

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on March 11, 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: Thomas, Kaiser, Baird, Luenberger, Peterson, Ferguson, City Attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Baird to approve the minutes of February 11, 2019. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Thomas, support by Ferguson to pay the bills in the amount of \$18543.25. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Gehring shared correspondence from Edgewater Resources concerning the bid offer and recommendation from them to approve the bid of \$384,058.00 from Meridian Contracting Services, Inc. as the Phase 3 contractor for the Harrisville Harbor Dock Reconstruction Project Phase 3.

Motion by Baird, support by Peterson to award the Harrisville Harbor Dock Reconstruction Project Phase 3 to Meridian Contracting Services, Inc. as the Phase 3 contractor, along with their submitted subcontractors, for the Base Work, Alternates 1&2, and Voluntary Alternates 1&2 for their combined bid price of \$384,058.00. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger for mayor to sign contract with Meridian Contracting Services, Inc. for the harbor dock reconstruction project, Phase 3. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring presented to council the request from Melrose Pyrotechnics to approve the request for a fireworks display permit for the 4th of July fireworks to take place on Saturday, July 6, 2019 at the Harbor.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Baird to approve the request of Melrose Pyrotechnics for the State of Michigan fireworks display permit at the harbor on Saturday, July 6, 2019 and to authorize the mayor to sign the permit request. Motion carried: 6-0.

In Old Business, Mayor Gehring updated council as to the status of the NEMCOG Telecommunication gear for the city. The mayor indicated that he has been informed by the representative from NEMCOG, that the state is delayed in purchasing the equipment for distribution.

New Business: Motion by Baird, support by Thomas to pay end of year bills. Motion carried: 6-0

Mayor Gehring opened the General Fund Budget, 2019-2020 Truth and Taxation Hearing at 7:30 PM. The treasurer and finance committee chair reviewed the General Fund Budget, Fire, Liquor, Equipment Pool, Major, Minor Streets with council for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Mayor Gehring announced, as part of the Truth and Taxation requirement, that the City of Harrisville would collect the maximum millage of 6.0032 mils for the General Fund, as required by law. The meeting was opened to the public with discussion about city sidewalks and Christmas lights. The meeting was closed at 7: 43 PM.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser to approve the new General Fund, Fire, Equipment Pool, Liquor, Major and Minor Budgets, as presented to council, for fiscal year 2019-2020. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring discussed Elected Officials Salaries for the year 2020. A recommendation will be brought to the April city council meeting.

Mayor Gehring advised council on the new City Employees contracts for 2019-2020. Logan Tompkins, junior maintenance employee is working on a 90- day probationary period.

Mayor Gehring recommends an increase of \$1.50/hr. to senior maintenance worker, Tom Keerl's hourly wage of \$12.00.

Motion by Baird, support by Thomas to increase senior maintenance employee Tom Keerl's hourly wage \$1.50 to \$13.50/hr. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring presented to council Tax Exempt Resolution #2019-02 as requested by Assessor Randy Thompson.

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to PA206 of 1893, The City of Harrisville, Alcona County authorizes a qualified property owner to file a written request with the July or December Board of Review to claim a Primary Residence Exemption as determined by the date an affidavit claiming the exemption was filed under subsection 2 (MCL 211.7cc);

The foregoing resolution offered by City Council Member Luenberger and supported by City Council Member Ferguson. Aye: Luenberger, Thomas. Kaiser, Baird, Ferguson, Peterson. Nay: None. Resolution carried:6-0.

Mayor Gehring recommended the appointment of Joe Lukasiewicz to fill a vacancy on the city Harbor Commission.

Motion by Thomas, support by Peterson to approve the appointment of Joe Lukasiewicz to the city Harbor Commission. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring recommends to council the approval of a request from Les Thomas, 4-H Program Coordinator, for permission for the Alcona 4-H Advisory Board to vend food items at the 4th of July celebration at the harbor.

Motion by Thomas, support by Baird to grant approval of the request for the 4-H Advisory Board to vend food items for the 4th of July Celebration on Saturday, July 6, 2019. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring recommends the approval of a request from Craftmakers' Cabin to use city property for a Craft Supplies Trunk Sale, Saturday, July 20 and Saturday, August 17, 2019, 10-3 PM.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser to approve request of Craftmakers' Cabin to use city property Saturday, July 20 and Saturday, August 17, 2019 for a Craft Trunk Sale. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring recommends the approval of a request by the Harrisville Arts Council for the use of city property for the 2019 Harmony Arts and Crafts Festival Weekend, August 31 and September 1, 2019.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson to approve the request by the Harrisville Arts Council for the use of city property on US-23 and the city property south of M-72 for the 2019 Harmony Festival Weekend. Motion carried: 6-0.

Discussion opened by Mayor Gehring concerning the Services Agreement as presented by Tom Reif of Michigan Municipal Cannabis Consultants.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Thomas to accept the Michigan Municipal Cannabis Consultants fee of \$5000.00 to assist the Harrisville City Council and Planning Commission with the entire process of development and authoring of General Police Power Ordinances and amendments to the City Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of allowing and regulating commercial marijuana facilities in the City of Harrisville under the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing and the Michigan regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Acts of the State of Michigan. All Council and Commission meetings necessary to that end are included in the process. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Thomas to amend the 2019-2020 General Fund Budget to show \$5000.00 from the prior year fund balance for payment of the \$5000.00 consultation fee for professional services.

Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring welcomed Rich Gillispie from Alpena Septic. Mr. Gillispie informed the council of the services available through Alpena Septic Service.

REPORTS

Harbor Commissioner Baird and Harbormaster Ferguson report bids were reviewed for Phase 3 dock reconstruction and only one met the criteria. Awarded to Edgewater Resources.

Planning Commissioner Baird reports that the Planning Commission will meet for a regularly scheduled meeting on April 3, 2019 at 6:30 PM. The commission will continue work on updating the zoning ordinances. The old city website has been shut down and www.harrisvillemi.org is up and running. The web designers welcome suggestions for this site.

RRC representative Cheryl Peterson distributed information to council which the RRC committee is using as a framework to guide their work. Judy MacNeill informed council of a personal contact who is willing to work with the RRC in developing a marketing strategy free of charge.

Fire Depart. Assist. Chief Keerl reports that the Medical First Responders class is going well.

Comment Cards: None.

Council Last Comments: Alderman Baird suggests the use of a credit card for the fire department Chief's use.

Ferguson moved meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____