

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on January 14, 2019 at the City Office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Gehring and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present: Mayor Gehring, Treasurer Keerl, Clerk Pierce. Council Members: Peterson, Kaiser, Baird, Ferguson and guests. Absent: Attorney Cook.

Mayor Gehring offered the city's condolences to Louis Campbell's family and remarked that Louis had been a maintenance employee for the city for 17 years. Louie's vast knowledge of the city maintenance requirements and his friendly demeanor were a staple in the city on a day to day basis. Having grown up in Alcona County, Louis could be counted on to share his memories and knowledge about most people and places in the area. Louis's friendly smile and acknowledging hand wave were something everyone could count on. His presence will be greatly missed in our city.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Baird to approve the minutes of December 10, 2018 amended with corrections. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson to pay the bills in the amount of \$24,251.15. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Ferguson to confirm David Cook as City Attorney. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Gehring addressed the appointment confirmations of Alderman for Wards I and III.

Motion by Baird, support by Ferguson to confirm and appoint Abigail Thomas as Alderman Ward I. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Baird to confirm and appoint Barbara Luenberger to Alderman Ward III. Motion carried: 4-0.

The oath of office was administrated by Clerk Pierce and Thomas and Luenberger were invited to take their place at council table. Congratulations to our new council representatives.

Motion by Baird, support by Peterson to set City Council meeting times, at City Hall, as the 2nd Monday of the Month at 7:00 P.M. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Ferguson to appoint Barbara Luenberger as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Thomas, support by Peterson to appoint Marjory French as Deputy Clerk for the City of Harrisville. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Ferguson to appoint Rita Kaiser as Deputy Treasurer for the City of Harrisville. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Thomas to appoint Jim Kaiser as Street and Sidewalk Administrator for 2019. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Peterson to reconfirm Clerk as City Census Administrator for 2019. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser to confirm Abigail Thomas as Chamber of Commerce Representative for 2019. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Thomas, support by Peterson to confirm Jim Kaiser as FEMA Representative for 2019. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Baird to confirm Nick Failla as city Web Site Coordinator for 2019. Motion carried 6-0.

In Old Business Mayor Gehring updated council as to the status of the playground grant and additional updates with Nico Tucker, State Representative for the state playground grant award.

Motion by Peterson, support by Thomas to appoint Barbara Luenberger and Jim Kaiser to the Finance Committee for the term ending December 31, 2019. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Baird to confirm appointment of Richard Dunn to the Tax Board of Review for the term ending December 31, 2019. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger to appoint Ann Thibodeau-Ashford to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Baird to give Clerk approval to advertise, once a month, with brief job descriptions, for the following vacancies to be filled: Planning Commission-4 vacancies, (city resident), Zoning Board of Appeals, 1 vacancy and 1 alternate, (city resident), Tax Board of Review, 1 vacancy and 1 alternate (city resident). Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Luenberger to reconfirm and accept the investment policy as presented by the Treasurer for 2019 using the following banks: Huron Community Bank, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, Northland Area Federal Credit Union, and M Bank. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger for the Harrisville Lions Club to use city property at the Mill Pond Raceway and the Mill Pond Creek including use of the Harbor Pavilion area for the annual Duck Race scheduled for Saturday, July 5th and 6th, 2019. The Harrisville Lions Club is also asking permission to place the advertising “ducks” around town the week before Memorial Day, 2019.

Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger to allow Lions Club to place advertising Ducks in strategic places around town, excluding attaching ducks to Main St. fences. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Peterson, support by Thomas to award Jackie Trimmer, Beautification Chairperson, the sum of \$500.00 for the annual planting of the flower pots on Main St. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Peterson to grant permission to Maria Minch to hold her Second Annual Rosemary Memorial 5K Run on Saturday, June 29, 2019. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Luenberger for approval for Clerk to submit the MDOT Application for use of M-72 and US-23 for annual activities use permit for 2019. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger to reappoint Dennis Swanson, Janet Mansfield, Walt Wynblat to the Harbor Commission, term ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried: 6-0.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring gave Verizon cellular update. Cell service is up and running.

Clerk Pierce reported the Summer Concert dates have been set for July 10, 17, 24, 31, and August 7, 2019. Voting, as determined by city council members, for the most festive Holiday Lighting in the city this season, with a Consumers Energy \$50.00 Gift Certificate to the winner, goes to: Beth Welton of 204 S. Third Street. Congratulations!

Treasurer Keerl asked about process to update new website, He has also received the first of three State Licenses required to operate and maintain the city water and sewer facilities. Keerl also informed council that there will be a representative from the Michigan Rural Waterways

Association coming weekly to help with the testing and any updates of the city wells. Suez of Alpena will help with the testing of the wastewater system on a monthly basis.

Motion by Baird, support by Ferguson to advertise for a city maintenance worker position.
Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring, Treasurer Keerl, Alderman Luenberger will be the committee members of the hiring committee to review all applications and be part of the interview process.

Discussion by Baird to create a vacancy on the Harbor Commission so there are sufficient members for a quorum.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Ferguson to remove Bob Sanderson from the Harbor Commission to create a vacancy to be filled to have a quorum. Motion carried: 6-0.

Harbor Commissioner Baird shared that the harbor will be visited by the DNR as to the ongoing dock project. Tiffany Wilson can be contacted at the harbor, 989-724-5712, in the absence of Harbormaster Jim Ferguson.

Planning Commissioner Baird reports that the Planning Commission has elected new officers, Tony Haight-Chairperson, John Swise-Vice-Chairperson, Barbara Luenberger-Secretary. Marijuana ordinances were discussed. The Planning Commission approved the Planning Commission Final Report 2018 as prepared by Cecile Pizer.

Alderman Mary Peterson has agreed to be city council representative to the Rural Redevelopment Committee (RRC).

Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger to appoint Mary Peterson as city council representative to the RRC. Motion carried:6-0.

Fire Department-Chief Dan Klukowski reported the total of fire runs and medical first responder calls for the month of November. Chief Klukowski also reports he has received five applications for fire fighter volunteers for the department. Scott Rice, director of Alcona County EMS, will be teaching a Fire Fighter I course in October, 2019 and all new volunteers are encouraged to take the certification course. Chief Klukowski is also looking to generate interest in a Medical First Responders class.

Airport Assistant Manager Colleen Higgins reports that the terminal building has been cleaned with removal of much of the old furniture and repairs on the building have been done as well.

Comment Cards: Guest Patty Thomas reports on a Planned Women's March on Sunday, January 21, 2019 in Harrisville. Also the library will host a conversation on the Waterways display which the library hosted, on Saturday, January 19, 2019. Cecile Pizer commented on the possibility of televising city council meetings.

Council Last Comments: Alderman Ferguson thanked the voters in the community for the opportunity to serve the city as an elected alderman.

Next City Council meeting February 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Ferguson moved meeting to be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

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.Mayor_____ Clerk_____