

CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

3 MAY 2016

*Prior to the meeting, an invocation was read by Police Chaplain Chris Schenemen,
Pastor of New Song Vineyard 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. Hank Menninger. Mr. Randy Shank was not in attendance. Mr. Bill Deters, Law Director was also not in attendance. Mr. Ryan LaFlamme represented Mr. Deters.

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

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Menninger to approve the Council meeting minutes for April 19, 2016 Roll Call: All –yea.

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

Mr. Menninger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve the March Finance Report. Roll Call: All – yea.

Visitors

Southwest Local Schools new Superintendent, Mr. John Hamstra addressed council to present additional facts with regards to the August 2 bond issue for renovations to the high school as well as a new middle school.

Mr. Bob Greiwe, representative from Gametime and David Williams & Associates addressed council with a design for a new playground behind the Community Center. The design and equipment meets the new safety standards, accommodates different age groups, has enclosed swings for toddlers, meets ADA requirements, and will be operational for the next 20 years. The cost of the new playground system is \$60,000.

Mayor Report

Mayor Neyer presented Harrison's Police Department's new officer, Tara Duganiero. Mayor Neyer presided over the swearing-in ceremony for Officer Duganiero.

Law Director Report

Mr. LaFlamme had no report

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Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Abrams:

Economic Development Committee: Mrs. Abrams announced the final day to vote on one of 3 designs for a new Harrison Flag designed by the Harrison High School Flag Club is tonight at midnight. "The District" has planned several events for this year which include the following: Farmer's Market on Sundays, June 26, July 24, and August 28 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. A "Taste of Harrison" has been scheduled for September 10 and "Ladies on the Loose" on October 7.

The Economic Development Committee is in the process of interviewing for the Economic Development Director position. The next meeting of the Economic Development Committee is June 7 at 6:30 pm.

Civil Defense/Safety Committee: Volunteers from NORC out of the University of Chicago are randomly visiting homes in the area from April through December for surveying purposes. Residents can choose not to participate in the survey if asked. All survey volunteers will have identification badges.

The Civil Defense Committee is still looking for POD volunteers. Contact Steve Placke at the Harrison Fire Department if you are interested.

Mr. Menninger:

Fire & Emergency Medical Committee: Mr. Menninger reported the members of the long range planning committee met on May 3. This is the third session with another meeting scheduled for May 17 at 5:00 pm. The committee is discussing a variety of issues including staffing, long range financial projections, and improvements to the Fire Department.

Law Committee: Mr. Menninger reported the Law Committee did not meet due to the long range planning sessions by the Fire Department.

TIRC: No report.

Mrs. Grubbs:

Recreation Commission: FCN has installed a billboard on Kilby Road listing the Recreation Commission's summer concert series schedule. 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 11:00 am. for children ages 5 – 10. The registration fee is \$20, which includes a summerfun T-shirt.

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Utilities Committee: No report.

Mayor Neyer reminded residents the Recreation Commission's summer concert schedule is also on a billboard up the hill on Harrison Avenue.

Mr. Louis:

Police Committee: Mr. Louis congratulated probationary Officer Tara Duganiero on joining the Harrison Police Department. Since 1850, she is only the third female police officer in the history of the Harrison Police Department.

Four Harrison police officers have been awarded the HPD Merit Award for lifesaving assistance rendered by the officers. In February and March these officers were dispatched to incidences involving non-responsive heroin overdose victims. In both incidences, the quick assessment and the administration of Narcan saved the lives of the victims. The first ever use of Narcan for by police officers on an overdose victim was given by Officer Chris MacMurdo with assistance Officer Jamie Bastian. The second use of Narcan was given by Lt. Steve Mathews with assistance from Officer Scott Jenkins.

The next meeting of the Police Committee will take place on May 17 at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Dole:

Information Technology Committee: The IT Committee meeting scheduled for May 3 was postponed due to the Fire Department planning meeting. Phase 1 of the IT infrastructure upgrades were completed this week. The next meeting of the IT Committee will take place on June 7 at 5:30 pm .

Solid Waste & Environmental Committee: The next meeting of the Solid Waste & Environmental Committee will take place on June 7 at 6:00 pm .

Personnel Committee: No report.

ICRC: No report.

Mr. Acra:

Planning Commission: The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for May 10 at 7:30 pm. The agenda includes the discussion of two businesses opening in the DRD.

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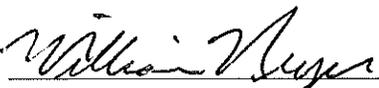
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Building & Lands Committee: The city has arranged for a new lawn service for their share of the mowing of the Committee Center which has netted a savings of \$2000. The northern ballfield by the Waterworks was renovated by the Street Department.

Storm water Committee: Even with lots of spring rain, no flooding was reported.

Street Committee: Projects on Miller Court, South Elm, Sunset, and State Street are moving along smoothly and on schedule.

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



William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Carol Wiwi, Clerk