
CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

15 MARCH 2016

Prior to the meeting, an invocation was read by Rev. Willisa Redford, Legacy Christian 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, and Mr. Randy Shank. Mr. Hank Menninger was not in attendance. Mr. Bill Deters, Law Director was also in attendance.

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

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve the Council meeting minutes for March 1, 2016. Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve the Executive Session Meeting minutes for March 1, 2016. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

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

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve the appointment of Steve Boerger to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). **Roll Call: All – yea.**
Mayor Neyer presided over the swearing-in ceremony for Mr. Boerger.

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shank to approve a resolution authorizing application for participation in the Recreational Trails Program and/or the Clean Ohio Trails Fund through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Resolution #8 – 2016).**

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Louis to approve a resolution approving the purchase of a vehicle for city purposes. **Roll Call: Louis – yea; Dole – yea; Acra – yea; Shank – yea; Abrams – yea; Grubbs – abstain. (Resolution #9 – 2016).**

Visitors

There were no visitors at the meeting who wished to speak.

Mayor Report

Mayor Neyer presented a proclamation to Amy Schinner of Austim Speaks. The proclamation declares April as Autism Awareness Month and April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day in Harrison, Ohio.

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Law Director Report

Mr. Deters had no report, but requested an executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shank to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to pending litigation.

Roll Call: All – yea.

Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Abrams:

Civil Defense/Safety Committee: The Civil Defense/Safety Committee met on March 15 and discussed the meeting Mrs. Abrams had with Mr. Brown and Mr. Hamstra of Southwest Schools in reference to POD training occurring this summer.

Mrs. Abrams also reported she, along with Council member Ethan Dole, attended training for newly elected council members. The training was conducted by the Ohio Municipal League.

Economic Development Committee: No report.

Mr. Menninger:

Fire & Emergency Medical Committee: Reported by Mr. Louis in Mr. Menninger's absence. The Monthly Fire Report showed 97 incidents in the Division of Fire and Rescue and 260 incidents in the Division of EMS. These numbers are close to the 2015 figures. ; All contracts with outside agencies have been paid in full. The contract with Harrison Township is paid as proceeds from the levy comes in. ; Chief Hursong will conduct a meeting on March 16 at 9:00 am at Station 56 downtown to review response times in relation to the proposed Bright / I-74 study. ; Rep. Blessing will present legislation relating to the manufacture of drugs that cause fires. Chief Hursong has asked that language dealing with the manufacture of drugs such as meth, which results in a fire, should be considered arson. ; The next meeting of the Fire Committee is scheduled for April 19 at 6:30 pm.

Law Committee: No report.

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TIRC: No report.

Mr. Grubbs:

Recreation Commission: The commission met on March 9 to continue work on the Annual Easter Egg Hunt which will take place on Saturday, March 26. The Pancake Breakfast by Boy Scout Troop 408 will take place from 8:00 – 11:00 am. The cost is \$5.00 and free for those age 3 and under. There will be games from 10:00 – 11:00 am with the Egg Hunt starting at 11:00 am.

Mr. Grubbs reminded residents that this year's 4th of July Parade and activities will be held on Sunday, July 3.

Utilities Committee: No report.

Mr. Louis:

Police Committee: Mr. Louis reported on the following items from the March 15 meeting of the Police Committee: The Monthly Traffic Crash Analysis Report for the month of February showed a total of 38 auto accidents, with 30 on public roadways and 8 on private property.; The last of the 2012 police vehicles will be replaced with the passing of an ordinance tonight by council.; Chief Lindsey and Mayor Neyer in association with Southwest Schools, will present 2 programs to high school students on April 6 and 13. They will cover a variety of topics that include how to act as an adult and how to behave in a society and in our city.; The police chaplain attended a 3 day seminar in March and will continue to train an additional 17 hours in order to complete basic chaplain certification.; The in-service training "Officer Involved" will take place on Tuesday, May 24 from 7:00 – 10:00 pm at the High School Activity Center. The 2 hour documentary film is designed for active and retired law enforcement and active and retired fire officers and their significant others. ; The citizen observer tip 411 program is still in progress.; The second recipient of the "Most Wanted" award will be presented at the April 5 council meeting. The Harrison Kiwanis donated \$600 to the program which covers the award plaques. ; The Harrison Police Department D.A.R.E. Program received a donation in the amount of \$185.90 from Rempke's 2015 "Back the Blue" program. This year's "Back the Blue" program will take place on October 22.; The next meeting of the Police Committee will take place on April 19 at 6:00 pm.

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Mr. Dole:

Solid Waste & Environmental Committee: Hamilton County Solid Waste announced the total tonnage by the City of Harrison for 2015 is over 595 tons of recycled metal, glass, plastic and paper. Our efforts have conserved enough energy to power every home in Harrison for 11 days. The City Yard Waste program will take place on Saturday March 19 from 9:00 – 4:00 at the back of Industrial Drive. The next meeting of the Solid Waste & Environmental Committee will take place on April 5 at 6:00 pm.

Personnel Committee: The committee will hold their next meeting on April 5 at 5:30 pm.

Information Technology Committee: No report.

ICRC: No report.

Mr. Acra:

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission met on March 8. The applicant for the proposed retirement development asked that the application be tabled until the Commission's next meeting on April 12. The commission granted the request. There will be a public hearing on April 12 at 7:15 pm. in reference to the application.

Building & Lands Committee: The committee announced plans are being drawn to reconfigure the parking at the Fire Station. The new plan calls for public parking towards the street with reserved parking for fire department personnel to the back of the lot.

Storm water Committee: No report.

Mr. Shank:

Budget & Finance Committee: The next Finance Committee met on March 15 and announced the Monthly Income Tax Reports shows a marginal increase after two months into the year. The next Finance Committee meeting will be April 19 at 5:15 pm.

Streets/Bike Path Committee: The next Streets Committee will take place on April 5 at 6:00 pm. The State Street Project will begin on April 4 and should be finished by October 31.

OKI: The next meeting will take place on April 14 at 10:30 am.

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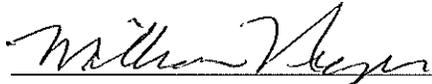
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Mayor Neyer announced the Finance Department will continue with City Tax assistance every Tuesday on the following dates: March 22, March 29, April 5, and April 12 during business hours.

There being no further business, council entered into executive session.



William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Carol Wiwi, Clerk