

HARRISON OHIO CITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

04 APRIL 2023

Prior to roll call, a Public Hearing for a Conditional Use of 400 Harrison Avenue was held, the Pledge of Allegiance was said and Fire Chaplain Mark Garrett offered the invocation.

The meeting opened with Roll Call at 7:36pm.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Bill Neyer presiding. Members present included: Ms. Lexis Dole, Mr. Anthony Egner, Mr. Ryan Grubbs, Mr. Mike Mains, Mr. Ryan Samuels, and Mr. Jerry Wilson.

Mr. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs, to excuse Mrs. Wilson from the Meeting. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Egner, to approve the Council Meeting minutes from March 21, 2023. **Roll Call: Wilson, Egner, Grubbs, Samuels, Dole – yea Mains – abstain (not present at meeting).**

Invited Guests and Visitors

Mayor Neyer swore in the Firefighter promotions of Mike Rimroth as Captain and Eric Weil as Lieutenant.

Council recognized 2022 OHSAA Wrestling Coach of the Year Chris Baird and the 2023 OHSAA Girls Wrestling State Champions.

Bill Floyd with the VFW presented the Mayor with a check for \$1500 for the Mayor's Community Fund.

Mr. Wilson, representing American Legion Post 199, presented the mayor with a check for \$4172.40 for the Mayor's Community Fund and the Harrison Historical Society with a check for \$2400.

Caitlin Snyder with the Harrison Library gave an update on Library events.

Business

Mr. Egner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mains, to approve the Conditional Use of a Laundromat for 400 Harrison Avenue with none of the Zoning Department recommended conditions required. This was not approved by Planning Commission so it must pass by a super majority. After discussion Mr. Egner amended his motion to include all conditions expect for a panic button and safety beacon. **Roll Call: Egner, Mains – yea. Wilson, Grubbs, Samuels, Dole –nay. Motion failed.**

Mr. Wilson made a motion to Designate Kim Downey, Finance Director, to attend Public Records Training on Council's Behalf. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Samuels, to approve a Resolution Authorizing Expenditure from American Rescue Plan Act Funds. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Resolution #4-23)**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Neyer reported the City Easter Egg Hunt is this weekend and warned residents to drive carefully around the Community Center because of children.

Law Director's Report – The Law Director was not present.

Council – Committee Reports

Mr. Wilson – Mr. Wilson had no reports.

Mr. Egner – Mr. Egner had no reports.

Mr. Grubbs

Utilities Committee: The Committee met this evening and Mr. Grubbs reported they had a brief discussion about comparing the City's rates with other communities.

Mr. Samuels

Finance Committee: Mr. Samuels reported the Committee met on March 30th. Revenues are up a bit. A few miscellaneous items were discussed including the 2 voted on items this evening. A banking change is being made to utilize a bank sweep account method, which is balances left in accounts will be invested. Funding the Dry Fork Road overpass design phase was discussed. The second public work session concerning the fire levy was March 22nd. The Committee's next meeting is April 25th.

Police Committee: The next meeting is April 18th.

Ms. Dole

IT Committee: Ms. Dole reported the installment of the AV equipment at the Community Center and downtown will be in the next few weeks.

Tree Board: Ms. Dole reported the Board met last Tuesday. Removing callary pear trees from West Haven development was discussed along with the Oakland Hills development plan landscaping. The Arbor Day meeting will be April 25th at 7pm at the Library and all are welcome to attend. Volunteers will be cleaning the New Haven Road exit landscaping on Earth Day. The Board has lots of volunteer opportunities.

District Liaison: The next meeting is April 13th.

Social Media Committee: The Committee met this morning and Ms. Dole reported they discussed communications that go out to the community. Residents can receive calendar changes and public notices by subscribing on the website.

Mr. Mains

Economic Development: The Committee met this evening and Mr. Mains reported JobsOhio announced the CTS expansion. JTM's expansion is ongoing. An online survey for improvements to the Community Center received over 800 responses. The top 5

improvements wanted were new restrooms, a splash pad, updated/additional ball fields, additional walking trails and updated skate park. Planning Commission tabled the vote on the Gradison Development until April 11th and that meeting will be at the American Legion hall, Whitewater Whippy Dip near the high school and Magic Land, a kids indoor play area near Remke, are both now open. The next meeting is May 3rd.

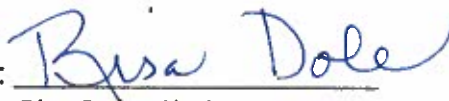
Street Committee: The Committee met this evening and Mr. Mains reported JMA, Ed Williams from TEC and a representative from ODOT were present. The bid for the sidewalk for the West Road overpass came in over \$2million. This project will probably not happen at this time due to the cost. The Committee feels the redoing of the Dry Fork Road Overpass is more important at this time and funds will also be needed for it.

Recreation Commission: Mr. Mains reminded about the Easter events that start at 8am. The Doug Dunaway Motor Cross Track opened today.

The Mayor proclaimed April 28th Arbor Day in the City.

There being no further business Mr. Egner made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Samuels seconded. **Roll Call: All – yea.**


William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Risa Dole, Clerk