

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on March 13, 2017 at the City Office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Dobis and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Mayor Dobis, Treasurer Keerl, Clerk Pierce, Council Members: Thomas, Kaiser, Crick, Baird, Luenberger. Absent: Council Member Sanderson.

Motion by Crick, support by Luenberger to approve the minutes of February 13, 2017 as amended. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Thomas, support by Kaiser to pay the bills in the amount of \$60,014.66. Motion carried 5-0.

In correspondence, Mayor Dobis informed council of a water hook-up issue brought forth by property owner Rebecca Good concerning the city's portion of the payment for the project. Mayor Dobis informed council of the property owners liability for the payment and of the city's stance in the issue. Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger to table discussion of issue of liability until April city council meeting. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Dobis informed council of the latest update to the city's investigation into the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Program offered by the state EDC. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) offered by the state was discussed and clarified to council and guests.

Mayor Dobis informed council about the work done by Golder and Associates concerning the drilling and installation of six new test wells at the city lagoon area. All well installation has been completed and Golder will return in April to continue to monitor the results with any needed adjustments.

Mayor Dobis updated council as to the status of the well house and pump stations. The well house issue has been resolved and an independent engineer from OHM and Associates is being hired to review the well house set up. The pump station work will begin with the signed agreement with Suez Water Environmental Services, INC. Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger to sign agreement with Suez Water Environmental Services, INC. contingent upon amended agreement by Suez. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Dobis updated council about the status of the Harrisville Lady Lions playground development project. Public invited to comment. Several questions were asked by the audience as to the scope of the project and the financing for the same. Questions were addressed by the mayor and council members. Motion by Crick, support by Baird to support the agreement, Resolution #2017-02, made by the city and the Department of Natural Resources for a Trust Fund Application.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City of Harrisville hereby supports the submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for \$129,600, and further resolves to make available a local match through financial commitment of \$32,400 (25%) of a total \$129,600 project cost, during the 2018-2019 fiscal year. AYES: Crick, Luenberger, Kaiser, Baird, Thomas. NAYES:0. ABSENT: Sanderson. Motion approved.

Motion by Crick, support by Thomas to pay the end of year bills. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Dobis opened the General Fund Budget, 2017-2018 Truth and Taxation Hearing at 7:30 PM. The treasurer and finance committee chair reviewed the General Fund Budget (all categories) with council for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The hearing was opened to the public and no comments were forthcoming. Mayor Dobis announced, as part of the Truth and Taxation requirement, that the City of Harrisville would collect the maximum millage as required by law. General Fund: 6.0032 mils, Water:1.5000 mils, Sewer: 2.6000 mils. The budget hearing closed at 7: 52 PM.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Baird to approve the new General Fund, Fire, Equipment Pool, Liquor, Major and Minor Budgets, as presented to council, for fiscal year 2017-2018. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Dobis discussed Elected Officials Salaries for the year 2018. A 2% pay increase is included in the operating budget for elected official's salaries for 2018.

Mayor Dobis advised council on the new City Employees contracts for 2017-2018.

Mayor Dobis discussed with council the policy for hiring summer help and that the work hours would be limited to a maximum of 300 hours for the season.

Mayor Dobis discussed the Contract for Services between the city and the county. Motion by Crick, support by Luenberger to accept Alcona County Contract for Services for 2017. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Dobis recommended that April 2017 be proclaimed Social Host Responsibility Month. Motion by Crick, support by Thomas that April 2017 be proclaimed Social Host Responsibility Month with Resolution #2017-03.

Now, therefor be it resolved that the City of Harrisville of the county of Alcona, does hereby proclaim that April 2017 is Social Host Responsibility Month. Motion carried: 5-0.

REPORTS

Clerk Pierce notes that the amended dates for the Annual Antiques Show are Saturday, July 8 through Sunday, July 9, 2017 and the Annual Wine and Food Festival will be Saturday, July 15, 2017. The dates in last month's minutes were incorrect. The Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will not be selling popcorn and beverages at this summer's concert series at the harbor.

Treasurer Keerl informed council of Auditors Stephenson and Co.'s agreement for continued review of the city budgets. Motion by Baird, support by Crick to continue to use the services of auditors Stephenson and Co. for city budget audits. Motion carried: 5-0.

Attorney Cook addressed council concerning the city airport. A Provisional License has been received and Attorney Cook is reviewing a Provisional Basic Utility License for the airport.

Harbor Commissioner Baird reports the harbor commissioners will meet in April. The DEQ permit for the dock work has been signed and the Harbor Commission has received the \$5000.00 short term loan from the city.

Planning Commissioner Baird reports that the Planning Commission will meet for a regularly scheduled meeting on April 5, 2017 at 6:30 P.

County Commissioner Johnston informed council that the county and the Alcona County Library Board has signed a contract for work to be done on the property directly behind the main library. The county is also hosting a meeting to inform and instruct officials in the county of the new server service being installed at the county level.

Fire Department: New Haynes contract has been signed for 2017.

Comment Cards: None. Council Last Comments: None.

Mayor Dobis moved meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____

