

## CITY OF HARRISON

### COUNCIL MINUTES

5 JULY 2016

*Prior to the meeting, an invocation was read by Pastor Jim Metcalf, New Beginnings Worship*

Council met in regular session with Mayor William Neyer presiding. Members present included: Mrs. Cindy Abrams, Mr. Ray Acra, Mr. Ethan Dole, Mr. Mark Louis, and Mr. Hank Menninger. Mr. Ryan Grubbs and Mr. Randy Shank 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. Louis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Menninger to approve the Council meeting minutes for June 21, 2016. Mr. Louis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Menninger to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes for June 21, 2016.

**Roll Call: All – yea.**

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

Mr. Menninger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Acra to approve an ordinance authorizing an agreement between the City of Harrison and the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners relative to the improvement of New Haven Road. The approval of this ordinance is subject to include a map of the work area along with the agreement. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Ordinance #6 – 2016).**

#### **Visitors**

Mr. Jerry Wilson, Commander of the Yeager-Benson Memorial Legion Post No. 199 presented Mayor Neyer with a check in the amount of \$10,000 for the Harrison Mayor's Fund. The funds were received during the Ohio Charities, Inc. of Ohio American Legions State Convention. Mr. Wilson explained the board received 24 applications this year, awarding approximately \$300,000 to charities in Ohio.

#### **Mayor Report**

Mayor Neyer had no report.

#### **Law Director Report**

Mr. Deters had no report.

**Council – Committee Reports**

**Mrs. Abrams:**

Civil Defense/Safety Committee: No report.

Streets Committee: Mrs. Abrams reported in Mr. Shank's absence. Road improvements taking place on Miller Court and S. Elm Street should be completed by August. 1. The next meeting of the Streets Committee is August 2 at 6:00 pm.

Economic Development Committee: The Economic Development Committee met on July 5 and welcomed Mr. Shannon Hamons, the new Director of the restructured Economic Development, Building and Zoning Departments, along with Gary Boeres, assistant director. ; Marcos Pizza will be opening soon and work is underway on the new CVS Pharmacy located on Harrison Avenue.; Upcoming events held in Historic Downtown Harrison include the Farmer's Market on Sunday, July 24 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. and the Taste of Harrison on Saturday, September 10.

Harrison Recreation Commission: Mrs. Abrams reported in Mr. Grubbs' absence that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities were a huge success. She thanked all those who participated in the dunking booth that helped to raise \$300 for the Mayor's Fund. The next summer concert will be held on Tuesday, July 12 featuring *Cherry on Top*. The Friday night movie schedule includes *Aladdin* on July 15 and *Inside Out* on July 29.

**Mr. Menninger:**

Fire & Emergency Medical Committee: No report.

TIRC: Harrison Finance Director, Angel Burton attended the Tax Increment Financing Council (TIRC) on Thursday, June 23 at the Hamilton County Development Corp. offices. Mrs. Burton reported on the success of Cincinnati Test Systems (CTS) not only meeting their goals, but far succeeding them.

Law Committee: The Law Committee met on July 5 and announced the first meeting of the Master Plan committee will take place on July 26 now that the Economic Development Director position has been filled with the hiring of Shannon Hamons. Mr. Hamons along with 14 community members will begin the work of assessing the future needs of the city.

**Mr. Louis:**

Police Committee: Mr. Louis did not have a Police Committee report as this committee did not meet, but announced the next meeting of the Police Committee is July 19 at 6:00 pm. Mr. Louis also provided a personal commentary on the value and the importance of the officers of the Harrison Police Department.

Mr. Louis reported in Mr. Shank's absence there will be a Special Streets meeting on Tuesday, July 12 at 7:00 pm. He also announced the next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on July 19 at 5:30 pm.

**Mr. Dole**

Information Technology: Mr. Dole reported the IT Committee met on July 5 and discussed the completed Phase I infrastructure improvements. They also discussed the progress of Phase II improvements which are ongoing and the scope of work for Phase III.

Solid Waste & Environmental: Mr. Dole reminded residents that Saturday, July 30 is Yard Waste Day at the end of Industrial Drive.

**Mr. Acra:**

Planning Commission: Mr. Acra reported the next meeting of the Planning Commission is July 12 at 7:30 pm. Preceding the meeting at 7:00 pm will be a public hearing on a PUD overlay and the building of the St. John's complex on New Haven Road.

Building & Lands Committee: Mr. Acra reported the Mayor, Public Service Director, Police and Fire Chiefs met on Thomas Lane and made several decisions addressing the Water Works Park. Plans will be made to end Thomas Lane as a through traffic from State Street to Dair Ave. Also, approximately 20 parking spaces will be added to the park, along with the re-design of the two existing ball fields into one large field. Signage regarding parking and park rules will be posted.

Mr. Acra reported he and Mr. Dole visited the park on Willow Lane. Willow Park is approximately 28 acres in size and is currently used as an ATV park. Mr. Acra's report also included a Power Point presentation showing the existing park, its' relationship to the Whitewater River, proposed usage and action plans.

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Mr. Menninger congratulated Mr. Acra on the professionalism and content of his presentation.

Mr. Acra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Menninger to allocate funds in the amount of \$5000 from the Bedroom Tax/Harrison Recreation Fund to start the initial clearing in bush hogging the area. Prior to the vote, Mr. Deters suggested the Mayor post the closing of the motor cross park prior to any work done for the safety of any individuals who may be there. Mr. Louis expressed concerns about approving the \$5000 funding without contracting bids to include scope of work. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

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

  
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Mayor William Neyer

ATTEST:

  
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Carol Wiwi, Clerk