

CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

16 AUGUST 2016

Prior the the meeting, an invocation was read by Dr. John Hembree, Harrison Avenue Assembly of God Church

Council met in regular session with Mayor William Neyer presiding. Members present included: Mrs. Cindy Abrams, Mr. Ray Acra, Mr. Ethan Dole, Mr. Ryan Grubbs, Mr. Mark Louis, Mr. Hank Menninger, and Mr. Randy Shank. Mr. Bill Deters, Law Director was also in attendance.

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm. With the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Menninger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve the council meeting minutes for August 2, 2016. **Roll Call: Dole – yea; Acra – yea; Shank – abstain**(was not in attendance); **Abrams – yea; Menninger – yea; Grubbs – yea; and Louis – yea.**

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Menninger to approve the Purchase Orders Report. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Louis to approve an ordinance amending the amount appropriated to various funds of the City of Harrison, Ohio. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Ordinance #8 – 2016).**

Visitors

Representatives from the Southwest School District that included Mr. John Hamstra, superintendent, Mr. Chad Dennis, teacher, and Mr. Christian Tracy, Jr. High principal addressed council with regards to the failure of the August 2 bond issue levy. They asked council how they see the city and school working together as a community. They cited examples of the schools assisting the city with parades and the Mayor's Fund can food drive. They also discussed the upcoming school year and the challenges facing the school district with increased enrollment.

Mayor Report

Mayor Neyer announced the Mayor's Fund Golf Outing will take place on Saturday, September 24 at Grand Oaks Golf Course. Teams and sponsors should check the city's website or facebook page for additional information.

Law Director Report

Mr. Deters had no report.

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Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Abrams:

Civil Defense Committee: Mrs. Abrams reported the Civil Defense Committee met on August 16 and discussed the success of the Point of Distribution (POD) drill on Saturday, August 6. She thanked all the volunteers who attended the drill. Mrs. Abrams announced the next meeting of the Civil Defense Committee is scheduled for September 20 at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Menninger:

Fire Committee: Mr. Menninger reported on the following items from the August 16 meeting of the Fire Committee: The Monthly Fire Report showed the number of runs are in line with those in the past and the revenues are on par for what was budgeted. ; The department is in the process for writing a FEMA grant, as well as a Firehouse Subs grant for ballistic vests. ; The department's long term strategic planning sessions are continuing. Mr. Menninger reported he attended a University of Cincinnati football practice at Higher Ground in West Harrison where a player became significantly dehydrated. The HFD was called after the team physician had difficulty inserting an IV. Chief Hursong immediately started an IV and the player recovered quickly.

Mr. Grubbs:

Tree Board: Mr. Grubbs announced the Tree Board will meet on Tuesday, August 23 at 6:00 pm. They will discuss plans for a tree project along Broadway starting at the intersection of Harrison Avenue.

Mr. Louis

Police Committee: Mr. Louis reported on the following items from the August 16 meeting of the Police Committee: Chief Lindsey announced they will be some new traffic patterns at the jr. high, so residents may want to avoid that area for the next several weeks during the morning and afternoon dismissal times. ; The Monthly Traffic Crash Analysis Report showed a total of 32 auto accidents with 22 on public roadways and 10 on private property.; Starting August 19 through September 5 is the annual "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign. The Harrison Police Department always participates in this national drunk driving enforcement crackdown program. ; The committee discussed the 2017 budget for law enforcement as well as the magistrate's court.; A civil service test for the hiring of a new officer was given on August 9 with 19 taking the test and 16 passing the exam. The next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for September 20 at 6:00 pm.

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Chief Lindsey addressed Council to present the most recent recipient of the "Harrison's Most Wanted: Caught in the Act of Doing Good", Jeanette Losekamp. Jeanette is a 19 year member of the Harrison Kiwanis , serving as club treasurer for 15 years. She is a founding member of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Committee. In 2007 while serving as Chairwoman of the Relay, a record \$110,000 was raised.

Mr. Dole:

IT Committee: The committee will on September 6 at 5:40 pm to discuss come acquisition issues they are having with the hardware needed for Phase II of the infrastructure improvements.

Solid Waste & Environmental Committee: The next meeting of the Solid Waste & Environmental Committee is scheduled for September 6 at 6:00 pm. The Hamilton County Solid Waste District recycling grant application has been submitted for the first half of 2016. The Yard Waste program continues on the last Saturday of the month from 8:00 until 2:00 behind Industrial Drive.

Mr. Acra:

Planning Commission: The commission met on August 9 , but there was no new business brought forward. The next meeting will take place on September 13 at 7:30 pm.

Building & Lands: Mr. Acra reported the committee is working with the township trustees on a proposed shade pavilion near the new playground area. New paving on Thomas Lane waterworks park is moving along. The downtown pavilion at the corner of Harrison Ave. and State Street has been cleaned. The committee is considering the redrawing of parking lot lines near the pavilion to include additional green space and lighting. Improvements to the river park on Campbell Road are moving along with nearly 5 acres of land already cleared. A new facebook page has been started to keep residents up-to-date on the improvements. The page is Harrison Ohio River Park Project 2016. Mr. Acra suggested it may be time to close the ATV Park to insure safety for everyone working there. Mr. Acra reported they are hoping to have landscape design students from a local college design planting beds for the Village Park and then solicit volunteers for installation and upkeep.

Mr. Shank:

OKI: Mr. Shank reported he attend the OKI Annual Luncheon on August 4, along with Mayor Neyer and the Economic Development Director. They discussed the City of Lawrenceburg opening up a new port.

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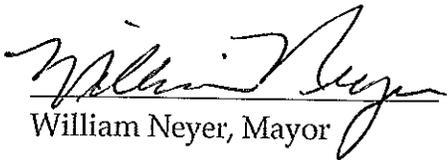
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Streets Committee: Paving should begin on State Street this week, but because of the wet weather the project may be delayed one week. The next Street Committee is scheduled for September 6 at 6:00 pm.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee will meet on September 20 at 5:15 pm. Mr. Shank reported Finance Director, Angel Burton has resigned her position, so the committee will begin the interviewing process for her replacement.

There being no further business, Mr. Louis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: All – yea.



William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Carol Wiwi, Clerk
