

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on December 11, 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: Peterson, Luenberger, Kaiser, Sanderson, Baird, City Attorney Cook and guests. Absent: Thomas.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Kaiser to approve the minutes of November 13, 2017. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Peterson to pay the bills in the amount of \$98,766.67. Motion carried 5 -0.

In Old Business, Mayor Dobis updated council with information concerning the Verizon contract. Dixon Engineering has been hired by Verizon to check the viability of the city water tower to handle the cell phone repeaters. Awaiting response from Verizon.

Mayor Dobis has been in contact with a NEMCOG representative concerning the status of the application for the playground grant. Mayor Dobis has been notified by NEMCOG that the city's grant request was not selected. The mayor was informed that the grant request can be resubmitted in the spring.

A second reading was read and discussed of the proposed Noxious Vegetation Ordinance Proposal. Discussion.

Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser to adopt the City of Harrisville-Noxious Vegetation Ordinance as part of the city's zoning ordinances. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0.

The complete ordinance will be published in the local newspaper.

In New Business Mayor Dobis indicated two vacancies on the Planning Commission and the resignation of Ernie Andree from the Tax Board of Review.

City Clerk Pierce will advertise for applicants for 2 vacancies on the Planning Commission and one vacancy on the Tax Board of Review.

Applicants for these vacancies must be city residents. 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 Dobis discussed with council the recommendation from Gauthier Heating for replacement of a primary furnace control at the city annex building for the District Health Department #2.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Luenberger to contract with Gauthier Heating to replace the primary burner control at the city annex building. Motion carried: 5-0.

Once again this year, Consumers Energy has donated a \$50.00 Gift Certificate to the city to be awarded to any city residence or business which has an outstanding show of holiday decorations on their property. Council can place their votes with the clerk and the award will be presented at the January 8, 2018 city council meeting.

Mayor Dobis opened the Water/Sewer Budget Hearing for 2018 at 7:30 PM with a public comment period. No public comments were made. Budget meeting closed at 7:32 PM. Finance Committee members Kaiser, and Treasurer Keerl presented budget overview with discussion by council. The millage rates will continue with 1.5 mils for the water debt and 2.6 mils for the Bond Improvement rate.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Peterson to approve the Water/Sewer Budget for 2018.
Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Baird to approve the clerk to pay the end of year water/sewer bills for 2017. Motion carried: 5-0.

REPORTS

Mayor Dobis discussed additional payments to Flootation Docks and Edgewater Resources in the amount of \$130,748.15. This money is from Phase 2 and 3 of the state grant amount. The mayor also voiced his commitment to the Lady Lions to resubmit the grant application for the playground if they so wish in 2018.

Clerk Pierce informed council per last months knotweed conversation that Huron Pines was notified of the city's interest in continuing treatment of the invasive species and received confirmation from Huron Pines they will be pleased to continue to work with the city on this issue. Contract negotiations will begin in the spring.

Clerk Pierce also shared the many positive comments about the good work the new junior maintenance employee, Tom Keerl has been doing around the city.

Harbor Commissioner Baird reports the Harbor Commission is requesting temporary support funding from the city for up to \$5000.00 through the winter months to be repaid to the city by August, 2018.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Peterson to loan the Harbor Commission up to \$5000.00 for the winter month's operations and to be repaid, in full, during the month of August, 2018. Motion carried: 5-0.

Commissioner Baird also reports that the 2018 harbor budget is balanced and all 2017 bills have been paid. Also well wishes being sent to Harbor Commission Chairman Neal Gehring.

Planning Commissioner Baird: The RRC committee reported on the city wide walk taken by members of the RRC and a state representative to look at potential properties for possible repurposing.

County Commissioner Johnston reported on county business.

Comment Cards: None.

Councils Last Comments: Baird discussed Christmas lights at tree at corner of US 23 and M-72.

Motion to adjourn by Dobis.

Adjourned at 8: 04 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

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Mayor _____

Clerk _____