

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on December 9, 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 Luenberger, Clerk Pierce, Council Members: Peterson, Schwanz, Kaiser, Ferguson, Thomas, City Attorney Cook and guests..

Motion by Ferguson support by Thomas to accept the minutes of November 11, 2019. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Thomas support by Schwanz to pay the bills in the amount of \$17,936.43. Motion carried 5-0.

In Old Business, Mayor Gehring updated council about the Consumers Energy Gift Certificates. Two \$50.00 certificates are available. One residential and one business "Best Display" for the season will be awarded. Call the office at 989-724-6666 for your vote.

Mayor Gehring reports that Christmas in the Village was successful again this year.

A letter of resignation has been submitted by Alderman Thomas from Ward I. Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson to accept Abbie Thomas' letter of resignation as Alderman Ward I, with regret, effective December 10, 2029. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Schwanz to approve clerk to publish ad for Alderman Ward I vacancy. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring informed council of the letter of interest from Michael Bean to fill a vacancy on the planning commission.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson to approve Michael Bean as a member of the planning commission. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor informed council of letter of interest from James Butler to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board of appeals.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser to approve James Butler to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion Carried: 5-0.

Mayor asked council for approval for clerk to post remaining vacancies on the planning commission and the zoning board of appeals.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson for clerk to publish for remaining vacancies on the planning commission and zoning board of appeals

Please send a letter of interest to the city office: City of Harrisville 200 N. Fifth St., P.O. Box 278, Harrisville, MI 48740 or call the city office at 989-724-6666.

Mayor Gehring asked council for approval of appointments to the Harbor Commission of Jeffrey Dameworth and Bruce Weber for 3 year terms ending December 31, 20123.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Thomas to approve appointment of Jeffrey Dameworth and Bruce Weber for 3 year terms ending December 31, 20123. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring discussed the OHM Engineering Proposal for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). The project plan is for pump stations replacement, sewage treatment lagoon improvements and collection systems rehabilitation services, to be provided with a fee not to exceed \$32,000.00 to be absorbed within the grant funding proposal.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Schwanz to approve the proposal from OHM Engineering for the CWSRF Project Plan. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring opened the Water/Sewer Budget Hearing for 2020 at 7:20 PM with a public comment period. No public comments concerning the budget were made. Budget meeting closed

at 7:25 PM. Treasurer Luenberger presented budget overview with discussion by council. The millage rate will be 3.30 mils for the water debt.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Ferguson to approve the Water/Sewer Budget for 2020. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Thomas, support by Schwanz to approve clerk to pay end of year water/sewer bills for 2019. Motion carried: 5-0.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring is pleased that the city's newest maintenance employee, Allen Kay, has successfully completed his 90 day probation contract and is advising council to approve Allen Kay as a full time city maintenance employee at a pay rate of \$12.00 per hour effective immediately.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson for the city to employ Allen Kay as a full time city maintenance worker at \$12.00 per hourly wage effective immediately. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring informed council of the decision by the finance committee to raise senior maintenance employee Thomas Keerl's hourly wage to \$17.00 effective April 1, 2020.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Schwanz to raise Thomas Keerl's hourly wage to \$17.00, effective April 1, 2020. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring informed council of the finance committee's decision to allocate a 2.8% pay increase for mayor, treasurer and clerk to become effective January 1, 2020.

Motion by Peterson, support by Kaiser to increase mayor, treasurer, clerk's salary by 2.8% effective January 1, 2020. Motion carried: 5-0.

Treasurer Luenberger reminds residents that Winter Taxes will be due February 14, 2020.

Harbor Commissioner Ferguson reports that the harbor commission met and discussed fishing access sites and had a discussion about the formation of a group to promote the harbor.

Fire Department Chief Klukowski reports the newly purchased fire truck has had some maintenance repairs done and is now fully operational. A new overhead bay door opener has been installed for easier access for the new truck. Turnout gear bids have gone out and bidding will close December 20, 2019. Kevin Love to resign as Training Officer, effective December 31, 2019.

Chief Medical Officer Mendyka reminds residents to be super careful due to the very cold and slippery conditions this season. Please don't hesitate to call 911 for fire department and medical first responders help. Comment Cards: Sandy Mendyka shares that a fire department dinner dance is being planned for February 22, 2020. Becky Bean informs that \$2000+ has been collected in donations for the Pocket Park and that Ted Fines, director of Habitat for Humanity has helped write a grant for the Pocket Park and should hear within weeks about the award.

Councils Last Comments: Council members thank Abbie Thomas for her service to the city as Alderman Ward I. She will be missed. Council members wish everyone to be safe and have a Merry Christmas.

Motion to adjourn by Mayor Gehring.

Adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, January 13, 2020, at 7:00 PM.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____