

CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

7 AUGUST 2018

Prior to the meeting, The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The invocation was given by Police Chaplain, Pastor Chris Sheneman, of New Song Vineyard Church.

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

Mr. Mains made a motion, seconded by Mr. Louis approve the Council meeting minutes for the July 17, 2018 with one correction by Mrs. Abrams who gave the wrong date in her report for the next Recreation Committee Meeting. It is August 8th not the 15th. **Roll Call: Dole, Mains, Abrams, Louis, – yea. Menninger – abstained** (was not at meeting).

Invited Guests & Visitors:

The Mayor presided over the swearing in of Mike Rhoads as Sergeant for the Police Department.

Police Chief Lindsay recognized Sgt. Doug Herberger who retired after 17 years with the Harrison Police Department.

The Police Chief recognized Chaplain Chris Sheneman with a Merit Award for Outstanding Service and Officers Tara Duganiero and Byron Wilbur with Merit Awards for their life saving efforts.

The July Greater Harrison Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month was Village Pharmacy. The owner, Jeff Biddle, spoke about the business and its history.

Mike Mains, Jack Phillips, Tammy Knock and Dana Layton presented the Mayor with a check for \$3634.00 for the Mayor's Fund. The money was raised from the July 4th Fun Run.

Resident Jean Mason spoke about Harrison becoming a Whistle Stop for the National Christmas Tree while on its way to Washington D.C. It would be the Friday after Thanksgiving. Council was in agreement about participating. Details will need to be worked out.

Business:

Mr. Louis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dole to approve 2 Ordinances Amending

the Amount Appropriated to Various Funds of the City of Harrison, Ohio. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Ordinance #29-2018 Fire Funds) (Ordinance #30-2018 Fire and General Funds)**

Mrs. Abrams made a motion seconded by Mr. Menninger to approve an Ordinance to Approve the Natural Gas Aggregation Agreement between the City of Harrison and the Constellation New-Energy Gas Division LLC. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Ordinance #31-2018)**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Neyer had no report this evening.

Law Director

Mr. Deters gave a power point presentation on Ohio Sunshine Laws.

Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Abrams

Economic Development: Economic Development met this evening. Mrs. Abrams reported that Paul and Katie Fries purchased the building at 301 Harrison Ave. for a restaurant. The City's purchase option has been assigned to them. Another restaurateur is looking at 112 Walnut St. for a possible location. Building and Zoning is helping Crown Plastics review their site for possible expansion. The Irish Company, Power Food Technology, has their only outside of Ireland location now on Simonson Road. The Chamber of Commerce had an area Workforce Development Meeting on July 30th. The Economic Development Department is exploring expansion of the existing Community Reinvestment Area around the businesses on Enterprise Drive. The next Economic Development Meeting is September 4th at 6pm.

Recreation Committee: Mrs. Abrams reported about the upcoming city events in the District. Also the Greater Harrison Pet Festival is August 19th at the Community Center. Recreation's next meeting is August 8th.

Mrs. Abrams was concerned about the recent non hazmat spill that occurred on August 5th on Campbell Road and the amount of time it took for the cleanup. She thought 32 hours was excessive. The Mayor explained that Rumpke was in charge of the cleanup since they caused the issue. The substance was very difficult to clean off the road and most of the job was done manually. Mrs. Abrams advised that possibly the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency could have helped and that each circumstance is always a learning experience and the City can always improve.

Mr. Menninger

Law Committee: The Law Committee met this evening. Mr. Menninger reported they went into Executive Session about City Waterworks case and a possible settlement. Mr. Deters will be looking at legislation concerning golf cart road usage.

There is a retreat on August 18th to review how the City is doing on the Comprehensive Plan. The public is invited.

OKI: OKI met on July 14th. Mr. Menninger thanked Jim Thatcher, Dearborn County Commissioner for leading the removal of the debris along the pilings of the Jamison Bridge.

ICRC: Mr. Menninger attended the quarterly meeting of the ICRC on July 26th. Their audit was good and showed no issues or concerns.

Mr. Louis

Mr. Louis had no committee reports this evening but reported that the Hamilton County Auditor will be returning \$14 million to localities. Harrison should receive approximately \$35,600.

Also Harrison is the 49th safest city in the nation according to Safelite.

Mr. Dole

Streets Committee: Streets, Utilities and Storm water Committees met this evening. Mr. Dole reported that JMA has done 5 estimates for specific road repairs and the City will be applying for SKIP funds for these. The Annual Public Street Grievance Meeting is September 4th at 6pm at the Community Center. Residents can come and report on what roads need to be repaired.

Storm Water Committee: Mr. Dole also reported JMA has finalizing the design for the Biddle Avenue storm water issue, and it is on schedule to be fixed by the end of September.

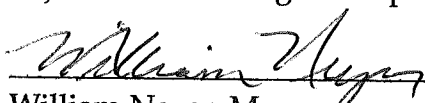
Utilities Committee: JMA has the estimates to finish replacing the sewer at Stone and West, and the City is looking at bonds for funding.

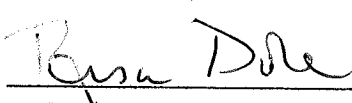
Planning Commission: The next meeting is August 14th at 7:30pm.

Mr. Mains

Mr. Mains had no committee reports this evening.

There being no further business, Mr. Louis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mains to adjourn the meeting at 9:16pm. **Roll Call: All – yea.**


William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Risa Dole, Clerk