

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on November 12, 2018 at the City Office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Luenberger and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Luenberger, Treasurer Keerl, Clerk Pierce, Council Members: Peterson, Kaiser, Baird, Thomas, City Attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Peterson, support by Kaiser to approve the minutes of October 8, 2018. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Peterson to pay the bills in the amount of \$265,371.08. Motion carried 5-0.

In Old Business: Mayor Pro Tem Luenberger addressed the letter of resignation from Donna Stadler from the Planning Commission.

Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser to accept, with regret, the resignation of Donna Stadler from the Planning Commission. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Luenberger set the Budget Hearing for the 2019 Water/Sewer Budget, for December 10, 2018 at 7:30 PM.

Motion by Thomas, support by Baird to set the budget hearing for the 2019 Water/Sewer Budget for December 10, 2018 at 7:30 PM. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Luenberger presented the Professional Services Agreement Waterways Project from Edgewater Resources, LLC. for constructing Construction Phase 3 (Grant Phase 4 Funding) for dockage facilities at Harrisville Harbor. Discussion.

Motion by Baird, support by Peterson to accept Edgewater Resources, LLC. professional services agreement for Construction Phase 3 (Grant Phase 4 Funding). Motion carried: 5-0.

Discussion by council to advertise for all open positions on the Planning Commission, Tax Board of Review, Zoning Board of Appeals, RRC committee and Alderman.

Motion by Thomas, support by Kaiser for Clerk to advertise for these open positions. Motion carried: 5-0. Letters of interest can be sent to The City of Harrisville, P.O.Box 278, Harrisville, MI 48740, emailed: harrisville1905@hotmail.com, or call the city office at 989-724-6666 for additional information.

RRC Membership review by Cheryl Peterson addressed council with a request for council to consider appointing a member of council to participate on the RRC committee.

Motion by Baird, support by Peterson to establish a five person committee for the RRC. Confirmed members include: Cecile Pizer (Planning Commission), Cheryl Peterson, KiAnn Kruttlin, Judy MacNeill(HBA). Motion carried: 5-0. Mary Peterson Alderman Ward II) agreed to accept open vacancy on committee as city council representative. To be confirmed at December council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem presented council with a letter of intent from Colleen Higgins to fill the position of Assistant Airport Manager.

Motion by Baird, support by Thomas to appoint Colleen Higgins Assistant Airport Manager. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Luenberger presented city council with a letter of intent from Thomas Mason to fill a vacancy on the Tax Board of Review.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson to appoint Thomas Mason to fill a vacancy on the Tax Board of Review. Motion carried: 5-0.

Truck bids were presented to council.

Motion by Thomas, support by Baird to accept the bid of \$1326.00 from Orville Donaldson of Barton City for the 2003 maintenance truck. Motion carried: 5-0.

Council was advised of the Holiday Office Closures for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. Thanksgiving: Closed-November 21, 22, 23, 2018. Christmas: December 24, 25, 26, 2018. New Year: -December 31, 2018, January, 1-2, 2019. The City Office will reopen Thursday, January 3, 2019.

REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Luenberger congratulated Jeff Gehring on his election as mayor of the City of Harrisville and offered her willingness to help with the transition.

Clerk Pierce reported that the general election had a total of 241 voters participate in the election from a field of 394 registered voters. Elected Officials for the City Offices are: Mayor, Jeffrey Gehring, Treasurer, Thomas Keerl, Clerk, Barbara Pierce, Alderman Ward I James Ferguson, Alderman Ward II, Mary Peterson.

The city has received information from the state regarding the playground grant submissions. The total number of points the city received from the Passport Grant was 215/240. The points from the Trust Fund submission were 370/540. Final determination and awards will go out in February and recipients will be notified.

Consumers Energy has given the city a Consumers Energy Gift Certificate of \$50.00 to be awarded to the best lighting display for the Christmas season within the city for either a residence or business. Suggestions on voting will be greatly appreciated.

Treasurer Keerl: Delinquent Water/Sewer bills will be added to property owners winter taxes..

Verizon engineers are still working on bringing cable lines into city for hookup to antennas at water tower.

.Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson to add delinquent water/sewer bills to 2018 winter tax bills.

Harbor Commissioner Baird reports that old dockage has been removed and new finger dockage is being installed for phase #4.

Planning Commissioner Baird/Pizer presented the Public Participation Plan for Planning and Development Projects. Further website discussion with suggestion to hire a part-time webmaster for site.

Motion by Baird, support by Peterson to accept Public Participation Plan for Planning and Development Projects. Motion carried: 5-0.

Airport Manager Higgins shared his conversations with state on runway considerations for easier and safer approach access.

Fire Department Chief Medical Officer Mendyka reported on last months call account with no fires and a total of 15 medical runs. A reminder to change out old batteries in all smoke detectors and strongly urges the purchase of a carbon monoxide detector for each residence.

Fire Board member Luenberger reported on the progress of the Fire Advisory Board. The board currently consists of four members. Two from the City: Michel Baird and Barbara Luenberger. Two from Harrisville township: Steve Healy and Carla Harvey. This board has put in many

hours drafting a new fire department agreement, the old contract going back to 1995. Even with concessions made by each side, there is still no new contract because of continued dissatisfaction from members of the Townships board of trustees. The question becomes whether there should be a joint Fire Department. The committee recommends to Mayor Gehring to schedule a meeting with Tom Stone, Supervisor of Harrisville Township and Fire Chief Danny Klukowski for further input.

Motion by Kaiser support by Baird for City Attorney Cook to give the oath of office to the newly elected Mayor of the City of Harrisville, Jeffrey Gehring. Motion carried: 5-0.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Baird addressed the concerns of some residents as to the legality of elected officials serving dual roles within the city. According to City Attorney Cook, Treasurer Keerl can hold his elected office of city treasurer and city maintenance worker with no conflict. Newly elected Alderman, Jim Ferguson will have the same dual interest as Harbor Master and Alderman for Ward I. Baird encourages more people to step up to become involved in city government.

Patty Thomas reminds all of the exciting event being held at the Alcona Library from the Smithsonian Museum, Seaways on Main Street.

Motion to adjourn by Luenberger.
Adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

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Mayor Pro Tem _____

Clerk _____