

CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

8 MAY 2019

*Prior to the meeting, The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Urbano Galindo offered the invocation.*

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

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

Mr. Dole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Menninger to approve the Council meeting minutes from April 16, 2019. **Roll Call: Galindo – abstained (not present at meeting) Abrams, Menninger, Louis, Dole – yea.**

**Invited Guests & Visitors:**

Lori Enright with the Greater Harrison Chamber of Commerce introduced the owner and general manager of Car Country, which is located at Harrison Avenue and Kilby Road, to Council. They were the May Chamber Member of the Month.

Mayor Neyer swore in Trevor Lutterbie as a new Police Officer.

Michelle Elliott, Branch Manager of the Harrison Library, gave Council an update on what is going on at the library and some of their upcoming events.

Jamie Mether of North Vine Street addressed Council about her frustration with rental housing, her neighbors and drug activity. She is also concerned about the damage that RLA is causing to the City Streets with their repair work.

Erich Leonardi of South State Street addressed Council about constant zoning notices he is receiving at his properties.

Mayor Neyer proclaimed May as ALS Awareness Month and May 8<sup>th</sup> as ALS Awareness Day in the City of Harrison.

**Law Director's Report**

Mr. Deters had no report.

**Council – Committee Reports**

**Mrs. Abrams**

**Economic Development:** Mrs. Abrams reported that Economic Development met this evening. Items discussed were work is continuing on new DRD businesses - the 1860 Tap Room, Heist & Co., Dietz Custom Design and Harrison Drink and Feed which will be located at 301 Harrison Avenue. The building department approved the exterior designs for the drive through and laundromat at 200 N. State Street. The owners of Valle Escondido stated their sales have exceeded their projections. The Workforce Development meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup> was attended by over 30 area companies, and Southwest Schools gave information about their work training programs. Economic Development's next meeting is June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.

Mrs. Abrams reminded everyone that May 15<sup>th</sup> is National Peace Officer Day.

**Recreation Commission:** Mrs. Abrams reported about upcoming events such as the Concert Series and Movie Night. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual District Food Truck Rally is May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Menninger**

**Law Committee:** The Law Committee did not meet this evening. Their next meeting is June 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

**ICRC:** Mr. Menninger attended ICRC's most recent meeting. They are having future budget concerns due to consumers moving to different types of media technology.

**OKI:** Mr. Menninger will be attending their next meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Louis**

Mr. Louis had no reports this evening.

**Mr. Dole**

**Streets Committee:** Streets, Utilities and Storm Water Committees met this evening. Mr. Dole reported a citizen was at the meeting with concerns about the utilities infrastructure. The Committee received an estimate on engineering services for a solution to a storm water problem on the back side of the community center property near Biddle Subdivision. Jennifer Vetter of JMA was at the meeting and discussed upcoming

projects. Madison and Washington Street by the Cemetery work was awarded grant money and repairs will begin after July 1<sup>st</sup>. The West and Stone sanitary sewer project has been awarded and work will begin June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The committee went through projects they could submit for various grants and funds. JMA will regrade the condition of the streets in need for grant funding. Sidewalks on the West Road overpass are also being reviewed by JMA to look for the best and quickest solution. The Committee's next meeting is June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.

Planning Commission's next meeting is May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

**Mr. Galindo**


**Building and Lands:** Building and Lands met last week. Several action items came out of the meeting. Working with the Township is very important for this committee. Security systems for the community center, a Township storage building, and parking in the Industrial Drive area were looked at. Pickle Ball surfacing will happen soon. Mr. Galindo reported the money for the grasses being planted at Willow Park came out of this committee's budget.

Mr. Menninger reported the new church building for St. John's will have a dedication and open on June 1<sup>st</sup>.


**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Neyer reported the City and the YMCA are still in discussions. Miami Township/Three Rivers is looking at bringing in a YMCA type medical facility and its impact on the YMCA here is being looked at by the group. In April Harrison was awarded for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row Tree City USA status. This opens up many grant opportunities for the City.

There being no further business, Mr. Menninger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Louis to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

  
William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Risa Dole, Clerk