

CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

21 JANUARY 2020

The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Rev. Dr. Joshua Long of the 1st Presbyterian Church offered the invocation.

The meeting opened with Roll Call at 7:32pm.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Bill Neyer presiding. Members present included: Mr. Ethan Dole, Mr. Tony Egner, Mr. Ryan Grubbs, Mr. Mike Mains, Mr. Ryan Samuels and Mrs. Jean Wilson. Mr. Bill Deters was in attendance as Law Director.

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mains to excuse Mr. Hackworth from the meeting. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Dole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs, to approve the Council Meeting minutes and Executive Session summary from January 7, 2020. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Invited Guests & Visitors

There was no Greater Harrison Chamber of Commerce Update.

State Representative Cindy Abrams is on a tour of her district and spoke about what she is involved in at the state level. She is on 4 committees and has introduced 4 bills.

Harrison Library Branch Manager, Michelle Elliott, gave an update of the Public Library's Facility Master Plan.

Roy Barth of the Harrison Knights of Columbus and Harrison Home Company addressed Council about help on annexing a property on Carolina Trace into the City for a new K of C meeting place. It is in front of St. John's Church and would use their driveway. The property's neighbors were also present and voiced their concerns. Several questions were asked by Council and the Mayor directed Mr. Barth to meet with the Economic Development Director Hamons to see if annexation was a possibility.

Business

Items 6 and 7 of the agenda (2019 budget balancing Ordinances) will continue to be tabled.

Mr. Mains made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dole, to enter into Executive Session after the reports to discuss an economic development issue. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Neyer reported that he and Mr. Hamons are still in talks with the YMCA looking for ways to make building in the City economically feasible.

The Mayor also stated there will be changes to the use times of the Motocross Park this spring.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Deter's had no report.

Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Wilson

Veteran's Liaison: Mrs. Wilson spoke about the amount of Veterans suicides and how people can help.

Building and Lands: Mrs. Wilson reported their next meeting is March 31st at 6pm. The Mayor asked for a meeting before March of the City only members to discuss just City properties and Mrs. Wilson will look into getting that set up.

Mr. Egner

Recreation Committee: Mr. Egner will be attending their next meeting and have a report at the next Council meeting.

ICRC: Mr. Egner reported their next meeting is January 23rd.

Mr. Grubbs

Mr. Grubbs reported the Resource Committee will meet on January 27th at 6pm.

Fire Committee: The Committee met this evening and Mr. Grubbs reported there were 625 fire runs and 2073 EMS runs in 2019. The Medicount revenues were about budget for 2019. Their next meeting will be February 18th.

Police Committee: Mr. Grubbs reported in Mr. Hackworth's absence that the Committee met this evening. The Police Department is at a full staff of 22 which is same as it was in 1999. There is a budgeted fleet rotation of police vehicles which helps with repair costs and out of service vehicles. Police vehicles now have a new illuminating decal. Southwest Schools is looking to add another School Resource Officer. There will be a Sergeant's Civil Service test in April. There were 35 accidents in the City in December. The Police did 960 public service acts in 2019.

Mr. Samuels

Finance Committee: Mr. Samuels reported their next meeting is January 29th at 5pm.

Social Media Committee: Mr. Samuels reported they met today and the City website will be updated on February 23rd. Signal Tree Communication will start managing the City's social media. This has already been budgeted. They are also looking into a communication policy for the City. Their next meeting is March 17th at 8:30 am at the Coffee Peddler.

Mr. Dole

Planning Commission: Mr. Dole reported Planning Commission met on January 14th. A security fence and flagpole were approved for the welding business going into the old IGA building on State Street. Also approved was the rooftop installation of solar panels at 506 Harrison Avenue.

Streets, Stormwater and Utilities Committee: Mr. Dole reported their next meeting is February 4th at 6:15pm.

Mr. Mains

Tree Board: Mr. Mains reported their next meeting will be January 28th.

Recreation Committee: Mr. Mains reported the Recreation Committee met on January 8th. They discussed the year's recreation events starting with Eastertime.

On January 9th Mr. Mains attended the District's meeting and OKI.

Mr. Mains stated a treasure chest hunt by a local business is bringing lots of people to the Community Center grounds. He and the Mayor asked for people to please not be destructive to the grounds.

There being no further business, Council entered into Executive Session.

The regular meeting reconvened after Executive Session, and being no further business Mr. Dole made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Grubbs seconded. **Roll Call: All – yea.**


William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Risa Dole, Clerk