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CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

17 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, 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 May 3, 2016. Mrs. Abrams noted the minutes should be changed to July 24 for the Farmer's Market, not July 4 as currently written. **Roll Call: Dole – yea; Acra – yea; Shank – abstain; Abrams – yea; Menninger – yea; Grubbs – yea; and Louis – yea.**

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

Council agreed to not request a hearing by the Ohio Division of Liquor Control on a request for a new liquor license for 10533 Harrison Ave.

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve ordinance amending the amount appropriated to various funds of the City of Harrison, Ohio. This ordinance allows the allocation of funds from the Recreation Tax Fund for the construction of new playground equipment. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Ordinance #3 – 2016).**

**Visitors**

No visitors.

**Mayor Report**

Mayor Neyer read a proclamation for Lt. Detective Steve Mathews in recognition of his May 8, 2016 retirement from the Harrison Police Department. Lt. Mathews joined the Harrison Police Department in 1989 and was the recipient of numerous awards and accommodations for his exemplary professional performance.

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Police Chief Chuck Lindsey presented Lt. Mathews with the Exemplary Service Award for outstanding service and unselfish devotion to duty as a member of the Harrison Police Department. During his 27 years with the department, Lt. Mathews has been instrumental in the investigation, the solution, the arrest and the conviction of the perpetrators of the three homicides that took place in Harrison.

Mayor Neyer reported he along with Township Trustee Tom Losekamp co-authored a letter to the Hamilton County Commissioners requesting they give serious consideration to our community for the location of the new coroner's facility.

**Law Director Report**

Mr. Deters had no report.

**Council – Committee Reports**

**Mrs. Abrams:**

Civil Defense/Safety Committee: There was no Civil Defense Committee this evening, but the Civil Defense Committee is still looking for POD volunteers. Contact Steve Placke at the Harrison Fire Department if you are interested.

Economic Development Committee: Mrs. Abrams reported the "Sun Ray" flag one of three designs by the Harrison High School Flag Club received the most votes. The Economic Development Committee is currently interviewing for the Economic Development Director position. "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 in combination with the Citywide Yard Sale. "Ladies on the Loose" returns on October 7 with all proceeds going to Pink Ribbon Girls. Iron Horse Studios is busy filming a video featuring all the businesses in "the district". The Officer Involved Training for all active and retired police officers and fire personnel will take place on May 24 from 7:00 – 10:00 pm at the Activity Center. The first Harrison Family Fun Run/ Walk will be held on Saturday, June 2 from 8:00 – 12:00.

**Mr. Menninger:**

Fire & Emergency Medical Committee: Mr. Menninger reported on the following items from the May 17 meeting of the Fire Committee: The revenues are on pace to land on budget this year. All the runs from the Division of Fire & Rescue and Division of EMS are up slightly from last year. The committee discussed the replacement of one of the

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medic units and to reduce the number of units from 4 to 3. This reduction will allow for the purchase of needed equipment as well as end up with a net budget savings. The long range planning meetings are ongoing. The committee is looking at staffing, equipment, budget items, etc. The next meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee will take place on June 15 with the Harrison Township Trustees at the Harrison Township Civic Center at 7:30 pm.

Mr. Menninger reported he attended the Quarterly ICRC(Inter Cable Regulatory Commission) meeting on May 12.

Law Committee: No report.

TIRC: No report.

**Mrs. Grubbs:**

Recreation Commission: Mr. Grubbs reported the 2016 Summer fun program will begin on June 7 and continue through July 14. 153 children signed up for this year's six week sessions. The next meeting of the Harrison Recreation Commission will be held on June 8 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Grubbs reminded residents that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade will take place on Sunday, July 3.

Utilities Committee: No report.

**Mr. Louis:**

Police Committee: Mr. Louis reported on the following items from the May 17 meeting of the Police Committee: The Monthly Traffic Crash Analysis Report for April showed a total of 43 auto accidents, 28 on public roadways and 15 on private property. ; The Civil Service oral interviews will take place on Friday, May 20 for the lieutenant and sergeant positions. New police officers Lutterbie, Gober, and Duganiero are doing well. Lutterbie and Gober have moved beyond the probationary period and are now on their own. ; The new LED lights for the Police Station have arrived and installation will begin. ; The 2017 police vehicles are in and the graphics have been applied. The next step will be to install the electronics.

Mr. Louis read a long list of awards and accomplishments given to Lt. Detective Steve Mathews during his 27 year career with the Harrison Police Department.

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Mr. Louis asked Chief Lindsey to the podium to recognize Chris Brown for the Harrison's Most Wanted "Caught in the Act of Doing Good" award. The award is sponsored by Monk's Kitchen and the Harrison Kiwanis.

Mr. Louis announced the next meeting of the Police Committee will be held on June 21 at 6:00 pm.

**Mr. Dole:**

Information Technology Committee: The next meeting of the IT Committee will take place on June 7 at 5:40 pm. to discuss the next phase of the infrastructure improvements.

Solid Waste & Environmental Committee: The next meeting of the Solid Waste & Environmental Committee will take place on June 7 at 6:00 pm. in conjunction with the Streets and Utilities Committees. The SW & E Committee will continue to look over the issues with regards to the Community Center dumpster and their misuse.

Personnel Committee: No report.

ICRC: No report.

**Mr. Acra:**

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission met on April 12 and two new businesses were approved. The Broken Needle tattoo parlor will open at 102 Harrison Avenue and Freight Tech will open at 105 S. Walnut Street. The Planning Commission has scheduled a workshop for 7:00 pm. on June 14. On the agenda will be a discussion about pylon signs.

Building & Lands Committee: The next meeting of the Building & Lands Committee is scheduled for May 31 at 7:00 pm. in Council Chambers. Mr. Acra encouraged residents with concerns about baseball field assignments to attend this meeting.

Storm water Committee: No report.

Mr. Acra made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Abrams to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing two personnel issues. **Roll Call: Abrams – yea; Menninger – yea; Grubbs – yea; Louis – nay; Dole – yea; Acra – yea; and Shank – yea.**

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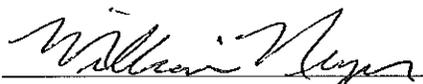
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Mr. Shank:

Finance Committee: The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on June 21 at 5:15 pm.

Street Committee: The next meeting of the Streets Committee is scheduled for June 7 at 6:00 pm. Projects on Miller Court, South Elm, Sunset, and State Street are moving along smoothly and on schedule. Mr. Shank urged drivers to exercise caution while driving on State Street.

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

  
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William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Carol Wiwi, Clerk