

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on September 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, Kaiser, Heller, Ferguson, Thomas, Ex-treasurer Keerl, City Attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Thomas, support by Ferguson to approve the minutes of August 12, 2019. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Thomas, support by Peterson to pay the bills in the amount of \$36,334.01. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Gehring reported that the roofing bid for the District Health Department #2 was awarded to John's Home Maintenance Co. The work will begin in late September or mid-October.

Mayor Gehring advised council on his recommendation of Jacquelyn Schwanz to fill the vacancy of Alderman in Ward III.

Motion by Thomas, support by Peterson to appoint Jacquelyn Schwanz to fill the vacancy of Ward III Alderman. Motion carried: 5-0.

The Oath of Office was administered by Clerk Pierce and Jacquelyn was seated at the table. Welcome.

Ex-Treasurer Keerl reported on the final General Fund Budget Adjustments for 2018/2019.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Thomas to accept end of year adjustments for 2018/2019 budget year. Funds include General, Fire, Liquor, Equipment Pool, Major/Minor. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring advised council of the maintenance vacancy application process and recommends to council the hiring of Allen Kay to fill the vacancy on the Maintenance Department.

Motion by Thomas, support by Peterson to hire Allen Kay to fill the vacancy on the Maintenance Department. Motion carried: 6-0.

Fall clean-up and Hydrant flushing schedule is as follows:

CLEAN-UP: Friday, October 11, 2019, and Friday, November 1, 2019. Bagged leaves and brush secured in bundles will be picked up at street side.

HYDRANT FLUSHING: Weeks of Oct. 7-18, 2019.

#### REPORTS.

Mayor Gehring reported that the Labor Day Weekend Activities went very well. A grateful thank you to all volunteers who helped make this another successful weekend. A thank you and a "well done" by Michael Baird for the vendor layout and Christy Holmes and her crew for the maintenance and clean-up of the craft fair area on Sunday. Thank you.

Clerk Pierce: A special acknowledgement to Elaine Edwards who organized and to all the musicians who participated in Harrisville's First Annual Music on the Porch Day. It was great fun.

Thank you to Ryan and Sandy Mendyka for the very successful Labor Day parade this year and to all the participants. Well Done!

Treasurer Luenberger: Summer property taxes are due Monday, September 16, 2019.

Harbor Master Ferguson reported on the patronage of the slips and the quantity of fuel that has been dispensed this past month at the marina.

Airport Assistant Manager C. Higgins reports the marking of additional trees to be removed and has been in contact with C. Scully on cutting and removing the trees. She also noted that she and M. Higgins cleaned up debris in and around the terminal as they continue to get the terminal back in working order. Pictures have been posted of two experimental planes which visited the airport, on the Alcona County Historical Society Facebook page.

Fire Department Assistant Chief Keerl reports that the fire department is in negotiations with Wilson Township on the purchase of a 1994 Pierce engine to replace the existing 1984 rig.

County Commissioner Johnston reports that the Veteran's Affairs counselor is being well received at the county. A state, brownfield grant is available to a potential buyer of property in the city to develop the property for a private campground and a retail Sport's Center.

Comment Cards: Sandy Mendyka invites everyone to a fire department fundraiser on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at Harrisville Lanes. Fun for all. Becky Bean reports that the Labor Day weekend saw sales of \$425.00 in paving bricks for the Pocket Park.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Thomas reports the Humane Society is holding their annual Garage Sale at the ARA Fair Grounds on Friday, September 20 and Saturday, September 21, 2019. Alderman Ferguson commented on the potential of business property owners of vacant buildings to consider attending to the empty windows of their businesses with decorative décor to resist a blighted look to the building.

Motion to adjourn by Ferguson.

Adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Next City Council meeting: Monday, October 14, 2019 at City Hall at 7:00 PM.

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Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_