

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on October 11, 2021 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: Kaiser, Schwanz, Mason, Bean, Peterson, Bauermeister, Attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Kaiser to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2021, with corrections. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Bauermeister to pay the bills in the amount of \$30,954.42. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring received two letters of interest to fill vacancies on the Planning Commission from city residents. Mayor Gehring recommends the approval of Warner Vanderheuel and Kyla Harmon to fill two vacancies on the Planning Commission.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Bean to approve Warner Vanderheuel and Kyla Harmon to fill two vacancies on the Planning Commission. Motion carried: 6-0.

Mayor Gehring decrees and declares that the official hours for Halloween Trick or Treating, in the city, on Sunday, October 31, 2021, will be 5:30 PM-7:30 PM.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz to approve Halloween Trick or Treating hours in the City of Harrisville on Sunday, October 31, 2021 to be 5:30 PM-7:30 PM. Motion carried: 6-0.

Alderman Schwanz presented a power point presentation and informed council of the Great Start Collaborative Program. This is a grant funded opportunity to place interactive signage at the harbor playground to engage parents and children in hands on learning opportunities at no cost to the city.

Motion by Peterson, support by Mason for Alderman Schwanz to pursue the grant funded program. Motion carried: 5-0. One abstention: Schwanz.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring informed council of his outreach to Affiliated Researchers LLC., an environmental consulting service on a proposal to work with the city on determining any environmental impact on a proposed single family housing development by Harbor Town Development, LLC. located on S. Third Street. Affiliated Researchers will work in conjunction with the city Planning Commission and the land developer on guidelines as to how to proceed. Discussion.

Motion by Bean, support by Mason to authorize use of Affiliated Researchers, LLC. Motion carried: 6-0.

Clerk Pierce reminds council of the Boo-Fest sponsored by the Alcona County Commission on Aging taking place on Main Street in Harrisville on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 11 AM-2 PM. You can register a Trunk by calling 989-334-3466.

Harbor Commission Chairman, Joe Lukasiewicz reported the commission has hired a new bookkeeper/secretary, Angelina White. He thanks the mayor and the city DPW workers in helping for four hours in securing boats at the harbor during the extremely high winds of September 23. There will be a 2nd grade field trip at the harbor on October 19, 2021 to learn about bird watching. The commission has given approval for public fishing to be allowed from the dock platform. The Army Corps of Engineers has notified the commission it will begin rebuilding efforts on the break walls in the harbor, in the spring.

Planning Commission Ex-Officio Alderman J. Schwanz reports the Master Plan Review and revision is 99% complete and with the addition of the two new commission members, a quorum will be in place. The next Planning Commission meeting will be Wednesday, October 13, at 6:30 PM.

Airport Commission Assistant Manager Colleen Higgins reports that permission has been received to trim the trees at the south end of the runway.

Tree Board member Luenberger addressed concern about the downed trees at the Craftmakers Cabin and the city tennis court.

Fire Department: Mayor Gehring reports there was a mutual aid response to a structure fire in Lincoln last month.

County Commissioner Thompson reports he and council member J. Schwanz met with representatives from Consumers Energy about the possibility of the placing a commercial charging station at the Sheriff's Department and the department testing the viability of an electric patrol car as a prototype for testing. Thompson updated council as to the ongoing talks with Iosco County housing Alcona County inmates at their facility. There will be the 2nd Annual Community Wide Swap Meet on Saturday, October, 16, 2021 at the ARA site in Lincoln. A Bump and Run on the Ice, is being planned by the Fair Board for March 5, 2022 and will include a Demolition Derby as part of the entertainment.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman J. Schwanz is looking into a grant to develop an outdoor exercise park in the area of the baseball fields as well as information about the development of a Disc Golf area. Kaiser inquired about any new information about the funding process for the city upgrade to the lagoon and sewer treatment facilities.

Motion to adjourn: Mayor Gehring.

Adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, November 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

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Mayor _____

Clerk _____