

CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

6 MARCH 2018

Prior to the meeting, The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Dr. Ronnie Wolf of the 1st Baptist Church of Harrison offered the invocation.

The meeting opened with Roll Call at 7:34pm.

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. Hank Menninger, Mr. Mark Louis, and Mr. Mike Mains. Mr. Bill Deters, the Law Director was also in attendance.

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Abrams to approve the Council meeting minutes for the February 20, 2018. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

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

Invited Guests & Visitors:

Mr. Jim Kinnett was not in attendance.

Mr. Shannon Hammons introduced Mr. Gary Ellerhorst, President of Crown Plastics. Crown Plastics is the February Chamber of Commerce Member of the Month. Mr. Ellerhorst stated that Crown Plastics has been in Harrison for 40 years. They have just under 50 employees and started a third shift last year. They are hoping to add additional employees this year. They have entered the composite plastics business and are hoping it will grow so they can build a second facility.

Business:

Mr. Grubbs made a motion to approve a Resolution Indicating that Services are Available for a Proposed Annexation to the City of Harrison, Ohio from Harrison Township and to Consent to Said Annexation location for the license. Mr. Dole seconded the motion. Discussion stated that land annexed into the City comes in at an R-0. When development is planned a zoning change is requested. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Resolution #3-2018)**

Mr. Dole made a motion to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds. It was seconded by Mrs. Abrams. In discussion this is a one-time event. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Ordinance #5-2018)**

Mr. Louis 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 #6-2018)

Mr. Louis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Menninger to approve an Ordinance to Enact Section 131.04 of the Harrison Codified Ordinances to Establish the Position of Auxiliary Police Officer within the Department of the Police. Discussion was about off duty assignments being filled by seniority and the Auxiliary Officer is lowest in seniority. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Ordinance #7-2018)**

Non-Signed in Visitors:

Mr. Eric Greer of Westfield Drive addressed the Mayor and Council about the recent death of his friend in the field across from Kroger. He is asking the City to help reach the area youth and residents who have addiction problems. His thoughts are to hold some kind of event. The Mayor suggested that Mr. Greer think of some ideas and call him for discussion. Mrs. Abrams suggested using the Day of Service as a time to help people with addiction problems. Several Council Members also offered to meet and discuss the issue with Mr. Greer. Mr. Greer stated that the Harrison Police are great and have helped some people including himself.

Ms. Michelle Elliott, Branch Manager of the Harrison Library, addressed the Mayor and Council about the upcoming 1-mil library levy on the ballot in May. The Harrison Library had over 475 events and classes last year reaching many different ages. The state funding for the library has been cut by 26% and circulation has increased by over 60%. In 2016 The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County was the 2nd busiest library system in the country.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Neyer congratulated Crown Plastics on their accomplishments and future plans for growth. He is encouraged by Mr. Greer who is looking for a solution to a problem. He stated the Library is a great asset to the community.

Law Director

Mr. Deters had no report.

Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Abrams

Recreation Committee: Mrs. Abrams reported the City's Easter Event is March 31st from 8-11am. Thank you to Legacy Church for partnering with the City on the games. New this year is an Easter Egg Juggler. The District's Food Truck Rally will be May 19th from 4-10pm.

Economic Development: Mrs. Abrams reported that Economic Development met this evening. Items discussed were the owners of the Coffee Peddler are getting close to submitting formal plans for their new wine and beer bistro next to their current location. There have been two 'Change of Use' application applied for in the DRD, 500 Harrison Ave. for a residence and 130 Harrison Ave. for a flower shop. The City has not yet received word about the State's approval of the Entertainment District for the DRD. There should be 12 new permits available for the area. There are two other restaurants along with the Wine and Beer Bistro waiting to apply for these permits. Six downtown property owners put in applications for the Revolving Loan Fund for mostly façade improvements. These are at the County awaiting approval. Economic Development's next meeting is April 3rd at 6pm.

Mr. Menninger

Law Committee: The Law Committee met this evening. March 15th from 6-8pm is the public forum for the Master Plan. Copies of the Plan can be obtained from the website or at Community Center, the library or the Coffee Peddler. Pending litigation was discussed in executive session.

OKI: Mr. Menninger will be attending the regional planning meeting on March 8th.

Mr. Grubbs

Finance & Budget Committee: Mr. Grubbs reported that an email has gone out to Council about the new way P.O.s are being handled. Please give him any feedback about the changes. Hopefully it will streamline the process. The next finance meeting is March 20th at 5:30.

Mr. Louis

Mr. Louis had no reports, but during his time Mr. Eric Greer returned to the podium and after meeting with the Police Chief they came up with the idea of holding a mini-festival with possibly a local rap artist performing and different groups having booths with what help they offer to people to get over or avoid addiction.

Mr. Dole

Streets Committee: Streets, Utilities and Stormwater Committees met this evening. The go ahead was given for the signage to be put in that the Parks of Whitewater requested

for their round about and 3 way stop. The City will be holding off on the North Hill Street reconstruction due to contractors' 2018 schedules already being filled. Bidding will be put out in December for work to begin next spring.

Utilities Committee: There was a sanitary sewer backup on West Road. The section of sewer that collapsed has been fixed. The Committee authorized an emergency project to camera the remaining pipe and to fix all that needs replaced. The City is dealing with insurance to help the home owners that were affected.

Mr. Mains

Tree Board: Mr. Mains attended the Tree Board Meeting on February 27th. Harrison has the status of being a Tree City USA. Some of this year's projects are March 23rd at 7pm there will be a tree give away at the Library. In conjunction with the Day of Service there will be several large trees planted along Harrison Avenue and New Haven Road. On March 13th there is a Day of Service Meeting at 611 Harrison Ave. at 7pm. This past Saturday Mr. Mains and Mr. Galindo attended OML (Ohio Municipal League) Meeting for new Council Members.

IT Committee: The Information Technology Committee met this evening. The Committee is working on proposals from 3 companies for IT to get better service for the City's dollar. Civic Plus will be providing more service for the same cost for the City's website.


April 14th is the TaxMan 5K sponsored by the Kiwanis.

Mr. Galindo

Building and Lands Committee: The Committee met on February 27th. The Committee is looking at dog park segregation and how to raise some funds for projects such as tennis court refurbishment and pickle ball courts.

Civil Defense Committee: On March 2nd Mr. Galindo and the Fire Chief visited ROC (Regional Emergency Operations Center) to see how the City can prepare for emergencies.

There being no further business, Mr. Louis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mains adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: All - yea.


William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Risa Dole, Clerk