

CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

2 APRIL 2019

Prior to the meeting, The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Rev. Kathy Elliott of St. John's United Church of Christ offered the invocation. This will be her last invocation as she is moving away.

The meeting opened with Roll Call at 7:34pm.

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, Mr. Hank Menninger, Mr. Mark Louis, and Mr. Mike Mains. Mr. Bill Deters, the Law Director was also in attendance.

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Abrams to approve the Council meeting minutes from March 19, 2019 and the Executive Session Summary from March 5, 2019.

Roll Call: Louis, Mains – abstained (not present at meeting) Abrams, Menninger, Grubbs, Dole, Galindo – yea.

Invited Guests & Visitors:

Mayor Neyer proclaimed April World Autism Month and April 2nd World Autism Day in the City of Harrison. He invited citizens to “Light it up Blue” for Autism Awareness.

Business:

Mr. Menninger made a motion to approve a Resolution to Award a Contract for the Construction of North Hill Street Improvements. Mr. Dole seconded the motion. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Resolution #8-2019)**

Mr. Grubbs made a motion to approve a Zoning and Use Application and Conditional Use Approval in the DRD for 200 N. State Street for a drive thru and laundromat. It was seconded by Mr. Dole. There was some discussion with the owner Michael Runck. He is aware of all the DRD rules. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Menninger made a motion to add 2 items to the agenda. They are a Moratorium concerning Medical Marijuana and a Resolution opposing an Ohio House Bill. It was seconded by Mr. Grubbs. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Menninger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Louis to extend or enact a Moratorium on Cultivation, Packaging or Sale of Medical Marijuana for 180 days or until the enactment of an Ordinance Amending our Zoning Code to provide for the Use of

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certain zoning districts and the regulation of the Cultivation, Packaging, and or sale of Medical Marijuana or its derivatives. There was a brief discussion. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Menninger then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to Approve a Resolution in Opposition to House Bill 27 Amending the Political Subdivision Liability and Immunity Law. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Resolution #9-2019)**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Neyer and ED Director Hamons met with members of the Hamilton County Community Development to discuss the revolving loan funds that are out. They thought all was going well with the City's use of the program.

The Mayor has been attending interviews for the Human Resource spot and a fire fighter position. There is still 1 spot to be filled for the Police Department.

Mayor Neyer met with Southwest Local School District Representatives to discuss the roads around the new school campus and ways the City and School District can work together to make traffic better. They also met to discuss the new uses of the school buildings that will be empty after the new building.

Law Director

Mr. Deters had no report.

Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Abrams

Economic Development: Mrs. Abrams reported that Economic Development met this evening. Items discussed were new businesses now open or opening within a few months in the DRD. They are O'Reilly's Floral Design, Ahead of the Curve Gifts, the 1860 Tap Room, Heist & Co., Kimmie's Daiquiri Bar, and Dietz Custom Design. Valle Escondido will open next week. The next Workforce Development meeting is April 15th at 7:30 am. Economic Development's next meeting is May 8th at 6:15pm.

Mrs. Abrams attended the Hamilton County Emergency Management Mass Care Summit last month and the Western Economic Council Breakfast. Both of these discussed having an Emergency Plan which Harrison does have.

Mrs. Abrams also reminded everyone about the partnering with "We Thrive" for the Kilby Road roadside clean up on April 13th.

Mr. Menninger

Law Committee: The Law Committee met this evening. Items discussed were the Moratorium that was passed this evening. Ohio did pass a gas tax increase of 10.5 cents

today. 45% of this is supposed to come back to the local communities. They had executive session about some settlement negotiations.

Mr. Grubbs

Finance & Budget Committee: Mr. Grubbs reported about the HR position interviews. If anyone has issues with RITA during this tax time please report them to the City.

Mr. Louis

Mr. Louis had no reports this evening.

Mr. Dole

Streets Committee: Streets, Utilities and Storm water Committees did not meet this evening. Mr. Dole did report that there was an issue with the Biddle Avenue Storm water pump that failed. Mr. Leslie will be checking on this as will JMA. The Committee's next meeting is May 8th at 6:15pm.

Planning Commission's next meeting is April 9th at 7:30pm.

Mr. Mains

Tree Board: The Tree Board met on March 26th. Mr. Mains reported that for Arbor Day the Tree Board will have a program presented by Natorp's at the Library. They will give away 50 trees free and have a raffle for 4 other trees.


Mr. Mains also discussed the erosion at Willow Park. He has been meeting with engineering firms about this. They will be planting some long root grasses on the riverbank to help.

Recreation Commission's next meeting is April 10th at 7pm.


Mr. Galindo

Building and Lands: Mr. Galindo reported the money for the grasses being planted at Willow Park came out of this committee's budget.

There being no further business, Mr. Menninger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Louis to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm. **Roll Call: All - yea.**


William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Bisa Dole