

CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

05 MAY 2020

**This meeting was held virtually with Zoom on ICRC
due to the Covid-19 State of Ohio's Stay at Home Order**

Prior to the meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance was said and Mike Mains offered the invocation.

The meeting opened with Roll Call.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Bill Neyer presiding. Members present included: Mr. Ethan Dole, Mr. Tony Egner, Mr. Ryan Grubbs, Mr. Matt Hackworth, Mr. Mike Mains, Mr. Ryan Samuels and Mrs. Jean Wilson.

Mr. Dole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs, to approve the Council Meeting minutes from April 7 and April 21, 2020. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Invited Guests & Visitors

Sydney Murray of Register Publications gave a Greater Harrison Chamber of Commerce update.

Business

Mr. Samuels made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs, to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of an Alternative Method of Apportioning the Local Government Fund. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Resolution #3-20)**

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hackworth, to approve an Ordinance to Revise the Codified Ordinances by Adopting Current Replacement Pages thereto, and Declaring an Emergency. This updates Code with 2019 legislation. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Ordinance #8-20)**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Neyer reminded citizens that City openings and information are updated on the City website. The Mayor proclaimed May 16, 2020 as COVID-19 Hero Day in the City of Harrison. This is a day to thank front line and essential workers.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Deters had no report.

Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Wilson

Veteran Liaison: Mrs. Wilson reported the Wall that Heals exhibit has been postponed until 2021, the Memorial Day Parade has been canceled but graves will still be decorated and the Legion is having a blood drive at their hall. Over 200 free lunches were served by the Legion this past weekend.

Mr. Egner

Information Technology: Mr. Egner reported they met at the end of April and the City phones will be switched over by May 28th.

Social Media Committee: Mr. Egner reported the website is being cleaned up and the City's twitter account is back open. Signal Tree has been working on the website several hours a week.

Mr. Grubbs

Mr. Grubbs had no reports.

Mr. Samuels

Finance Committee: Mr. Samuels reported the committee met on April 22nd. They discussed the reduced revenues and budget reductions. Each department is reducing their budgets. The County informed the City its revenue will be reduced by \$800,000 for 2020.

Social Media Committee: Mr. Samuels reported they met on April 24th and Mr. Egner gave the report.

Mr. Dole

Streets, Storm water and Utilities Committee: Mr. Dole reported the committee met this evening. There have been complains from hotels and apartment complexes about the new water rates being based on meter size. Director Leslie will look into the rate structure. The West Road sewer project is complete. They would like to start construction on the water softening project in August. COVID-19 has caused safety studies to slow down so it could be 2021 until West Road overpass is done and 2022 for Harrison Avenue. To save money the City will use its own employees to extend the storm sewer on Jefferson Street.

Mr. Mains

Tree Board: Mr. Mains reported they met virtually on April 28th. A lot of their projects are being tabled. Many businesses have offered to take care of watering the Shaker Farms community flower pots themselves.

Economic Development: Mr. Mains reported the committee met this evening. Most of the City's large businesses are still operating. Most of the City's retail and restaurants are struggling. A couple local small manufacturing firms are looking to expand. 5Guys and Maka Mia Pizza are still scheduled to open at the end of May. The Burger King building has been demolished. The CIC is providing low interest loans to help struggling downtown businesses.

OKI: Mr. Mains will attend the virtual meeting on May 14th.

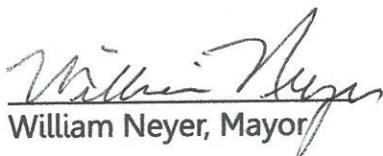
Recreation Commission: The Commission's next meeting is May 13th.

Mr. Hackworth

Law Committee: The Committee met virtually this evening, and Mr. Hackworth reported they had a presentation request for golf carts in the City. There is a lot to look at with this issue so the Committee will meet again on June 2nd.

There being no further business Mr. Grubbs made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Samuels seconded.

Roll Call: All – yea.


William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Risa Dole, Clerk