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CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

19 APRIL 2016

*Prior to the meeting, an invocation was read by Pastor Joshua Long, First Presbyterian 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. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Menninger to approve the Council meeting minutes for April 5, 2016. Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Menninger to approve the Executive Session Meeting minutes for April 5, 2016. **Roll Call: Grubbs – abstain**(was not in attendance); **Louis – yea; Dole – yea; Acra – yea; Shank – yea; Abrams – abstain**(was not in attendance); **and Menninger – 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. Louis to approve a resolution approving the purchase of a vehicle for city purposes. **Roll Call: Dole – yea; Acra – yea; Shank – yea; Abrams – yea; Menninger – yea; Grubbs – abstain ; Louis – yea. (Resolution #10 – 2016).**

### Visitors

Mr. Connor Thomas, faculty advisor of the Harrison High School Flag Club, along with student member of the club presented to council their 3 final designs for a new City of Harrison flag. Residents can vote online beginning April 20 for their favorite design.

Southwest Local School Board member Jeff Biddle addressed council to report on the Ohio School Facilities Program and the upcoming August 2 levy to build a new middle school and renovate the high school. Mr. Biddle was joined by Assistant Superintendent John Hamstra to explain the necessity of passing the August levy in order to maintain the 26% funding from the state for future construction of new elementary schools.

### Mayor Report

Mayor Neyer read a note from Jill French, Senior Center Coordinator, thanking the Brater Family and the community for their donations to the Senior Center Activity Fund in memory of John Brater.

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Law Director Report

Mr. Deters had no report

Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Abrams:

Economic Development Committee: No report.

Civil Defense/Safety Committee: The committee met on April 19 and worked on setting a date for their POD drill. The next meeting of the Civil Defense Committee is scheduled for May 17 at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Menninger:

Fire & Emergency Medical Committee: Mr. Menninger reported on the following items from the April 19 meeting of the Fire Committee: The Med-i-count revenue is coming on right on budget; The EMS runs year-to-date are up as well as the fire runs. ; The department has a new vehicle in service now.; A number of the fire officers are involved in various training programs with some receiving scholarships up to \$500. ; The department is looking for a local site to store the antique Ahrens-Fox fire truck, which has been restored. ; Long range planning for the Fire Department is continuing with the next meeting scheduled for May 2 at 5:00 pm.

Law Committee: Mr. Menninger reported on the following items with respect to legislation in the Ohio Statehouse: A capital appropriations bill was unveiled to allocate \$650 million for the Ohio School Facilities Commission for K-12. ; Several bills have been introduced in the State Legislature for the support of medical marijuana. ; The House Committee is fast-tracking a foreclosure bill to deal with abandoned and dilapidated properties. Senate Bill 27, the firefighter cancer bill, has been approved by the Senate by a vote of 32 to 1.

TIRC: No report.

Mrs. Grubbs:

Recreation Commission: The 2016 Summer fun program will begin on June 7 and continue through July 14. The six week session will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 to 11:30 am. The registration fee is \$20, which includes a summerfun T-shirt. Sign-ups will be held on May 10 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm and May 14 from 10:00 – 12:00 in room 110 at the Community Center. The Summerfun program is for children from age 5-10 year olds. The Recreation Commission's summer concert series schedule is as follows: June 14 – Lt. Dan's New Legs; June 28 – The Menus ; July 12 – Cherry on Top; and July 28 – DV8.

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The Recreation Commission's summer movie schedule is as follows: June 7 – *Hotel Transylvania 2*; July 1 – *Minions*; July 15 – *Aladdin*; and July 29 – *Inside Out*. The next meeting of the Tree Board will be held on April 26 at 7:00 pm and the Recreation Commission will meet on May 11 at 7:00 pm.

Utilities Committee: The next meeting of the Utilities Committee is May 3 at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Neyer announced the opening of Firehouse Subs and on Friday, April 22 the new Main Source bank on Harrison Avenue will have a Grand Opening at 10:30 am.

**Mr. Louis:**

Police Committee: Mr. Louis reported on the following items from the April 19 meeting of the Police Committee: The Monthly Crash Analysis Report for March showed a total of 21 auto accidents, 14 on public roadways and 7 on private property.; The quarterly report from the new police chaplain was reviewed. The chaplain is just 3 training hours short of certification.; The department announced the retirement of Lt. Mathews effective May 8.; The department welcomed new police officer, Tara Dejaniero. She will begin her duties on May 1. Also, new officer, Eric Conner will begin his service in August. The next meeting of the Police Committee will take place on May 17 at 6:00 pm.

The Citizen Observer is a social media system to get information for crime alerts, tips to the police, etc. This is a completely anonymous tip system that will be available in the next few weeks. Residents will receive Citizen Observer cards in their utility bills.

Mr. Dole: Mr. Dole reminded residents that Duke Energy has subcontracted Southern Cross to inspect all basement gas meters and piping during the month of May. Workers will be in marked vehicles and in uniform.

Solid Waste & Environmental Committee: The next meeting of the Solid Waste & Environmental Committee will take place on May 3 at 6:00 pm.

Personnel Committee: The committee has attained a copy of the 2016 Hamilton County Personnel Policy Manual. The committee will begin review of this manual, along with the City's Manual for comparisons and updates.

Information Technology Committee: The next meeting of the Information Technology Committee will be held on May 3 at 5:30 pm.

ICRC: No report.

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**Mr. Acra:**

**Planning Commission:** The commission met on April 12 and approved two lot splits on the Cronin property on Progress Way. The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for May 10. Mr. Acra announced a workshop will be held on June 14 to discuss ways to convince business owners to remove huge pylon signs from buildings and possibly replace them with monument size signs. Mr. Acra also took time to express his views with regards to the current operating procedure and/or application process currently used by the city for lot splits and other land issues.

**Building & Lands Committee:** No report.

**Storm water Committee:** No report.

**Mr. Shank:**

**Streets/Bike Path Committee:** Mr. Shank announced the next Streets Committee meeting is scheduled for May 3.

**Budget & Finance Committee:** The Finance Committee met on April 19. It was reported that taxes are up marginally during the first quarter. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on May 17.

**OKI:** No report.

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

  
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William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Carol Wiwi, Clerk