

CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

07 JULY 2020

Prior to the meeting, there were Public Hearings for the 2021 County Tax Budget and for the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA). The Pledge of Allegiance was said, and Dr. John Niehaus of Mt. Hope Baptist Church 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. Matt Hackworth, Mr. Mike Mains, Mr. Ryan Samuels and Mrs. Jean Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Samuels, to approve a corrected version of the Council Meeting minutes from June 16, 2020. **Roll Call: All – yea.** (Correction was a change to Mr. Mains' section of the reports)

Invited Guests & Visitors

Mayor Neyer presented newly retired Police Sergeant Todd Anderson with an American flag and challenge coin.

Mayor Neyer swore in Police Officer Shaun Miller as a new Police Sergeant.

The Greater Harrison Chamber of Commerce Member of the Month was the 1860 Taproom who sent a thank you letter which was read by Economic Development Director Shannon Hamons.

Resident, Robert Bien, spoke to Council about the RV/Camper zoning rules which only allow an RV or camper to be parked in front of your house for 72 hours. He would like it changed to more time than that. The Mayor informed him residents could call the zoning department to ask for extensions if it was for extenuating circumstances such as repairs.

Resident, Steven Esterman of Circle Drive, addressed Council about no parking signs on his street. Mr. Egner let him know the Public Safety Committee will be addressing this in the near future.

Business

Mr. Samuels made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hackworth, to table the Approval of an Ordinance Setting Compensation Rates for Directors and Other Non-bargained Positions and to enter into Executive Session to discuss the issue after the reports. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Samuels made a motion, seconded by Mr. Egner, to request an extension from the County for submitting the tax budget. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mayor's Report

The Mayor reminded residents the City operates as a business under the COVID-19

reopening schedule. Face masks will be required to enter City buildings after July 8th at 6pm.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Deters was not present.

Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Wilson

Veterans Liaison: Mrs. Wilson reported the Hometown Hero Banners have been installed on Harrison Avenue. She thanked Kathy Williams for leading this project.

Building and Land Committee: Mrs. Wilson reported the committee met on June 30th. A new ceiling will be going up in the Community Center multi-purpose room after new lighting is installed. The tennis courts will be resurfaced this year. The Community Center gate is down due to the construction at the elementary school. It allows the construction workers access to parking at the Center. It will be closed back after construction is finished. Their next meeting is September 29th.

Mr. Egner

Public Safety and Parking Committee: Mr. Egner reported the committee met on June 30th. They discussed parking on both sides of the street in various areas of the City.

Mr. Grubbs

Mr. Grubbs was not present.

Mr. Samuels

Finance Committee: Mr. Samuels reported the committee met on July 1st. The County Tax Budget was discussed.

Social Media Committee: Mr. Samuels reported the committee met today. The City's partnership with Signal Tree Communication is going well. Next to be done is updating the City departments' webpages and the City's promotional video. The Committee's next meeting is October 1st at 8:30am.

Mr. Dole

Planning Commission: Mr. Dole reported the next meeting is July 14th at 7:30pm.

Streets, Storm water and Utilities Committee: The Committee met this evening and items discussed were billing issues for the water bills. They conference called with FTCH to work on the glitches. August 18th is the bid opening for the water softening project and they hope to pave the 100 block of Washington Street if any grant money is left from the project.

Mr. Mains

Tree Board: The Board met on June 23rd. Make a Difference Day was discussed.

Recreation Commission: Mr. Mains reported the next meeting is July 8th. He heard several comments that people were glad the City held the 4th of July parade.

Economic Development: Mr. Mains reported they met this evening. Items discussed were a new business is interested in the Kmart building and the field across from Kroger, the restaurant, Drunken Hog BBQ, will be going in by the 1860 Taproom, Clash of the Cones will be replacing Lazy Days ice cream on Broadway and the downtown Harrison Building and Loan location has allowed their parking lot to be available for evening public parking .The committee's next meeting is August 4th.

Mr. Hackworth

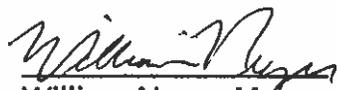
Law Committee: The Committee has received a lot of feedback concerning low speed vehicles operating in certain areas of the City. He would like to get even more feedback. At this time the Ordinance for low speed vehicles will only be allowing them in Parks of Whitewater, Trails of Whitewater and Hickory Flats. There will be restrictions on what types of vehicles are allowed. More will be forthcoming on this.

There being no further business, Council entered into Executive Session at 8:33pm.

The regular public meeting reconvened after Executive Session.

Mr. Samuels made a motion and Mr. Dole seconded, to approve an Ordinance Setting Compensation Rates for Directors and Other Non-Bargained Positions. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Ordinance #10-2020)**

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


William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Risa Dole, Clerk