

CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

20 FEBRUARY 2018

Prior to the meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Pastor James Elliott of St. Johns United Church of Christ offered the invocation and the Mayor asked for a moment of silence for the School shooting victims in Parkland, Florida.

The meeting opened with Roll Call at 7:32 pm.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Bill Neyer presiding. Members present included: Mrs. Cindy Abrams, Mr. Ethan Dole, Mr. Urbano Galindo, Mr. Ryan Grubbs, Mr. Mark Louis, Mr. Mike Mains and Mr. Hank Menninger. Mr. Ryan Laflamme was also in attendance as the Law Director.

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dole to approve the Council meeting minutes for February 6, 2018. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

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

Invited Guests & Visitors:

Mr. Shannon Hammons introduced Ms. Beth Smith, Director of Pathways to Home, as the January Chamber of Commerce Member of the Month. Pathways to Home is a non-profit agency that use to be Services to Area Youth. Their main focus is to provide home visits to first time low income mothers in partnership with Cincinnati Children's Hospital. They visit them for up to three years to make sure the children are school ready and that the family is becoming self-sufficient. In September 2017 their Give and Take Outdoor Food Pantry was launched. It is going well. They are looking for partners to collaborate with to help the community.

Ms. Judy Plostead of Remke Market presented Mayor Neyer with a check for \$2800.00 for the Mayor's Fund. It was raised from Remke's Holiday Food Drive. Our Remke is able to keep funds donated to them in the local community.

Mr. Jerry Wilson of American Legion Post 199 presented \$938.25 to Harrison Youth Football and presented the Mayor with a check for \$5000.00 from Ohio Charities Inc which is a part of the Ohio American Legion for the Mayor's Fund.

Ordinances & Resolutions:

Mr. Grubbs made a motion seconded by Mr. Menninger to approve a Resolution for the

Application to Create a Community Entertainment District to match the Boundaries of the Downtown Redevelopment District within the City of Harrison. In discussion Mr. Hammons stated there can only be one Entertainment District in a community of our size. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Resolution #2-2018)**

Mrs. Abrams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dole to approve an Ordinance to Adopt a Plan of Operation and Governance for Electric Governmental Aggregation. This is just the first step of the plan. Notices to the public will start going out in May or June to opt in or out of the plan. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Ordinance #2-2018)**

A motion was made by Mr. Menninger and seconded by Mrs. Abrams to approve an Ordinance to Adopt a Plan of Operation and Governance for Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation. This will probably not take effect until October or November due to market timing to get the best price on gas. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Ordinance #3-2018)**

Mr. Louis made a motion seconded by Mr. Dole to approve an Ordinance for the Lease-Purchase of a Vehicle for the City of Harrison Utilities. An older vehicle in the water department is being replaced with a 2018 Ford F150 with a loan obtained from FCN Bank with an interest rate of 2.79%. **Roll Call: Grubbs - abstained. Abrams, Menninger, Louis, Dole, Mains and Galindo – yea. (Ordinance #4-2018)**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Neyer reported that in light of the school shooting in Florida he wants everyone to know that the City is constantly working with the schools to improve relations with our safety departments. This has been on-going for years and not just reactive to the recent events. The City is very committed to all the students of the district.

Law Director

Mr. Laflamme had no report.

Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Abrams

Recreation Committee: Mrs. Abrams reported that Recreation met this week, and the City's Easter Events will be March 31st. A pancake breakfast by the Boy Scout Troop 408 will start at 8am, games start at 10am, and the Egg Hunt will be at 11am. There are fun new things happening at all the City events this year so check the Facebook page.

Mr. Menninger

Fire Committee: Mr. Menninger reported the Fire Committee met this evening. The Fire Chief presented his monthly report and runs are up slightly due to the weather. There is a Civil Service Exam on March 31st for Firefighters/Paramedics at 9am. Active threat incidents at schools were discussed and our department is always training for those situations. Harrison will be hosting the Western Hamilton County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting on March 15th. It is a Step Up and Lead Seminar. The Fire Chief stated that he had a meeting with the Hickory Flats HOA concerning on-street parking on February 13th. At this time parking will remain as it is now. It will be revisited in the future.

Master Plan Steering Committee: There is a Public Meeting March 15th at 6:30pm. The Plan is a good blueprint for the City's future.

Mr. Grubbs

Budget & Finance Committee: Mr. Grubbs reported the Finance Committee met this evening. They are still looking at potential payroll services. Benefits for employees were reviewed to look for cost savings. The budget is fine right now. Most of the City's revenue will come in from April through June with income taxes.

Mr. Louis

Police Committee: Mr. Louis reported the Police Committee met this evening. The Chief gave out Traffic Crash Analysis. There were 26 accidents in the City. There is an Entry Level Police Officer Civil Service Exam on March 3rd. Sign-ups for this are now closed. Newly promoted Officer's will be attending leadership training which is paid for by the drug fund. A Police Car was involved in an accident that was not the Officer's fault. February 28th is the next Coffee with the Chiefs at the Coffee Peddler. On March 7th the movie Dinkheller, which is about officer involved shootings, will be shown at the Activity Center at 7pm. Attendance is by RSVP only. An Ordinance for an Auxiliary Police Officer will be presented at the next Council Meeting. The next Police Committee Meeting will be March 20th at 6pm.

Mr. Dole

Streets Committee: The next Street/Utilities and Stormwater Committee Meeting will be March 6th at 6pm. Mr. Galindo asked that they discuss pedestrians walking on the West Road Overpass. Mr. Dole will bring it to the Committee.

Mr. Mains

Mr. Mains found a hypodermic needle in his front yard. He reported the correct thing to do if you find one of these is to report it to the Police at 367-3715, and they will dispose of it properly. Do not touch the item.


Environmental & Solid Waste Committee: Mr. Mains reported the monthly yard waste recycling drop off is February 24th from 9am to 2pm. The Harrison/Harrison Township Semi Annual Clean-up will be April 28th.

Tree Board: Mr. Mains reported the Tree Board will meet on February 27th at 7pm.

Mr. Galindo

Civil Defense and Safety Committee: Civil Defense met this evening. With the upcoming large amount of rains expected please respect Mather Nature and do not drive or walk through standing water.

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


William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Risa Dole, Clerk