

CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

2 AUGUST 2016

Prior to the meeting, an invocation was read by Pastor Eric Foust, Triumphant Baptist 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 in attendance

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

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Louis to approve the Council meeting minutes for July 19, 2016. Mrs. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Louis to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes for July 19, 2016. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

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

Representative from the State of Ohio Treasurer's Office gave a presentation on Ohio Checkbook (Ohiocheckbook.com), a transparency website that shows taxpayers exactly how their tax money is being spent. This initiative sets a new national standard for transparency in state government.

Visitors:

Jim Borman, resident of Harrison Township, along with Harrison resident, Roger Essen addressed council to discuss the benefits of the game of pickle ball and the possibility of adding pickle ball court markings to the city's tennis courts.

Mayor Report

Mayor Neyer had no report.

Law Director Report

Mr. Deters had no report

Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Abrams:

Civil Defense/Safety Committee: Mrs. Abrams reminded residents that POD training will be held on Saturday, August 6 at 10:00 am. Volunteers are still needed.

Utilities Committee: Mrs. Abrams reported the committee met on August 2 and discussed the in-house printing of the utilities bills with Dawn Marlowe of the Utilities Department. The next meeting of the Utilities Committee is scheduled for September 6.

Economic Development Committee: Mrs. Abrams reported a new restaurant, *Freddys*, will be opening soon in the former Pizza Hunt building on New Haven Road. She also reported construction on the new CVS at 10535 Harrison Avenue is moving along, as well the refurbishing of the former Skyline/Long John Silver's building for the new *Marco's* restaurant.

Mrs. Abrams reported the offices of the new Economic Development/Building & Zoning Director will now be open for business from 8:30 am. – 4:30 pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The offices will be open on Tuesday from 8:30 am. - 6:30 pm. The Economic Development office is beginning work on updating the city website as well as work on the Master Plan. The next meeting of the Economic Development Committee is September 5 at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Menninger:

Law Committee: Mr. Menninger reported the Law Committee met on August 2 and reviewed the current zoning code with respect to "swingers club" zones. The committee also discussed two litigation matters along with updating the city's cell, phone, and e-mail policies. Mr. Menninger reported Nicole Hampson attended the meeting and volunteered to serve on the Master Plan Steering Committee.

Fire & Emergency Medical Committee: No report.

TIRC: No report.

Mr. Grubbs:

Finance Committee: Mr. Grubbs reported in Mr. Shank's absence the next meeting of the Finance Committee is August 16 at 5:15 pm.

Mr. Grubbs reported the Tree Board is working on a project to plant trees along the area near Broadway and Harrison Avenue.

Recreation Commission: Mr. Grubbs thanked the members of the Recreation Commission for their time and efforts in making the summerfun program, summer movies, and summer concerts such a great success for the community. The commission will continue to work on the upcoming Citywide Yard Sale, Spooktacular, and

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Christmas Parade. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is August 10 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Grubbs announced the final summer concert raised \$2,339.00 for a total of \$8221.25 for the summer. All funds raised during the summer concerts go to the Harrison Mayors Fund for distribution throughout the year.

Mr. Louis:

Police Committee: Mr. Louis had no report, but announced the next meeting of the Police Committee will take place on August 16 at 6:00 pm at the Community Center.

Mr. Dole

Information Technology: Mr. Dole reported the IT Committee met on August 2 and discussed Phase II infrastructure upgrades. All upgrades should be completed by the end of September. The committee also discussed several items that will be included in Phase III that will begin in 2017.

Solid Waste & Environmental: Mr. Dole had no report, but reminded residents the Yard Waste recycling program is the last Saturday of the month from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the end of Industrial Drive.

Mr. Acra:

Planning Commission: Mr. Acra announced the next meeting of the Planning Commission will take place on August 9 at 7:30 pm.

Building & Lands Committee: Mr. Acra reported construction on the new playground at the Community Center has been completed and work on the Thomas Lane parking areas is underway. Mr. Acra gave a Power Point presentation on the history of the Village Park and described the present conditions. Next year the park will celebrate its' 200th birthday and the committee would like to see improvements made to structures and plant materials for a re-dedication. Mr. Acra also brought to council's attention a list of problems he discovered in the various parks throughout the city.

Mr. Acra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Menninger to add an item to the agenda.

Roll Call: All – yea.

Mr. Acra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dole to rescind the \$5000 in funding approved by council on July 19 for the purpose of cleaning up the Willow Park area. The funds were already available. **Roll Call: All – yea.**