

CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

21 AUGUST 2018

*Prior to the meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Rev. James Elliot of St. John's United Church of Christ offered the invocation.*

The meeting opened with Roll Call.

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

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Louis to approve the Council meeting minutes for August 7, 2018. **Roll Call: Abrams, Menninger, Grubbs, Louis, Mains – yea. Galindo –abstained** (was not at meeting).

**Invited Guests & Visitors:**

The Mayor presided over the swearing in of new Police Officer Shaun Miller.

The Mayor introduced Jim Kinnett, Greater Harrison Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board, who spoke about upcoming events of the Chamber.

Jerry Wilson of the American Legion Post 199 presented Police Chief Lindsey with a check for \$1400.00 to purchase new vests for 7 officers.

**Ordinances & Resolutions:**

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Abrams to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Director of Utilities to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Programs and to Execute Contracts as Required **Roll Call: All – yea. (Resolution#11-2018)**

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Galindo to add an item to the agenda concerning platting of West Road. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Menninger to approve the platting of Westhaven Subdivision Section 1. It was approved by the Planning Commission at their last meeting. There was some discussion about adding more monument signage for the subdivision. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

**Mayor's Report**

The Mayor announced the Annual Mayor's Fund Golf Outing will be September 22<sup>st</sup> at Grand Oaks Golf Course. This is the primary fundraiser for the Mayor's Fund.

**Law Director**

Mr. Deters updated Council that the City has reached a tentative agreement with the Police Union. This will be hopefully come up for approval by Council at the next meeting.

**Council – Committee Reports**

**Mrs. Abrams**

**Recreation Committee:** Mrs. Abrams reported on upcoming events that will be held in the District. The Taste of Harrison is September 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm with 18 food vendors involved.

Mrs. Abrams presided over the graduation of the Harrison Junior City Council Members. This was a pilot program with 11 students who got a behind the scenes look at how the City and Hamilton County operate.

**Mr. Menninger**

**Fire Committee:** Fire Committee met this evening. Monthly reports were given by the Chief. Fire runs are up this year. The med-account billing is ahead. Active threat training was done at the schools to ready for the start of classes. Two grants are being applied for. Union negotiations are ongoing.

**Law Committee:** A flyer concerning the use of golf carts on City streets will be going out with the next utility bills. The City is looking at adopting some legislation for zoning for medical marijuana dispensaries. Ohio has a budget surplus so the City is looking at passing a Resolution to ask that some of that money be given to local governments.

**Mr. Grubbs**

**Budget & Finance Committee:** Mr. Grubbs reported the Finance Committee met this evening. The City is hoping the State will forward some of the surplus to them as state payments have been cut drastically over the last few years. The refund from Hamilton County has been received. The City is 6 months behind in receiving tax income payments made through the Ohio Business Gateway due to problems with the website and the state payment systems. The next finance meeting is September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

**Mr. Louis**

**Police Committee:** Mr. Louis reported the Police Committee met this evening. On the Traffic Crash Analysis there were 28 accidents in the City in July. The School Resource Officer Program with Southwest Schools was discussed. There are 2 SROs this year. Mr. Louis warned that school has started as of today so please slow down. 'Drive Sober Get Pulled Over' Program is going on right now in the City. New Officer Shaun Miller started with the City on August 13<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion about purchasing 2 speed display radar devices with Harrison Township. It would be \$4690 for the City's half of these devices. Council seemed in full agreement for this partnership. Mr. Louis also reported that there has been an increase in vehicle break-ins recently. There will be a reminder posted on the City website about safe practices to prevent this. The next Police Committee Meeting will be September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**Mr. Mains**

**Tree Board:** The next meeting is August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Community Center.

**Environmental & Solid Waste Committee:** Mr. Mains reported the walking path at the Community Center has been repaved. There are some trees down on the hill path that will be removed soon. The next yard waste cleanup is August 25<sup>th</sup> at the end of Industrial Drive.


The Comprehensive Plan Review Session this past Saturday was a big success.

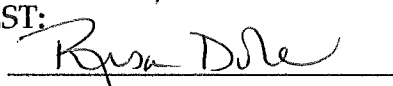
**Mr. Galindo**

**Building and Lands Committee:** Mr. Galindo reported Building and Lands met last month. There were 19 visitors wanting pickle ball courts at the community center. The City and Harrison Township will be splitting the cost for two courts. One quote has been obtained and they are waiting on more. Some options for funding are being looked at such as the Impact (bedroom) tax. There are also bids out for the tennis court refurbishing. This will hopefully happen in 2019 as a joint City/Township venture with the pickle ball courts.

Mr. Galindo also reported that the Tax Incentive Review Council met last month. There were 3 different organizations on the docket and all were extended into next year.

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

  
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William Neyer, Mayor

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Risa Dole, Clerk