

CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

20 September 2016

Prior the meeting, Pastor Joshua Long of the Presbyterian Church offered the invocation.

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. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve the council meeting minutes for September 6, 2016. **Roll Call: Louis –yea; Dole – yea; Acra – yea; Shank – yea; Abrams – yea; Menninger – abstain (was not in attendance); and Grubbs – yea.**

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

Council agreed to not request a public hearing by the Ohio Division of Liquor Control on a permit transfer from Ohio CVS Stores LLC at 10941 New Haven Road to 10500 Harrison Avenue.

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve an ordinance to levy a special assessment on the property located at ____ for the total cost of nuisance abatement, and removal/repair of unsafe conditions. **Roll Call: All – yea.**
(Ordinance # 9 – 2016, 568 Deerfield) , (Ordinance #10 – 2016, 88 Westfield),
(Ordinance #11 – 2016, 327 N. Washington), (Ordinance #12 – 2016, 298 Brooks Lane),
(Ordinance #13 – 2016, 115 Whippoorwill Dr.), (Ordinance #14 – 2016,307 Constance),
(Ordinance #15 – 2016, 317 N. Hill Street).

Visitors

There were no visitors to address council.

Mayor Report

Mayor Neyer reminded the community that the Mayors Fund Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, September 24 at Grand Oaks Golf Course. The shot gun start begins at 8:30 am followed by lunch and a raffle. The cost is \$75.00 per golfer or \$300 per team.

Mayor Neyer announced that beginning Monday, September 26, the Motocross Park and access to the Riverwalk Park will be closed for construction and fall seeding. Only construction employees and specific volunteers will have access. These measures are being taken to ensure the safety of everyone.

Mayor Neyer announced next year will be the 200th anniversary of the Village Park and we are looking forward to renovating the park for a re-dedication. Mr. Acra is spearheading the project.

The city is continuing their search for a new finance director. There has not been a great response to the employment ad. Anyone interested in applying for the position can contact Mayor Neyer.

Mayor Neyer requested an executive session for a personnel matter. Mrs. Abrams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Menninger to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue. The motion also included the attendance of the Law Director and Chief Hursong. Roll Call: All – yea.

Law Director Report

Mr. Deters had no report.

Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Abrams:

Civil Defense Committee: Mrs. Abrams reported the Civil Defense Committee met on September 20, but no report. The committee is still looking for volunteers for our POD. Contact Steve Placke at the Harrison Fire Department. The next meeting of the Civil Defense Committee is scheduled for October 18 at 6:30 pm.

Economic Development Committee:

Mrs. Abrams reported that the Taste of Harrison was a huge success. The Taste of Harrison committee will make their final report at the October 4 council meeting. The 2017 Taste will be held on September 9.

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Louis to add two additional items to the agenda. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve resolution authorizing application for participation in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and / Local Transportation Improvements Programs.
Roll Call: All – yea. (Resolution #14 – 2016).

Mr. Acra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds from the Bedroom Tax Fund to the newly created Village Park Capital Maintenance and Improvement Fund. After a lengthy discussion about construction costs, budgets, newly created accounts, grants, and historical integrity, Mr. Acra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to withdraw the original motion. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Acra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract for bids not to exceed \$12,000 for the repair of 2 roofs in the Village Park to be allocated from the Recreation Impact Fund. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Menninger:

Fire Committee: Mr. Menninger reported on the following items from the September 20 meeting of the Fire Committee: The Fire Monthly Report showed that runs are up slightly in the Division of Fire & Rescue and are down slightly in the Division of EMS in comparison to last year. The Med-i-count billings are on par with last year. : The committee discussed billing non-transporters in emergency situations with respect to mutual aid runs and runs the department makes outside the city. The non-residents would be billed \$150. ; Fire Chief Hursong reported all the new firefighters are on board. ; Saturday, September 24 is free Car Seat Check Day. Members of the Fire Department will show you how to properly install your car seats. ; October is Fire Prevention Month and the department is continuing their education program to the children in the area. Over 30 businesses have donated to help this program continue. ; The department is still waiting to hear about their Firehouse Sub grant as well as a grant submitted to the Fire Marshall; Chief Hursong has submitted the department's 2017 budget. ; The long range planning process is on-going. The committee will not meet until the budget is approved. The next meeting of the Fire Committee is scheduled for October 18.

Mr. Grubbs:

Tree Board: Mr. Grubbs announced the next meeting of the Tree Board is scheduled for September 27 at 7:00 pm. The board will continue discussions on the addition of trees to the intersection of Broadway and Harrison Avenue.

Harrison Recreation Commission: Mr. Grubbs announced the Recreation Commission will meet on October 12 at 7:00 pm. The Commission will hold their *Spooktacular* on Sunday, October 30 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. There will be free games, goody bags, and hayrides, along with a costume parade that begins 5:00 pm. Dogs must be on a leash.

Mr. Louis

Police Committee: Mr. Louis reported on the following items from the September 20 Police Committee meeting: The new police APX 6000 radios are in and will be in service soon.; Chief Lindsey and Chief Hursong are starting a new program called "Coffee with the Chiefs". This monthly event at the Coffee Peddler will allow residents to find out what is going on in their community, plus allow them the opportunity to ask questions.

Police Chief Chuck Lindsey addressed council on the launching of the Police Department's tip411, an internet based tool from CitizenObserver. This system allows the public to share important public safety information anonymously with police by sending them a secure text message or email. Anyone with a cell phone may send an anonymous tip to the Harrison Police Department by texting HARRISON and their message/tip to 847411 (tip411). Anonymous web tips can also be submitted right from the Police Departments website at www.harrisonohio.gov.

Mr. Louis announced the next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for October 18 at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Dole:

Mr. Dole announced the city will hold their yard waste recycling program on Saturday, September 24 in conjunction with the Harrison Township Clean-up from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Personnel Committee: The Personnel Committee will meet on October 4 at 5:30 pm.

Solid Waste & Environmental Committee: The next meeting of the Solid Waste & Environmental Committee / Storm Water Committee is scheduled for October 4 at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Acra:

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission met on September 13 and approved the opening of a business at 111 N. Walnut Street. This is a wood working shop known as O'Brien Home Improvement.

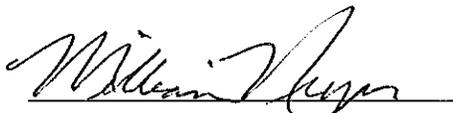
Building & Lands: Mr. Acra reported that work on the Community Center roof will begin September 26. Funding for the roof in the amount of \$125,000 is provided through Block Grants. Work on the River Park is moving along. It will be closed beginning September 26 along with the motocross park.

Mr. Shank:

Streets Committee: Mr. Shank announced paving on State Street will begin on September 21.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met on September 20 and are continuing work on the budget. The Budget Committee will meet again on October 4 at 5:00 pm. The next regular Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for October 18 at 5:15 pm.

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


William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Carol Wiwi, Clerk