Clerk Pierce reported the Summer Concert Series was very successful this year. Audience donations were very generous and our bands were greatly enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who came out and a special thanks to my "money counters" in helping to tally our donations.

A special "Thank You" to treasurer Tom Keerl for his past 18 years as City Treasurer. His knowledge and expertise has been invaluable as part of the city's administrative team.

Treasurer Keerl: Discussed request for signage from St. Andrews by the Lake Episcopal Church.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Luenberger for temporary permission of placement of their sign pending further review by the planning commission. Motion carried: 6-0.

Harbor Commission: Harbormaster Ferguson reports the harbor loan from the city has been paid in full.

Planning Commission reviewed the marijuana applications as reported by Mayor Gehring, and approved applications, with corrections, be sent to city council for approval.

Tree Board member Luenberger has received information for a grant from Consumers Energy. Tree board will pursue the information.

Airport Manager C. Higgins sent report shared by Attorney Cook. Consent has been given by a property owner whose property borders the airport boundaries for tree removal. Assistant Manager C. Higgins included a list of the transactions and work that has been done in and around the airport.

Fire Chief Klukowski reports the fire department has been the recipient of a donation from Superior Township Fire Department, Ypsilanti, MI of sixteen sets of used breathing apparatus which include face masks and tanks. Lance Pierce, from Superior Township fire department, was instrumental in brokering the donation to Harrisville. This donation has saved the department approximately \$10,000.00 in equipment purchases. Chief Klukowski asked council for the use of a credit card for purchases for supplies for the department. City Council will investigate the credit card policy. Sandy Mendyka is organizing a Fireman's Ball for September 21, 2019. There were seven fire runs and forty-three medical calls in July.

Comment Cards: Guest Cecile Pizer asked about council's approval of the updated master plan. Final approval is needed by the state. Becky Bean questioned playground proceedings and Jackie Trimmer asked about the watering of the flowers on Main St. and at the end of Main St.. Sharon Goetz discussed the storm sewer drain at the end of Dock St..

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Luenberger thanked council for their vote appointing her the new city treasurer. Thomas asked about street lights that are out. Ferguson commented on the sign in the old laundromat building on First Street as to why it was still in the window. He also thanked the maintenance department for mowing the grass at an empty house on Dock St.. Discussion about the empty NAS building at the end of Third St. and what can be done about it.

Luenberger moved meeting to be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Next City Council meeting, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

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