
CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

7 JUNE 2016

Prior to the meeting, an invocation was read by Dr. John Niehaus, Mt. Hope Baptist Church

Council met in regular session with Mayor William Neyer presiding. Members present included: Mrs. Cindy Abrams, Mr. Ray Acra, Mr. Mark Louis, Mr. Hank Menninger, and Mr. Randy Shank. Mr. Ethan Dole 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. Menninger to approve the Council meeting minutes for May 17, 2016. Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Menninger to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes for May 17, 2016. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

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

Mr. Louis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Acra to approve an ordinance to amend Chapter 145 of the Harrison Codified Ordinances. **Roll Call: All – yea.**
(Ordinance #4 – 2016).

Visitors

No visitors.

Mayor Report

Mayor Neyer presided over the swearing-in ceremonies for the promotion of two members of the Harrison Police Department. Sgt. Terry Lowrey was promoted to Lt. Detective and Officer Robert Seiter was promoted to Sergeant.

Mayor Neyer read a proclamation to establish May 18 as Dave Walpee Day in the city of Harrison. Dave Walpee retired from Campbell-Hausfeld after 46 years of service.

Law Director Report

Mr. Deters had no report.

Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Abrams:

Civil Defense/Safety Committee: No report.

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Utilities Committee: The committee met on June 7 and announced in-house mailing of the utilities bills as well as electronic billing through email.

Stormwater Committee: The committee met on June 7 and announced the city engineers have completed their survey of Fawn Drive. Work will begin in September to alleviate the flooding/drainage problems which have occurred for many years. The cost of the project will be \$80,000-90,000 and will include new catch basins and a new stormwater pipe to flow to the Whitewater River.

Economic Development Committee: Mrs. Abrams reported on the following items from the June 7 meeting of the Economic Development Committee: The hiring process for the Economic Development Director position is still underway, along with the completion of the interviews. ; Farmer's Market on Sundays, June 26, July 24, and August 28 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. in the Historic District. ; The Harrison Family Fun Run/ Walk will be held on Saturday, June 2 from 8:00 – 12:00 with all proceeds going to Christ's Loving Hands. Participants are asked to bring a canned good for the Harrison Mayor's Fund. ; The 4th of July Parade and festivities will be held on Sunday, July 3 beginning with a 4:00 parade followed by special activities behind the Community Center.; The City wide Yard Sale is scheduled for September 10 along with a "Taste of Harrison". ; "Ladies on the Loose" returns on October 7 with all proceeds going to Pink Ribbon Girls.

Mr. Menninger:

Fire & Emergency Medical Committee: No report.

Law Committee: Mr. Menninger reported on the following items from the June 7 Law Committee meeting.: The steering committee for the Master Plan is now complete. The committee will begin their work once the Economic Development Director position is filled. ; The committee discussed Chapter 145 of the Codified Ordinances with respect to Civil Service. ; The committee discussed some zoning issues along with the June 14 Planning Commission meeting, and several litigation matters.; The committee is continuing work on the city cellphone, internet, and email policies.

TIRC: No report.

Mayor Neyer announced there will be a dunking booth at the 4th of July activities. The cost is \$3.00 or 3 canned goods for 3 chances to dunk a city council member or director. All proceeds go to the Mayor's Fund.

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Mr. Louis:

Police Committee: Mr. Louis had no committee report, but announced the Police Committee will hold their next meeting on June 21 at 6:00 pm. He congratulated Lt. Detective Lowrey and Sgt. Seiter on their promotions.

Mr. Acra:

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission will hold their next meeting on June 14 with a public hearing prior to the meeting on pylon signs.

Building & Lands Committee: Mr. Acra reported the B&L Committee met on May 31. Plans were brought forward by a private organization for a request to construct four existing ballfields, a concession stand, 150 parking space lot, new backstops, and new restrooms. Mr. Acra explained this project would be a financial burden placed on the city and the township. He also added this project could turn the Community Center into a private facility for a specific organization(s). Mr. Acra reported the city and the township understand the need of updated facilities and are looking into re-designing the fields to increase the number of fields.

Storm water Committee: No report.

Mr. Acra reported he was approached by a member of the Tree Board with concerns about the maintenance of city trees, in light of being recognized as a Tree City USA. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources offers free training if a city employee is designated as the person to care for these trees or if a volunteer is designated.

Mr. Acra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shank to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing two personnel issues that included the Economic Development Director position and compensation for directors. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Shank:

Street Committee: The committee met on June 7 at 6:00 pm and announced street projects on Miller Court, South Elm and Sunset will begin next week. The State Street is moving along. Mr. Shank announced the next Streets Committee meeting will be held on July 5 at 6:00 pm.

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

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Mr. Shank announced the Special Streets meetings will be held on one evening during the week of July 11 – 15. This is an opportunity for residents to bring forth specific problems or concerns on their street.

Mr. Shank announced he will attend the OKI meeting on June 9 at 10:30 am.

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

After leaving executive session, council returned to regular session and approved an ordinance setting compensation rates for directors and other non-bargained positions. (Ordinance #5 – 2016).



William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Carol Wiwi, Clerk