

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on November 13, 2017 at the City Office.

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

Present: Mayor Dobis, Treasurer Keerl, Clerk Pierce, Council Members: Kaiser, Luenberger, Baird, Sanderson, City Attorney Cook and guests. Absent: Thomas.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Kaiser to approve the minutes of October 9, 2017. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger to pay the bills in the amount of \$32,219.29. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Dobis began discussion of the letters of interest received from Mael Fritz-Wilson and Mary Peterson to fill the vacant city council seat in Ward II. Upon discussion, Mayor Dobis recommended the vacancy to be filled by Mary Peterson.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Luenberger for Mary Peterson to fill the vacant Alderman seat in Ward II. Motion carried: 4-0.

Attorney Cook administered the oath of office to Mary Peterson and she took her place at the council table. Upon being sworn into the council vacancy, Mary resigned her seat on the Planning Commission.

Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser to accept Mary Peterson's resignation from the Planning Commission, effective immediately. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Dobis reviewed with council the new structure of the City Maintenance Department. There will be a Senior Maintenance Position and a Junior Maintenance Position. Mayor Dobis is recommending Louis Campbell fill the Senior Maintenance position. A review and a recommendation of a new salary package was discussed with council.

Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger for Louis Campbell to fill the Senior Maintenance position with an increase in hourly pay to \$14.42, including a benefits package, beginning December 1, 2017. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Dobis began discussion of the application process to fill the vacant maintenance position. Six applications were received. A selection committee reviewed and scored each applicants information. Upon recommendation of the selection committee, Thomas Keerl was chosen as the candidate to best fill the job requirements.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Luenberger for Thomas Keerl to fill the vacancy in the maintenance department. Ayes: 4. Nays: 1.

Mr. Keerl accepted the position as a probationary employee for 120 days, beginning December 1, 2017 at \$11.00 an hour. At the end of the probationary period a permanent contract will be negotiated.

The Golder Monitoring Services Proposal was discussed by Mayor Dobis.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Baird to accept the Golder Associates bid of well monitoring at the lagoons for the next five quarters. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Dobis is setting the Budget Hearing for the 2017 Water/Sewer Budget, for December 11, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Kaiser to set the budget hearing for the 2018 Water/Sewer Budget for December 11, 2017 at 7:30 PM. Motion carried: 5-0.

A final report was sent from Huron Pines as to the areas covered in the treatment of Japanese Knotweed in the city in year three of the three-year agreement. Discussion.

It was advised by council to get a new proposal from Huron Pines as to the continued spraying of Japanese Knotweed within the city and to review a new contract with Huron Pines when presented.

The Noxious Vegetation Ordinance Proposal was discussed with city council as drafted by the Planning Commission.

Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser to publish the Noxious Vegetation Ordinance Proposal in the local newspaper and have a second reading of the proposal at the December 11, 2017 city council meeting. Action to be taken on said ordinance at the December 11, 2017 council meeting. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Dobis advised council of the Holiday Office Closures for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. Thanksgiving: Closed-November 23, 24, 2017. Christmas: December 25, 26, 2017. New Year: -January 1-2, 2017. The City Office will reopen Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

REPORTS

Mayor Dobis reports that the Playground grant was submitted and with the added information pursuant to the grant, the city's score total went from 250 to 325. Final awards will be made in December, 2017. A very special acknowledgement and sincere Thank You to Becky Stoddard, who spearheaded the fundraising along with the Lady Lions and energetically gave of her time and talent to this project. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Treasurer Keerl: Delinquent Water/Sewer bills will be added to property owners winter taxes.

Planning Commissioner Baird reports the Planning Commission discussed an ordinance proposal for snow removal. It was agreed at this time, that snow removal on city sidewalks will remain the responsibility of the individual property owners. City maintenance will continue to address Main Street sidewalks as needed.

Harbor Commissioner Baird reports that the dock repairs are dealing with electrical issues which will be resolved by December, with work continuing on the main portion of the docks to be ready for use in the spring.

Airport Manager Boucher continues to monitor the cutting of trees on private property which impedes the airport approach. The empty hanger on the property was also discussed.

Comment Cards: Jeff Gehring asked about the Verizon contract and Mayor Dobis informed all that the contract is in the hands of Verizon. Verizon will take the next step to place repeaters on the water tower. Mr. Gehring also asked about a city or county wide disaster plan.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Sanderson asked about the repair on one of the wells and was informed it will be completed by the end of this week. Alderman Baird voiced continuing concern about the empty building at the end of Third Street. Alderman Baird also addressed a continuing problem with a dog in the city which is not leashed. There is a state law which addresses this problem and people are advised to contact the Sheriff's Department.

Motion to adjourn by Dobis.

Adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____

