

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on August 14, 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: Kaiser, Luenberger, Baird, Sanderson, Thomas, and guests. Absent: City Attorney Cook and Alderman Crick.

A memorial plaque for Mike Crick was shown to council.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Luenberger for the Mike Crick Memorial Plaque to be placed at the Harbor Building. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Baird to approve the minutes of July 10, 2017 as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Thomas, support by Luenberger to pay the bills in the amount of \$22,196.59. Motion carried: 5-0.

In Old Business Mayor Dobis shared information about the Verizon Wireless contract.

Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger to allow Mayor Dobis to further negotiate and sign a final contract with Verizon Wireless. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Dobis advised council of the update on the lagoon groundwater monitoring by Golder and Associates. There are five well units which require quarterly testing to be done over a two- year period. Preliminary testing is showing good results on all levels.

Mayor Dobis informed council as to the Huron Pines contract for spraying of Japanese Knotweed in the city. This is the third year of a three -year agreement and it appears the treatments are having an effect.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Baird to submit the third year contract agreement to Huron Pines for the spraying of Japanese Knotweed in the city. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Dobis discussed the professional services agreement for the Phase 3 Waterways Project at the harbor.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Thomas to accept the Phase 3 Waterways Agreement with Edgewater Resources and allow the mayor to sign the agreement. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Dobis advised council as to the millage levy for Water/Sewer for December (winter) taxes. The 2017 millage rate for the General Fund will be 6.0032 mills. which is the maximum allowable by law. Water will be 1.5000 mills. and Bond Improvement will be 2.600 mills. which is the maximum allowable by law. These levies are subject to review as revenue figures become available. Council will be informed of any changes that need to be made.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Baird to accept the 2017 millage rates for the General Fund, Water and Bond Improvement. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Dobis presented to council a proposal for a pocket park on the property west of Richards's Pharmacy. Discussion. Fundraising, through donations and possible grant money, was suggested as a way to purchase the property. Council advised support to assist in the fundraising project.

The County Clean Up review was led by the mayor. Discussion as to donations contributed by several townships and the city, versus townships which donated zero, but had a high percentage of their residents using the site.

A letter of concern by City Tax Assessor Randy Thompson was discussed. The Tax Board of Review is in need of one additional member and one alternate member to be in compliance with state mandates. If these vacancies aren't filled the state can issue a "violation of the General Property Tax Act" which could result in the seizure of the city tax roll, which means the city could not collect taxes.

REPORTS

Clerk Pierce reported the Summer Concert Series had to cancel two scheduled concerts this season because of the weather. A thank you to the volunteers who help collect the donations offered by the audience, and contributions from the Greenbush Chamber of Commerce, the Harrisville Lady Lions, and Judie and Paul Labadie. Many positive comments were received as to the variety and quality of entertainment this year. A special Thank You to the members of the Harrisville Business Association for supplying refreshments at each of the concerts. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Treasurer Keerl reported that the Harbor Commission has paid its loan of \$5000.00 from the city as start- up money, in a timely fashion and that all insurance payments are paid in full.

Harbor Commission: Michael Baird informed council all harbor bills, as of now, are paid in full. High seas this season have caused some damage to the large dock. Harbormaster Jim Ferguson was complimented for the fine work he has been doing with all harbor concerns. Thank you, Jim.

Planning Commissioner Baird reports the commission is working on drafting an ordinance concerning uncut and ill kept properties within the city. The commission is also considering a snow removal ordinance. The Habitat for Humanity proposal for three homes to be built on property donated to them, within three to four years, was brought forth. Vice-chair Cecile Pizer shared events which the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) has been preparing as part of the on-going process to identify potential properties ready for re-development within the city.

Tree Board discussion of list being kept as to trees in city which need attention.

County Commissioner Johnston reports that the county is utilizing BS&A software making the county compatible with other areas. Security measures are in place at the county building with 2 access points for the public; upper front main doors and lower center door, other doors using key access. The new EMS director, Scott Rice, is able to instruct Firefighter I and II classes making it much easier for volunteer firefighters to receive their training locally.

Comment Cards: None.

Councils Last Comments: Sanderson reports the US-23 Discovery Tour will be October 6-9, 2017 and the new covering of mulch on Main Street trees looks very nice. Thomas gave recognition of how nice the flower pots in the city look and all council encouraged Jackie Trimmer to have a repeat of the plantings for next year. Thank you Jackie. Luenberger commented on the Japanese Knotweed treatments the past two years and sees a considerable improvement. Baird commented on the need for the sidewalk at the schoolhouse stairs to be trimmed of grass encroaching on it.

Mayor Dobis moved meeting to be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Next City Council meeting: September 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____

