

HARRISON OHIO CITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

03 OCTOBER 2023

Prior to roll call, the Pledge of Allegiance was said and Dr. John Niehaus of Mt. Hope Baptist Church offered the invocation.

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

Council met in regular session with Mayor William Neyer presiding. Members present included: Mr. Ray Acra, Mr. Tony Egner, Mr. Ryan Grubbs, Mr. Mike Mains, Mr. Ryan Samuels, Mrs. Jean Wilson and Mr. Jerry Wilson.

Mr. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Egner, to approve the Council Meeting minutes from September 19, 2023. **Roll Call: Mr. Wilson, Egner, Samuels, Mains, Mrs. Wilson-yea. Grubbs, Acra - abstain.**

Invited Guests and Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, representing American Legion Post 199, presented the Harrison Fire Department with a check for \$1500.

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

Business

Mr. Samuels made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs, to approve a Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Resolution #11-23)**

Mr. Grubbs made a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending the Amount Appropriated to Various Fund of the City of Harrison, Ohio. It was seconded by Mr. Samuels. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Ordinance #14-23)**

Mr. Egner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs, to approve an Ordinance to Levy a Special Assessment on the Property Located at 411 Park Avenue --\$225 for the Total Cost of Nuisance Abatement, and Removal/Repair of unsafe Conditions. **Roll Call: Samuels, Mains, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Wilson, Egner, Grubbs – yea. Acra – abstain. (Ordinance #15-23)**

No hearings were requested for liquor license applications for Quadrico Inc. dba Larosas or Family Dollar Stores of Ohio on Harrison Avenue.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Neyer reported the Harrison Mayor's Community Fund had their meeting yesterday. They will have red wrapped toy collection boxes in local businesses through December 10th. There will be signups for people requesting holiday help at the Community Center. Holiday distribution will be December 16th.

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

Council – Committee Reports

Mr. Wilson

Planning Commission: Mr. Wilson reported the Planning Commission will have a Public Hearing concerning the development on Carolina Trace on October 10th. It will probably be crowded.

Mr. Egner – Mr. Egner had no report.

Mr. Grubbs

Utilities Committee: The Committee met this evening but there was no report.

Mr. Samuels

Finance Committee: Mr. Samuels reported the Committee met on September 26th. Items discussed were the budget is on track and the cash balance is solid, county tax revenue, and a few miscellaneous items were discussed. The Committee had discussions for the 2024 operating budget with several Directors. The Committee's next meeting is October 18th.

Mr. Acra

This is Mr. Acra's first meeting as he replaced Lexis Dole on Council effective 10/1/2023. He was sworn in Sunday by State Representative Abrams. He will be taking Ms. Dole's place on Committees. He said a few words.

Mr. Mains

IT Committee: Mr. Mains reported the Committee met this evening and items discussed were the 2024 budget and wish list, there are a few final updates to the AV work at the Community Center and the City has switched cell phone providers to 1st Net.

Economic Development: The Committee met this evening. There was a grand opening for Quilter's Garden. Businesses in the permit or construction process are Hearth Brewery, Papa Johns, Jersey Mikes, Cronin, CTS, Kroger and JTM. Coating Systems asked the City for assistance in applying for an Enterprise Zone Abatement for an expansion. Valley House is hoping for a Spring 2024 opening. The Department met with Hamilton County DD to go over a strategic development plan which will help with developing the district and lead to grant opportunities.

Street Committee: The Committee met this evening, and Mr. Mains reported Mr. Leslie will look into how much longer the West Road Overpass will be only 1 lane. Utilities and road work will begin soon on Edgewood Road. There is a wait time before thermoplastic lines can be applied to Harrison Avenue.

Mrs. Wilson


Veteran's Liaison: Mrs. Wilson reported new military banners have been installed on Harrison Avenue. The old ones can be picked up at the Community Center. The American Legion hosted the Cincinnati Breast Fest on September 17th. It was well attended and had no issues.

Recreation Commission: Mrs. Wilson reported Spooktacular is October 29th from 5 to 7pm.

Mr. Samuels reminded everyone there is a Public Hearing on October 18th at 7pm for input on the Fire Levy replacement and withholding tax rates.

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


William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Risa Dole, Clerk