
CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

4 October 2016

Prior the meeting, Pastor Jim Metcalf, New Beginnings Worship Center 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 or his representative was not 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 20, 2016. Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes for September 20, 2016.

Roll Call: All – yea.

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

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Louis to set the date and time for the annual Trick or Treat in the City of Harrison for Monday, October 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Visitors

Mrs. Abrams introduced and recognized the members of the Taste of Harrison Committee. They include Gerilyn Jobe (The Coffee Peddler), Annette Troescher (Ladyhawk Events), Marianne Lake (Lake's Sporting Goods), Sarah Heffron (Evolution Studio), and Sharon Zalac (Harrison LaRosa's). Mrs. Abrams thanked the committee for their tireless efforts in making the first Taste of Harrison on September 10 a great success. **The committee presented Mayor Neyer with a check for the Harrison Mayor's Fund in the amount of \$2732. from beer sales at the Taste.** The 2017 Taste of Harrison is scheduled for September 9, 2017.

Mayor Report

Mayor Neyer reported the Mayor and Harrison City Council received a pay raise in accordance with the pay rated determined by the Hamilton County Commissioners.

Law Director Report

There was no Law Director report.

Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Abrams:

Civil Defense Committee: No report.

Economic Development Committee:

Mrs. Abrams reported on the following items with respect to the Economic Development Committee: Mrs. Abrams met with Council member Acra and Economic Development Director, Mr. Hamons on the Riverwalk Park plans. ; A new boutique, 2 Friends will open this fall at 217 Harrison Ave. in downtown Harrison; A video project that includes the city of Harrison, Harrison Township, and the Greater Harrison Chamber of Commerce is underway and will be completed by early 2017.; Mr. Hamons will be the guest speaker at the November 8 meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. ; Ladies on the Loose will be held in Historic Downtown Harrison on Friday, October 7 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. This is a fund raising event for the Pink Ribbon Girls. ; The final Farmer’s Marker will be held on Sunday, October 30 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in Historic Downtown Harrison.

Mr. Menninger:

Law Committee: The committee met on October 4 and discussed the beginning work on the Master Plan taking place in late October. The committee also discussed budget considerations as well as the municipal tax issue which will again be on the Ohio legislative agenda. The committee will later begin work on possible legislation with regards to marijuana sales and swinger clubs.

Fire Committee: No report.

Mr. Grubbs:

Tree Board: No report.

Harrison Recreation Commission: Mr. Grubbs reported that the concern about the lack of handicap accessible swings on the new playground has been mentioned. He

explained that even though the playground was planned with ADA designs, he will look into this concern. The Commission will hold their *Spooktacular* on Sunday, October 30 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. at the Community Center. There will be free games, goody bags, and hayrides, along with a costume parade that begins at 5:00 pm. Dogs attending the event must be on a leash. The next meeting of the Harrison Recreation Commission is scheduled for October 12 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Menninger expressed concern about the recent "clown" sightings and the upcoming Halloween holiday. Chief Lindsey addressed Council to report that "clowns" will be arrested if they are scaring people. There is a zero tolerance policy in the city for anyone that attempts to scare others.

Mr. Louis

Mr. Louis thanked Council member Mrs. Abrams for her work, along with the committee members for all they did to make the Taste of Harrison a successful event.

Police Committee: Mr. Louis reminded residents that the Tip 411 system is now in operation. He urged residents to take an active role in reporting crimes or unusual occurrences in their neighborhood. The next meeting of the Police Committee will be held on October 18 at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Dole:

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

Solid Waste & Environmental and Storm water Committees: A check in the amount of \$7500 was issued to the city from Hamilton County Solid Waste for the first half of the residential recycling program. 314 tons of recycled materials were collected from curbside recycling in the city of Harrison. This amount represents 12.08% of solid waste collections.

Mayor Neyer reminded residents that free red curbside recycling bins can be obtained from the Utility Office. Free green roll-off recycling bins can be secured by calling Rumpke.

Mr. Acra:

Planning Commission: Mr. Acra announced the next meeting of Planning Commission is scheduled for October 11 at 7:30 pm.

Building & Lands: Mr. Acra reported plans are moving along on securing a contract to replace the two roofs in the Village Park. He also reported that work will begin on the new roof for the Community Center, along with improvements to the landscape beds, and a new sign. Mr. Acra reported that even though the Riverwalk Park / Motocross Park are presently closed except for construction workers, there have been 4 wheel drive trucks on the property. The occupants of these vehicles are guilty of criminal trespassing and criminal damage and are defeating the efforts made by the workers on improving the park. The cost of the ongoing improvements to the park to date is approximately \$23,000.

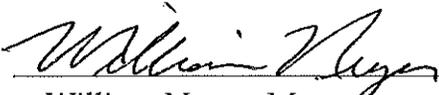
Mr. Shank:

Streets Committee: Mr. Shank reported the paving on State Street is now complete. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place later.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met on October 4 and discussed the 2017 department budgets as well as the continuing search for a new Finance Director. The next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for 5:15 pm on October 18.

OKI: The next OKI meeting will be held on October 13.

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


William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Carol Wiwi, Clerk