

HARRISON OHIO CITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

06 JUNE 2023

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

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

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

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dole, to approve the Council Meeting minutes from May 16, 2023 and the Special Meeting minutes/Executive Session summary from May 30, 2023. **Roll Call: Grubbs, Dole, Mains, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Wilson – yea, Samuels -abstained.**

Invited Guests and Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, representing American Legion Post 199, presented the Harrison High School and Harrison Junior Baseball with AED machines.

Business

Mr. Samuels made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs, to add an item of setting a Public Hearing to the agenda. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Samuels made a motion to set a Public Hearing for the Annual Tax Budget on Wednesday, July 5th at 7:15pm. It was seconded by Mr. Wilson. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Samuels made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues listed in ORC 121.22 section G1 and G4. It was seconded by Mr. Grubbs. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Neyer reminded residents that school is out and there are more kids out and about so please be cautious, especially around the road work on Harrison Avenue.

Law Director's Report – The Law Director had no report.

Council – Committee Reports

Mr. Wilson

Storm water Committee: The Committee met this evening and Mr. Wilson reported there have been 2 storm water issues, one on Biddle Avenue and the other at 112 Jefferson Street. The Sewer Department took care of both problems.

Mr. Grubbs

Utilities Committee: The Committee met this evening and Mr. Grubbs reported that Jim will visit and evaluate utilities used at the Duke plant in the JEDD since their bills are so high. The Edgewood Road lift station and sewer work will start soon. Final permits are being pulled. The project at water well #3 is going out to bid. It is estimated to cost \$300,000.

RITA Review Committee: The Committee met May 23rd and Mr. Grubbs reported safe harbor estimate and non-filing penalties have been removed for 2023. They discussed bringing the

Income Tax department back in house. It seems it would run about \$300,000 a year to run versus the approximately \$100,000 that is paid to RITA a year. The next meeting is July 27th.

Mr. Samuels

Finance Committee: Mr. Samuels reported the Committee met on May 23rd. April was pretty much on budget. The 2022 audit is ongoing. A few miscellaneous items were discussed. How to pay for Meridian Barricades for street events was discussed. Kim is working on a financial forecast for the City. ARPA funded renovations to the Community Center bathrooms have started. The Committee's next meeting is June 27th.

Police Committee: The next meeting is June 20th.

Ms. Dole

IT Committee: Ms. Dole reported the installment of the AV equipment in Council Chambers is finished and they are working on the downtown speakers installation.

Tree Board: Ms. Dole reported the Board met on May 23rd and the Arbor Day meeting was discussed. They thanked the 20 volunteers from 3S who weeded the New Haven Road exit ramp landscaping. They reviewed the CTS expansion plan. It was approved expect for the lack of trees in the parking lot.

District Liaison: The next meeting is June 8th at 9am.

Mr. Mains

Economic Development: The Committee met this evening and Mr. Mains reported the City met with a possible tenant for the Hillwood building and a group of investors interested in putting a brewery in the Burwinkel building. A new developer is looking at the property across from Kroger. Arbor Homes is interested in finishing the Turner Ridge development. Visitors from our sister city, Meckesheim, Germany, will be here in September. Economic Development is planning the schedule of events. JTM, Crown Plastics and the Chamber have donated to pay for the events. The next meeting is July 5th.

Street Committee: The Committee met this evening, and Mr. Mains reported the West Road overpass work will begin soon and go into 2024. They will try to keep the road open as much as possible. Harrison Avenue will be repaved after the safety project is completed. Park Avenue is just about finished.

Mrs. Wilson


Recreation Commission: Mrs. Wilson reported the first summer concert is June 13th and the 4th of July event plans are all complete. The next meeting is June 14th.

Council entered into Executive Session.

The meeting reconvened after Executive Session.

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn. **Roll Call: All – yea.**


William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Risa Dole, Clerk