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CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

5 APRIL 2016

*Prior to the meeting, an invocation was read by Pastor Eric Foust, Triumphant Baptist Church*

Council met in regular session with Mayor William Neyer presiding. Members present included: Mr. Ray Acra, Mr. Ethan Dole, Mr. Mark Louis, Mr. Randy Shank, and Mr. Hank Menninger. Mrs. Cindy Abrams and Mr. Ryan Grubbs were 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. Acra to approve the Council meeting minutes for March 15, 2016. Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Acra to approve the Executive Session Meeting minutes for March 15, 2016. **Roll Call: Acra – yea; Shank – yea; Menninger – abstain**(was not in attendance); **Louis – yea; and Dole – yea.**

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

Mr. Louis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shank to approve an ordinance authorizing the appropriation of funds to the Police Department Budget Community City Funds and the Tree Board. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Ordinance #2 – 2016).**

**Visitors**

Chief Lindsey addressed Council to recognize Phyllis Morris as the February recipient of “Caught in the Act of Doing Good” as part of the “Harrison’s Most Wanted” Program. The Harrison Police Department in partnership with Monk’s Kitchen and the Harrison Kiwanis Club recognizes a special volunteer every month.

**Mayor Report**

Mayor Neyer read a proclamation establishing April 29, 2016 as Arbor Day in the city of Harrison. This day is recognized around the USA and the world to set aside a day for the planting of trees for the benefit of the environment. Mayor Neyer announced the city of Harrison will be recognized later this month as a Tree City USA.

Mayor Neyer reported on the Harrison Recreation Commission in Mr. Grubbs’ absence. The annual Easter Egg Hunt held on March 26 was a huge success with one of the largest turnouts ever. Mayor Neyer thanked the Commission volunteers for their time in putting the program together.

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Law Director Report

Mr. Deters had no report

Council – Committee Reports

Mr. Menninger:

Fire & Emergency Medical Committee: No report.

Law Committee: Mr. Menninger reported on the following items from the April 5 meeting of the Law Committee: The Master Plan is on hold until the Economic Development Director position is filled.; The Ohio Senate is currently discussing Bill 27 which is a proposed expansion of the Bureau of Worker’s Compensation Firefighter Cancer Exposure Protection. The Ohio Municipal League currently opposes the language of the Bill. ; A Bill is expected to be introduced next week relates to strengthening measures against unsafe levels of lead in drinking water.; The committee discussed the New Haven Road Senior project which was initially slated for a hearing before the Board of Zoning Appeals. The initial plan as well as the modified plan under a Planned Unit Development has both been withdrawn.; The committee discussed several pending litigation matters.; The committee also review several policies from the mayor with regards to email and cell phone use.

TIRC: No report.

Mr. Louis:

Economic Development Committee: Mr. Louis reported on the April 5 meeting of the Economic Development Committee in Mrs. Abrams’ absence. The committee is continuing work on selecting a new Economic Development Director. The next meeting of the Economic Development Committee is May 3 at 6:30 pm.

Police Committee: Mr. Louis had no report, but announced the next meeting of the Police Committee will take place on April 19 at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Dole:

Personnel Committee: The committee met on April 5 and worked on the updated Employee Handbook. The last update was in 1995. The committee will review the Hamilton County Employee Handbook for guidance.

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Solid Waste & Environmental Committee: The committee met on April 5 and announced Duke Energy will inspect inside gas meter equipment and pipes during the month of May. Duke Energy has contracted with Southern Cross Inc. to handle these inspections. The inspectors will wear Southern Cross ID cards and driving marked vehicles.

Information Technology Committee: No report.

ICRC: No report.

Mayor Neyer reported the city is in the process of evaluating the cost of the four dumpsters behind the Community Center and the value of the recycling program. He explained that when the dumpsters are being used inappropriately the city gets no recycling incentive funds. People are placing trash inside and outside of the dumpsters. If the problem continues the dumpsters will be removed.

Mr. Acra:

Planning Commission: The Senior Facility Project application has been pulled and the April 12 public hearing has been cancelled. The regular Planning Commission meeting will be held on April 12 at 7:30 pm.

Building & Lands Committee: No report.

Storm water Committee: No report.

Mr. Acra reminded the community the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony will be held on May 30.

Mr. Acra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shank to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing two personnel issues. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Shank:

Streets/Bike Path Committee: The Streets Committee met on April 5 and discussed the State Street Project. Drivers are reminded to slow down in the construction zone and pay attention to the workers and the barricades. The next Streets Committee meeting will be held on May 3.

Budget & Finance Committee: The next Finance Committee meeting will be April 19 at 5:15 pm. The Finance meetings will no longer include Quarterly Budget meetings for the directors and staff.

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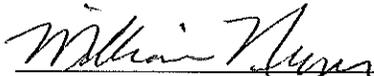
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OKI: The next meeting will take place on April 14 at 10:30 am.

Mr. Shank announced the Tax Commissioner will be available to help residents with their Harrison city taxes(RITA) on Tuesday, April 12. Mr. Shank reminded residents the filing deadline for federal, state and city taxes is Monday, April 18.

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

  
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William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Carol Wiwi, Clerk