

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on December 10, 2018 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, Luenberger, Kaiser, Baird, City Attorney Cook and guests. Absent: Thomas.

Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser to accept the minutes of November 12, 2018 as corrected. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Peterson to pay the bills in the amount of \$15,604.59. Motion carried 4-0.

In Old Business, Mayor Gehring updated council with information concerning the Verizon contract. Fiber optic line is close to being completed for final hook up to the antennas on the water tower. An end of the year (2018) deadline is being suggested.

Mayor Gehring has been in contact with a representative from the state as to the final award status concerning the application for the playground grant. Mayor Gehring has been notified that an announcement as to the status of the grant requests should be announced by the end of this month.

The Notice of Vacancies ad in the local newspaper will run through December 19, 2018 with a deadline for submission of letters of interest to be Thursday, January 3, 2019 by 12:00 noon. The description for the vacancies for the Tax Board of Review have been corrected with the additional requirements: "must be a city resident and a city property owner" with one position described as a city resident, not having to be a property owner, which is filled.

Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger to correct Tax Review Board ad for vacancy positions. Motion carried:4-0.

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 discussed Resolution #2018-09, between the City of Harrisville and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

RESOLUTION 2018-09: "RESOLVED, that the City of Harrisville, Michigan, accepts the terms of the Agreement received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources,"to appropriate the sum of \$85,819.00 in-kind match, to match the \$499,475.00 State Grant authorized by the Department and that the City agrees to comply with all terms of the Agreement, including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution."

Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser to approve resolution as stated.

Ayes: 4-Luenberger, Peterson, Kaiser, Baird

Nays: 0 Absent: Thomas. Vote carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring informed council of a new business within the city put forth as a Bed and Breakfast at 600 N. State St. Harrisville, MI 48740. Welcome to the new owner, Sharon Fry. Much success in your endeavor.

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 14, 2019 city council meeting.

A letter of resignation was formally submitted by Cecil Pizer from her position on the City Planning Commission. Cecile has been a member for the past 12 years, and chairperson for the past 9 years. She has been instrumental in several initiatives in moving the planning commission forward to the benefit of the city. Her term will expire December 31, 2018.

Mayor Gehring opened the Water/Sewer Budget Hearing for 2019 at 7:30 PM with a public comment period. No public comments were made. Budget meeting closed at 7:35 PM. Treasurer Keerl presented budget overview with discussion by council. The millage rate will be 3.30 mils for the water debt.

Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser to approve the Water/Sewer Budget for 2019. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Peterson to approve the clerk to pay the end of year water/sewer bills for 2018. Motion carried: 4-0.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring thanked all for being in attendance for the meeting and extended the opportunity for all to feel welcome to approach him with their questions and concerns.

Clerk Pierce reported the city and the Pocket Park committee was advised of grant opportunities for funding through NEMCOG.

Harbor Commissioner Baird reports the Harbor Commission will meet and re-appoint members of the commission to new terms of office. Terms are three years. The charter boats at the harbor are paying over the winter months.

Planning Commissioner Baird: The RRC committee representative Cheryl Peterson reported that the RRC committee will continue to work with the state and that Council member Mary Peterson has agreed to be the liaison between the city council and the RRC committee.

Chairperson Pizer reported on the Planning Commission Annual Report 2018. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission will be Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:30 at City Hall.

Fire Department Chief Klukowski reports that he has four new volunteer applications for the Fire Department. Fire Fighter training will become mandatory. New radio purchases will be made. Chief Medical Officer Mendyka reports the City had four medical runs and the Township had 19 medical runs and 1 fire which was the Ki Cuyler restaurant. Greenbush had one medical call. Please make sure you have your chimney properly cleaned because it's the season for chimney fires.

County Commissioner Johnston reports that there will be a Medical First Responders program offered in conjunction with Alcona High School available for High School Seniors. Commissioners are looking for financial aid to support this program.

Comment Cards: Patty Thomas reminds those present of the upcoming presentation at the Library on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 of the showing of a documentary film-part 1-about the Enbridge Line 5 Pipeline.

Becky Bean reminds everyone about the purchase of brick pavers for the Pocket Park on Main Street.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Baird reports that the new city website is in progress and there is a volunteer for webmaster.

Motion to adjourn by Luenberger.

Adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, January 14, 2019, at 7:00 PM.

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Mayor _____

Clerk _____