

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on July 11, 2022 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: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson, Attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Mason, support by Kaiser to approve the minutes of June 13, 2022. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Bauermeister, to pay the bills in the amount of \$43,486.79. Motion carried: 6-0.

In Correspondence: Mayor Gehring received a Thank You from Liz McNichols, owner of the Hollyhock Building, expressing gratitude for the removal of the trees next to the building. A letter from Lenny Avery of the Alcona County Commission on Aging regarding the "Lincoln Community Hub Project, and a letter from Kathleen Asheton requesting permission to be coordinator of the "Kid's Parade for 2023. K. Ashton asked for council approval to coordinate the Kid's Parade for 2023.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Mason to approve K. Ashton as Kid's Parade coordinator for 2023. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring also asked council to consider donating funds to the Fireworks Fund for next year. Discussion.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Mason for city to contract with the Fireworks Fund for 2023, and to donate \$1000.00 to the Fireworks Fund for 2023, contingent upon auditor's approval. Motion carried: 6-0.

Comments received about 4th of July weekend were all positive and everyone appreciates all the hard work the volunteers put forth to make a very successful celebration. The fireworks were spectacular!

REPORTS

Clerk Pierce reports that Absent Voter applications are available at the city office. To request an application for an Absent Voter Ballot, please call the office at 989-724-6666 for information for receiving an Absent Voter Ballot for the August 2, 2022 State and Local Primary election. In person voting will begin on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 7:00 AM through 8:00 PM of that date at the City Office. The Summer Concert Series at the harbor has begun on Wednesday evenings through August 3, 2022 beginning at 7:00.

Treasurer Luenberger presented the General and Water Sewer Quarterly Budgets for review. The playground reimbursement is still outstanding from the state.

Motion by Mason, support by Kaiser to accept General and Water Sewer Quarterly Budgets adjustments as presented. Motion carried: 6-0.

Harbor Commission has received much positive feedback from visitors to the marina. Kudos from the city to the harbormaster and crew for a job well done.

Planning Commission ex-officio J. Schwanz reports the commission will meet on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 6:30 to continue work on a Blight Ordinance and other issues before the commission.

Fire Department reports fire volunteers will help erect the safety fencing around the tent erected for the Wine and Food Festival this week.

County Commissioner Thompson reports the Alcona County Commission on Aging has requested to raise milage rates for the construction of a senior residence building planned for in Lincoln. The County Commission also adopted a color-coded warning sign for potential flooding issues. Gustin Township has adopted an ordinance to allow wind turbines within its boundaries.

Comment Cards: N. McKenzie's concern about the pile of railroad ties by the tracks off Washington St. was addressed by Mayor Gehring who has been in contact with Lake State Railroad and the issue is being taken care of. Also questioned the area at end of Dock Street for public access and swimming.

R. Bean shared her interest in naming the new children's playground in honor of Becky Stoddard who helped launch the fund raising from the Lady Lions for the playground project.

W. Vanderheuel discussed placing pedestrian walking signs within the city.

L. Turek asked the city for permission to increase the number of Pickle Ball courts from 2-4. Motion by Schwanz, support by Bean for Pickle Ball committee to increase number of courts from 2-4 on existing tennis courts. Motion carried: 6-0.

B. Turek asked about possibility to tack down the existing fencing at the Pickle Ball courts and the possibility of covering the ceiling of the Fire Pavilion to keep out the bird population.

S. Goetz commented about the possibility of No Parking sign at the end of Dock Street.

Council Last Comments: D. Bauermeister shared that volunteer efforts are underway and inquired about continued upkeep of Cuyler field after celebration this summer. Thank you for enforcement of nuisance ordinance concerning a residence on Lake St. Discussed options of filling pot holes on Lake Street.

M. Bean discussed a possible ordinance for No Parking signs on Dock Street. Expressed concern about wildlife being disturbed with cutting around Cuyler Field.

Mason moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P. M.

Next City Council meeting: August 8, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____