

CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

19 MARCH 2019

*Prior to the meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Dr. John Niehaus of Mt. Hope Baptist Church offered the invocation.*

The meeting opened with Roll Call at 7:31 pm.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Bill Neyer presiding. Members present included: Mrs. Cindy Abrams, Mr. Ethan Dole, Mr. Urbano Galindo, Mr. Ryan Grubbs, and Mr. Hank Menninger. Law Director, Mr. Bill Deters, was also in attendance.

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Abrams to approve the Council meeting minutes for March 5, 2019. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Menninger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to excuse Mr. Mains and Mr. Louis' absence from the Council Meeting. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

**Invited Guests & Visitors:**

Mrs. Jolene Winter spoke about the Greater Harrison Chamber of Commerce's recently held and upcoming events.

The Mayor presided over the swearing in of Joe Ramsey as Lieutenant, and the swearing in of Roger Mitchell as Sergeant for the Police Department.

Carol Kalwa and Cassandra Pickron of Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers presented Mayor Neyer with a check for \$104.38 for the Mayor's Fund. It was raised from sales during Freddy's 2 year anniversary celebration.

Mr. Don Hall of Mackie Court spoke about the bad condition of his street. Mayor Neyer and Mr. Dole told him Mackie Court is on the list for future replacement. Minor repair and pothole filling will be addressed soon by the Street Department.

Girl Scout Troop 45979 gave a power point presentation about a proposed project they would like to do in Willow Park. They want to install signs about the wildlife that is present in the park.

**Business:**

Mr. Grubbs made a motion seconded by Mr. Dole to Approve a Resolution to Award a Contract for the Construction of West Road and Stone Drive Sewer. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Resolution #7-19)**

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Mr. Grubbs mad a motion seconded by Mr. Dole to add an item of a request/ do not request for a hearing for a liquor license to the agenda. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

No hearing was requested for the issuance of a liquor license to DTR5 Investments LLC for the Taproom at 102 Harrison Avenue.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Neyer attended the District Meeting of the American Legion where Greg Chetwood was named Fire Fighter of the Year.

The Mayor and Zoning Department met with Lifespring Church about the design of their new church. The YMCA preliminary feasibility study should be finished soon.

### **Law Director**

Mr. Deters had no report.

### **Council – Committee Reports**

#### **Mrs. Abrams**

Mrs. Abrams reported she met with Sharon Lutz of Greenacres Canoe Rental and Whitewater Township Trustee Pope about having an adult only roadside clean up on April 13<sup>th</sup> of Kilby Road from Harrison Ave. to State Route 50 for "We Thrive". This is a partnering within the 45030 zip code and will work with Keep Harrison Beautiful. The Harrison Township Spring Cleanup is April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Abrams also met with Denver Baugh, who is the last living relative of Medal of Honor Recipient William Baugh. She would like to name a City Street after William Baugh. Several street ideas were brought up. It could also be a Memorial Parkway. Council suggestions were a street in a new development or possibly Biggs Boulevard. This will be looked into more.

**Economic Development:** Their next meeting is April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:15pm.

#### **Mr. Menninger**

**Fire Committee:** Mr. Menninger reported the committee met this evening. Runs and the Medi-account are down from last year. Fire personnel are undergoing physicals and refresher courses. The new quint is having its final inspection and will hopefully be ready for use next month. Mr. Menninger spoke about the committee's displeasure with Ohio House Bill 27 that would abrogate sovereign immunity and the Governor's proposed gas tax that could affect the City Departments.

**OKI:** Mr. Menninger attended the OKI Meeting and reported a window for block grants for bicycle and ground transportation is opening up.

Mr. Grubbs

Budget & Finance Committee: Mr. Grubbs reported the Finance Committee met last week. The City's credit card policy for employees was discussed. They are also hoping to start the interviews for the new HR position very soon.

Police Committee: Mr. Grubbs reported the committee met this evening. There were 22 accidents in the City in February. The new lieutenant and sergeant promotions were discussed. There will be a new civil service test for patrol officers. A police cruiser that was scheduled to be replaced was involved in an accident.

Mr. Dole

Planning Commission: Mr. Dole reported that Planning met on March 12<sup>th</sup>. A proposed laundry and drive thru at 204 N. State Street will be coming to Council soon for approval.

Streets Committee: The next Street/Utilities and Stormwater Committee Meeting will be April 2nd at 6:15pm.

Mr. Galindo

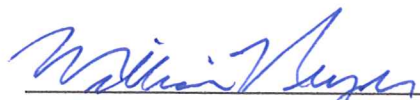
Public Safety/Parking Committee: Mr. Galindo reported this new committee met today. Its main intent will be public safety. Their first recommendation is a 3 way stop and painted curbs on Lyness Avenue.

Buildings and Land: The next meeting is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Civil Defense: Civil Defense met this evening. The Committee talked about training exercises for the police and fire departments.

Mr. Galindo also talked about his recent visit to Washington D.C. where he met with Senators and Congressmen. The importance of the 2020 Census was discussed.

There being no further business, Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Galindo to adjourn the meeting. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

  
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William Neyer, Mayor

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Risa Dole, Clerk