

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on January 13, 2020 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: Peterson, Kaiser, Ferguson, Schwanz, Attorney Cook. and guests.

Mayor Gehring took a moment to recognize that it has been one year since the passing of Louis Campbell, city maintenance worker, and how he is sincerely missed. All council concurred.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser to approve the minutes of December 9, 2019. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson to pay the bills in the amount of \$29,422.17. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Schwanz to confirm David Cook as City Attorney. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson to set City Council meeting times, at City Hall, as the 2nd Monday of the Month at 7:00 P.M. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Kaiser to appoint James Ferguson as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson to appoint Marjory French as Deputy Clerk for the City of Harrisville. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Schwanz to appoint Thomas Keerl as Deputy Treasurer for the City of Harrisville. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Peterson, support by Schwanz to appoint Jim Kaiser as Street and Sidewalk Administrator for 2020. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Schwanz to reconfirm Clerk as City Census Administrator for 2020. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Schwanz to confirm Mary Peterson as Chamber of Commerce Representative for 2020. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Peterson, support by Schwanz to confirm Jim Kaiser as FEMA Representative for 2020. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Schwanz to confirm Nick Failla as city Web Site Coordinator for 2020. Motion carried 4-0.

In Old Business Mayor Gehring updated council as to the status of the playground grant and additional updates with Vanessa Warren, architect Engineer. Mayor Gehring has communicated with her that the cost for the work and equipment has to be brought down to a more workable monetary figure and the city needs to be kept up to date as to the progress.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Gehring opened the public hearing concerning Ordinance 2019-04: Zoning Ordinance 2019-04, Section 3.29, "Animals" at 7:15 PM. First reading of ordinance. Discussion.

Public Comments: None.

Public Hearing closed: 7:20 PM.

Council to revisit ordinance at February 10, 2020 council meeting with amendments or changes to be made if necessary.

APPOINTMENTS CONTINUED

Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson to appoint Schwanz and Ferguson to the Finance Committee for the term ending December 31, 2020. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser to confirm appointment of Richard Dunn, Thomas Mason, James Potter, to the Tax Board of Review for the term ending December 31, 2020. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson to appoint Paul Dwyer and James Butler to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term ending December 31, 2023. Motioned carried: 4-0.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser to appoint Craig Duckwitz to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson to give Clerk approval to advertise, with brief job descriptions, for the following vacancies to be filled: Planning Commission-4 vacancies, (city resident), Zoning Board of Appeals, 1 vacancy and 1 alternate, (city resident), Alderman Ward I and Alderman Ward III (city resident). Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Schwanz to reconfirm and accept the investment policy as presented by the Treasurer for 2020 using the following banks: Huron Community Bank, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, Northland Area Federal Credit Union, and M Bank and to do business with said institutions. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Schwanz for the Harrisville Lions Club to use city property at the Mill Pond Raceway and the Mill Pond Creek including use of the Harbor Pavilion area for the annual Duck Race scheduled for Saturday, July 3rd and 4th, 2020. The Harrisville Lions Club is also asking permission to place the advertising “ducks” around town, excluding attaching ducks to Main St. fences, the week before Memorial Day, 2020. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser for approval for Clerk to submit the MDOT Application for use of M-72 and US-23 for annual activities use permit for 2020. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Ferguson, Peterson. Nay: 0. Motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring would like to thank the Harrisville Goodfellows for a beautiful job of decorating the corners of US 23 and Main Street with the lit tree and the Nativity display again this year.

Mayor Gehring discussed the Contract for Services with the County of Alcona and the City of Harrisville.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser to accept the Contract of Services with the County of Alcona through December 31, 2020. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring discussed the Agreement to Provide Land Division Act Services between Alcona County and the City of Harrisville.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson to accept Land Division Services with Alcona County in effect until December 31, 2020. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring discussed Harrisville Airport's Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan Community Impact Grant application.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Schwanz to approve Harrisville Airport's request for approval for the grant application. Motion carried: 4-0.

Clerk Pierce reported the Summer Concert dates have been set for July 8, 15, 22, 29, and August 5, 2020. Voting, as determined by votes presented, for the most festive Holiday Lighting for a residential display this season, with a Consumers Energy \$50.00 Gift Certificate to the winner, goes to the home of Kyla Harmon and Allen Kay of 211 N. 2nd. St. and the local business Display Certificate is presented to Northern Accents on S. State St. (US23). Congratulations!

Treasurer Luenberger discussed investigating the accessibility of online water/sewer payments to Huron Community Bank for water/sewer customers.

Harbor Commission ex-officio Ferguson discussed the high water issue at the harbor and is urging the harbor commissioners to have paperwork in place for the opportunity to receive emergency funding, state or federal.

Fire Department Assistant Chief Tom Keerl reported on bids from Dinges Fire Company and Allied Fire Sales (\$3144.00) for Fire Department turnout gear. The Dinges bid of \$2480.00 per set with 15 sets needed for a total of \$37,200.00 has been chosen.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Schwanz to approve the contract with Dinges Fire Company for the purchase of new turnout gear for the fire department for \$37,200.00 and to adjust the Fund Balance in the fire account for up to \$40,000.00. Motion carried: 4-0.

Senior maintenance worker Keerl discussed a proposal from Maguire Iron, Inc. for the inspection, repairs (if needed), and pressure washing of the water tank in 2020, for the sum of \$7,800.00.

Motion by Peterson, support by Ferguson to contract with Maguire Iron, Inc. for maintenance and power washing of the water tank in 2020 for \$7,800.00. Motion carried: 4-0.

Keerl also discussed the need for a signal transmitter for the DPW to locate buried utilities at a cost of \$2200.00.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson to purchase a transmitter at a cost of \$2200.00, with an adjustment to the budget. Motion carried: 4-0.

County Commissioner Johnston reports that the county commission is waiting for an update on a report from the DEQ on the condition of property in the city to be purchased upon report by the DEQ. The county is also looking into resources for the harbor's high water conditions.

Comment cards: None.

Council Last Comments: None.

Mayor moved meeting to be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Next City Council meeting February 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

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.Mayor_____ Clerk_____