

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on July 12, 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: Schwanz, Mason, Bean, Peterson, Attorney Cook and guests. Absent: Kaiser.

Motion by Bean, support by Schwanz, to approve the minutes of June 14, 2021. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Peterson, support by Bean, to pay the bills in the amount of \$23,104.49 Motion carried: 4-0.

In Correspondence: Mayor Gehring received a very complimentary email from seasonal boaters who were very impressed with the efficient and courteous service they have continually received throughout the many years they have made Harrisville Harbor a destination point. Great job Harbormaster Wilson and dock crew! Mayor Gehring also received a request from Sandy Arens to use city property for a car show on Saturday, September 25, 2021.

Motion by Bean, support by Peterson to approve request from Sandy Arens to use city property for a car show on Saturday, September 25, 2021.

Comments received about 4th of July weekend were all positive and everyone appreciates all the hard work the volunteers put forth to make a very successful celebration. The fireworks were spectacular!

Harbor Town Development, LLC. developer Rick and Caroline Pender presented a proposal for future development of property on Third Street. Discussion centered on water containment and diversion. Requested vacation of Grant and Fourth St.

Motion by Bean, support by Peterson, to table decisions regarding proposals presented for development, until council meeting on Monday, August 9, 2021. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring presented letter of retirement from Zoning Administrator Troy Sommers.

Motion by Peterson, support by Mason to accept Troy Somers's letter of retirement as Zoning Administrator for the City of Harrisville with regret and a Thank You for Troy's years of service to the city. Motion carried: 4-0.

Tom Keerl presented letter of interest to fill vacancy of Zoning Administrator for the City of Harrisville. Discussion.

Motion by Bean, support by Schwanz to appoint Tom Keerl as interim Zoning Administrator for the City of Harrisville until August 9, 2021. Ayes: Schwanz, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nays :0. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson for Clerk to post vacancy of Zoning Administrator in local newspaper. Letters of interest can be sent to: City of Harrisville, PO Box 278, Harrisville, MI 48740; email to harrisville1905@hotmail.com, or call the city office at 989-724-6666 for information. The deadline for letters of interest is August 4, 2021, 12:00PM (noon). The Zoning Administrator will be appointed at the August 9, 2021 city council meeting.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring reports that a sewer repair has been undertaken by the fiberoptic company which trenched for fiberoptic lines and broke a water/sewer line which caused blockage problems for the businesses on the west side of US 23. The problem has been fixed. The city planning commission will be reviewing specific zoning ordinances pertaining to travel trailers on residential property and updating the current zoning ordinances. Mayor Gehring would like to

recognize the Alcona Middle School's Junior Honor Society (AJHS) who recently placed 1st in the state of Michigan for their Recycling Environmental Service Project. The award is sponsored by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). The project revolved around the AJHS members' weekly volunteering to conduct paper, cardboard, plastic, and aluminum recycling for the entire middle and high school. Congratulations!

Clerk Pierce reports there will be a Tax Board of Review meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 9:00 AM at City Hall. The city is still looking for an interested resident from Ward I to fill a vacancy for Ward Alderman in that Ward. The first concert of the Summer Series featuring the group Flipside, was cancelled because of the weather and is rescheduled for Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Harbor Pavilion. Junior maintenance worker, Allen Kay, has passed his Sewerage Treatment Works Operators exam and is a state certified Treatment Operator. Congratulations Allen.

Treasurer Luenberger reports that the Water/Sewer audit for 2020 will be on Monday, July 19, 2021.

Harbor Commission plans for the final phase of the dock project with all final funding becoming available is in the final stages with the state. Mayor Gehring reports that a boat sunk in the harbor and there was considerable coordination between the harbor, divers from Alpena and the Coast Guard to bring it to the surface.

Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM at City Hall. There are four vacancies available on the planning commission. At this time, these vacancies are available to city residents only.

Fire Department responded to a gas line hit at the State Park this month.

County Commissioner Thompson reports that two large trees have been removed along M72. Sewer lines from the jail to the city lines have been replaced. Commissioner Thompson asks all municipalities to please fill out the forms from the American Rescue Plan, for each municipality to receive funds allocated to each, from the Federal Government.

Comment Cards: Comments from residents concerning the extended use of a travel trailer on residential property was discussed.

Council Last Comments: Alderman Schwanz reports that the RV Charging Stations at the harbor are in the final stages of becoming operational. The Grand Opening will be Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

Alderman Mason moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 P. M.

Next City Council meeting: August 9, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

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Mayor _____

Clerk _____