

CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

19 JULY 2016

*Prior to the meeting, an invocation was read by Pastor Chris Sheneman, Police Chaplain,
Newsong 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 Mrs. Abrams to approve the Council meeting minutes for July 5, 2016. **Roll Call: Shank – abstain** (was not in attendance); **Abrams – yea; Menninger – yea; Grubbs – abstain** (was not in attendance); **Louis – yea; Dole – yea; Acra – yea.**

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

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve a resolution adopting the annual tax budget for the year 2017 for the City of Harrison and submitting the same to the County Auditor. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Resolution #12 – 2016).**

Mr. Acra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Menninger to set a public hearing date on a PUD overlay on existing R1 zoned parcel for proposed Church/School development at 10263 New Haven Road (St. John the Baptist). Said hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 7:00 pm. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Fire Chief Hursong introduced the Fire Department's newest employee, Corey Offill. Firefighter Offill has over 9 years of experience in the fire service and has certification in Paramedic, Fire Inspector, and Hazmat Technician. Mayor Neyer presided over the swearing-in ceremony for Firefighter Offill.

Chief Hursong made a presentation to council covering current staffing, incident statistics, full-time firefighter work schedules, impact of Affordable Care Act, overtime costs, new employee costs, and Fire Dept. cost saving initiatives.

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Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve an ordinance amending the amount appropriated to various funds of the City of Harrison, Ohio.

Roll Call: All – yea. (Ordinance #7 – 2016).

Visitors: There were no visitors.

Mayor Report

Mayor Neyer reported in light of the recent events taking place in our country, there has been an outpouring of support from the community for the Harrison Police Department. Mayor Neyer reminded the residents that they are the eyes of the community and to contact the police if something doesn't look right.

Law Director Report

Mr. Deters had no report, but requested an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues and pending litigation.

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Acra to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to personnel and pending litigation.

Roll Call: All – yea.

Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Abrams:

Economic Development Committee: Mrs. Abrams reminded the community that the Farmer's Market will be held on Sunday, July 24 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. in Historic Downtown Harrison.

Civil Defense/Safety Committee: Mrs. Abrams reported the committee did not meet on July 19. She reminded residents that POD training drill will be held on Saturday, August 6 at 10:00 am. Volunteers are still needed.

Mr. Menninger:

Law Committee: Work on the Master Plan will begin in mid-August. This will allow time for the new Economic Development Director to get settled in.

Fire & Emergency Medical Committee: Mr. Menninger reported on the following items from the July 19 meeting of the Fire Committee: Runs in the Division of EMS and in the Fire Division are up in comparison to the same time in 2015.; The Med-i-count revenue is on budget and slightly ahead.; A CAGIS presentation was given to the committee

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members. ; The department was awarded a \$227,000 FEMA grant to allow for the purchase of breathing apparatus equipment. The city will need to chip in \$27,000 in order to utilize the grant to its' fullest extent. The city will work with the township to help contribute some of those funds. ; The department was also awarded a \$2,750 grant for EMS equipment from the State of Ohio.

TIRC: No report.

Mr. Grubbs:

Utilities Committee: The next meeting of the Utilities Committee is scheduled for August 2.

Recreation Commission: The final summer concert will take place on July 26 featuring DV8 and the last summer movie, *Inside Out*, will be shown on Friday, July 29. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will take place on August 10 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Louis:

Police Committee: Mr. Louis reported on the following items from the Police Committee even though they did not meet on July 19: The June Monthly Traffic Crash Analysis Report shows a total of 34 auto accidents, 25 on public roadways and 9 on private property.; The entry level police officer civil service exam will be given on Saturday, August 6, 2016. Applications are available at the Community Center.; The Citizen Observer Tip 411 service is in the final phase. ; The Harrison Police Department is in the process of hiring one additional police officer in September. This hire will restore the police department to full staffing of 22 sworn officers. ; The Ohio Attorney General has approved our Drug Use Prevention Grant request in the amount of \$19,939.00 for the 2016-2017 school year.; The department received a grant from Firehouse Subs through their Public Safety Foundation. In celebration of their 1000th restaurant, which is in Harrison, they donated a Life Pak defibrillator for a police cruiser.

Mr. Louis reported on the magnificent outpouring of support for the Harrison Police Department from the community. The department has been overwhelmed with phone class, emails, and texts of support from elected officials, business owners, and residents. The department was bombarded with food gifts from Monk's Kitchen, Harrison Home Bakery, Dunkin Donuts, Domino's Pizza, Little Caesar's Pizza, Kentucky Fried Chicken, along with homemade cookies, brownies, and candy.

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Mr. Louis announced the next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for August 16 at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Dole

Information Technology: Mr. Dole had no report, but announced the next meeting of the IT Committee is scheduled for August 2 at 5:45 pm.

Solid Waste & Environmental: Mr. Dole announced the SW & E Committee will meet at 6:00 pm on August 2. Mr. Dole reminded the residents that Saturday, July 30 is Yard Waste Recycling Day from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Industrial Drive.

Mr. Acra:

Planning Commission: Mr. Acra thanked the developers of the Village of Whitewater for re-configuring their original drawings that were presented to the Planning Commission on June 14. This re-configuration corrected a lot split situation to create a larger lot that was transferred over to green space. Mr. Acra reported the Planning Commission met on July 12 and approved a PUD overlay and the building of the St. John's complex on New Haven Road.

Building & Lands Committee: Mr. Acra reported on the following items from the Building & Lands Committee: Ground has been broken on the new playground at the Community Center.; The city's share of the mowing costs at the Community Center have been reduced by 20%.; The Riverwalk plans have been presented and quotes are being gathered.; Improvements have been made to Thomas Lane with signage and additional parking.

Mr. Shank:

Street Committee: The next meeting is scheduled for August 2 at 6:00 pm

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee will hold their next meeting on August 16 at 5:15 pm where they will begin to work on the budgeting process.

OKI: Mr. Shank and Mayor Neyer will attend the August 4 annual luncheon of OKI.

There being no further business, Council entered into executive session.


William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Carol Wiwi, Clerk