

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on October 15, 2018 at the City Office.

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

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

Motion by Kaiser, support by Luenberger to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 10, 2018. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Peterson, support by Kaiser to pay the bills in the amount of \$46,325.36. Motion carried 4-0.

Judy MacNeill, RRC Planning Commission representative, presented a video presentation of the new Harrisville website which is now accessible for use by logging into: harrisvillemi.org. It is also mobile friendly. Thank you to all for the hard work and determination which has gone into this venture.

Mayor Dobis updated council on the progress of the playground grant request. The city should hear from the state by February or March, 2019 as to the amount of the award if approved.

The request for new Christmas Main Street decorations was discussed. No new additions are needed at this time.

Mayor Dobis decrees and declares that the official hours for Halloween Trick or Treating, in the city, on Wednesday, October 31, 2018, will be 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM.

Mayor Dobis discussed the Verizon Wireless Amendment.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Peterson to accept the Verizon Wireless Amendment as stated. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Dobis presented the Joint Fire Department Draft to council with input from Fire Board Member Luenberger. Council agreed to table, until the city council meeting for November 12, 2018, any vote on the draft until Harrisville Township has had an opportunity to view and discuss with its board of trustees.

Mayor Dobis presented the resignation of Airport Manager Terry Boucher.

Motion by Thomas, support by Kaiser to accept with great regret, the resignation of Terry Boucher as Airport Manager. Council expresses its great appreciation for all of Terry's years of service in that capacity. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Dobis presented to council the letter of interest from Edward Higgins to apply for the position of Airport manager.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson to accept Edward Higgins' letter of intent as Airport Manager. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Dobis presented Iris Lancaster's letter of interest to city council to fill a vacancy on the Airport Board. Motion by Luenberger, support by Thomas to accept Iris Lancaster's letter of interest to be appointed as an Airport Board Member. Motion carried: 4-0.

REPORTS

Mayor Dobis announced to city council his resignation.

“Tonight is my last official meeting as Harrisville's Mayor. My retirement, or if you wish to call it my resignation, will start on November 7, 2018. This is a day after the election of the new

mayor and is shortly after my 70th birthday. As I stated earlier in the year, it will be my time to enjoy the rest of my life and it is Harrisville's time to move forward with a new composition of Council and Mayor. I choose not to prolong this change thru the end of the year. I leave the City in good shape and in good hands. Thank you for your support for all these years. Best Wishes. John."

Motion by Luenberger, support by Kaiser, with regret and Best wishes in retirement, to accept Mayor Dobis' resignation. Motion carried: 4-0.

Clerk Pierce reports that Absent Voter Applications and Ballots are available prior to the November 6, 2018 General Election. Call the office at 989-724-6666 for information. Office hours are M-F, 9:00 AM-12 Noon.

Treasurer Keerl reports that an agreement with Goodrich Paving to redo several streets in the city will not begin until the spring of 2019. Various potholes will be attended to however.

Planning Commission: Report by chairperson Pizer that Planning Commission met and will be working with the state in developing a Marketing Strategy. Pizer indicated she will be stepping down as chairperson of the planning commission effective as of her term ending December 31, 2018. Judy MacNeill presented her letter of resignation from the planning commission.

Motion by Thomas, support by Luenberger to accept the resignation of Judy MacNeill from the planning commission. Motion carried:4-0.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Kaiser to advertise in local newspaper for three vacancies on the Planning Commission. Motion carried:4-0.

Airport Manager Higgens discussed his intent for future plans for the airport. Taking care of the trees at the north end of the runway is a top priority.

Tree Board: City Maintenance will work with Tree Board to determine which trees in city should receive top priority for removal.

Fire Department Chief Medical Officer Mendyka reported that the department had a total of 17 medical runs and four fires due, primarily, to downed power lines and one car fire. The department is currently without a computer and is looking into purchasing a new one.

Comment Cards: Guest Patty Thomas questioned why there were no current updates on the city website. Clerk Pierce will contact the webmaster with updates. Guest Mael Fritz-Wilson questioned whether the city was going to sue her because of the issue of livestock she maintains within the city limits. After much discussion, Mayor Dobis cited that Mael Fritz-Wilson and Justin Wilson continue to be in violation of the current city zoning ordinances pertaining to livestock within the city limits. Further review and action will be by the new mayor and city council members.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Luenberger expressed how nice it was to see so many people at the meeting and encourages people to become more involved in local government.

Motion to adjourn by Mayor Dobis.

Adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, November 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____

