

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on July 8, 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, Ferguson, Luenberger, Thomas, and guests. Absent: Attorney Cook.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Thomas to approve the minutes, as amended, of June 10, 2019. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Thomas, support by Ferguson to pay the bills in the amount of \$18,078.72. Motion carried: 5-0.

In correspondence Mayor Gehring recommends to council approval of the request by Kristi Miller to hold a 5K walk/run for the Alcona Volleyball program in Harrisville on August 17, 2019, supplying the city with all proper documentation and insurance needed for the run.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Peterson for Kristi Miller to hold a 5K walk/run for the Alcona Volleyball program on August 17, 2019 at 9:00 AM. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring informed council that the city has added three new sites to the Knotweed treatment area in the city which would be an additional cost of \$100. per site, which abuts private residence property. Mayor Gehring recommends to council the approval of the additional \$300 site fee as part of the Knotweed agreement with Huron Pines. This area also abuts city property at the Maintenance Garage area.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Thomas to approve additional fee of \$300 to be added to the Huron Pines three-year agreement for treatment of Japanese Knotweed. Motion carried: 5-0.

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! A very special Thank You to the Alcona Chamber of Commerce for another successful Children's Parade. This was the 43th Annual Children's Bike Parade with many colorful and exciting participants, and to the city maintenance workers for the care and up keep of Main St. Everything looked great!

Treasurer Keerl presented the audit information for the yearly December 31, 2018 budget. Adjustments will be made and the audit corrections are being addressed.

Mayor Gehring informed council of the letter of interest from David Reigle to become a member of the city Tree Board. David has worked for the US Forest Service and is a qualified forester. With David's addition to the city's Tree Board, the city can apply to become a "Tree City".

Motion by Luenberger, support by Peterson to approve the appointment of David Reigle to the city Tree Board. Motion carried: 5-0

Mayor Gehring updated council as to the progress on the playground project. The city has contracted with OHM Engineering/Vanessa Warren, design consultant, to drive the completion of this project. Mayor Gehring asked council's approval for him to work with the engineering firm to make any changes, if needed, to the plan.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser for approval for Mayor Gehring to work with the engineering firm on the playground plans. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring addressed the resignation letter of Thomas Keerl as city treasurer. Discussion.

Motion by Thomas, support by Luenberger to accept with deep regret the resignation of Tom Keerl as city treasurer. Thank you for your 18 years of service to the city. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Thomas for clerk to advertise for the vacancy. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring advised council of the contract stipulations which were addressed when maintenance worker Keerl signed this year's contract. It stated upon successful completion of three water/sewer certifications Keerl's wages would be increased to \$15.00/hour. Keerl has successfully completed all three certification requirements. Mayor Gehring recommends to council approval of a wage increase for Keerl of \$15.00/hour.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Luenberger to advance Keerl's wages to \$15.00/hour beginning the next scheduled payroll which is Friday, July 12, 2019. Motion carried: 5-0.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring addressed a citizen's concern about the overflow of trash receptacles at the harbor. The DPW will increase their pick up at the harbor of the existing receptacles.

Clerk Pierce reports there will be a Tax Board of Review meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 9:00 AM. The first summer concert will take place this Wednesday at the harbor beginning at 7:00 PM.

Treasurer Keerl states that the quarterly water bills have been mailed along with the summer tax bills. The last date for payment of taxes is September 16, 2019.

Planning Commission: Planning Commission meeting scheduled for July 10, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Fire Department reports there were three fire calls and twenty-five medical calls for the month of June.

Airport Assistant Manager Colleen Higgins reports that aerial pictures were taken of the north and south ends of the runway to mark trees for removal. Manager Higgins is still waiting to confirm tree removal with adjacent property owners.

Comment Cards: Jackie Trimmer thanks the city DPW for taking on the watering of the flower pots on Main Street.

Council Last Comments: Alderman Ferguson addressed several lawns that need to be cut and the condition of a property which is becoming derelict.

Kaiser moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 P. M.

Next City Council meeting: August 12, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____