

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on March 8, 2021 at the City Office. This was a virtual Zoom meeting with some council members in attendance since the lifting of some public meeting restrictions as of March 5, 2021.

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, Peterson, Mason, Bean, City Attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Bean to approve the minutes of February 8, 2021. Motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nays: 0.

Motion by Peterson, support by Kaiser to pay the bills in the amount of \$238,529.28. Motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nays: 0.

In Correspondence Mayor Gehring received letters of interest from Tom Keerl and Becky Bean to become members of the City Tree Board.

Motion by Bean, support by Kaiser to approve Tom Keerl as a member of the City Tree board. Motion carried: 5-0. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nays: 0.

Motion by Peterson, support by Kaiser to approve Becky Bean as a member of the city tree Board. Motion carried: 5-0. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nays: 0.

Barbara Luenberger submitted a letter of resignation from the City Tree Board.

Motion by Peterson, support by Kaiser to accept letter of resignation from Barbara Luenberger, with regret and thank you, as a member of the City Tree Board. Motion carried: 5-0. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nays: 0.

Mayor Gehring opened the General Fund Budget, 2020-2021 Truth and Taxation Hearing at 7:15 PM. The treasurer and finance committee members reviewed the General Fund Budget, Fire, Liquor, Equipment Pool, Major, Minor Streets with council for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Mayor Gehring announced, as part of the Truth and Taxation requirement, that the City of Harrisville would collect the maximum millage of 6.0032 mils for the General Fund, as required by law. The meeting was opened to the public with no comments. The meeting was closed at 7: 20 PM. The Fire Department pay increase was presented. Chief-\$3600.00 annually, Assistant Chief \$3600.00 annually. Discussion.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson to approve the new General Fund, Fire, Equipment Pool, Liquor, Major and Minor Budgets, as presented to council, for fiscal year 2020-2021. Motion carried: 5-0. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nays: 0.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson to approve Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief salary of \$3600.00 annually. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nays: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer Luenberger advised council as to the need to add and remove signatures on several accounts at the Alpena Alcona Credit Union, Northland Area Federal Credit Union, M Bank, adding Barbara Luenberger to these accounts, as city treasurer. To remove Sharon O'Callaghan as Deputy Treasurer on accounts.

Motion by Peterson, support by Kaiser to approve the addition of Barbara Luenberger, city treasurer, to accounts at Alpena Alcona Credit Union, Northland Area Federal Credit Union, M Bank. Motion carried: 5-0. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nays: 0.

Motion by Bean, support by Kaiser to remove Sharon O'Callaghan as Deputy Treasurer on accounts. Motion carried: 5-0. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nays: 0.

Mayor Gehring presented and recommended the approval of Resolution #2021-06:

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A REQUEST FOR FUNDING, DESIGNATE AN AGENT, ATTEST TO THE EXISTENCE OF FUNDS AND COMMIT TO IMPLEMENTING A MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS FUNDED BY THE TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND CATEGORY B PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City of Harrisville is applying for funding through MDOT from the Transportation Economic Development Category B Program to provide improvements and pavement preservations to City Streets.

Motion by Peterson, support by Kaiser to adopt Resolution #2021-06 and approve signatures, for funding through MDOT to provide improvements and preservations to City Streets. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nays:0. Absent:0. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring advised council to adopt Resolution #2021-07 and approve the required signatures needed for Consumers Energy to go forward with the installation of the electric charging stations at the harbor.

Motion by Peterson, support by Kaiser to adopt Resolution #2021-07 and approve signatures, for the easement needed for Consumers Energy to proceed with the installation of the electric charging stations at the harbor. Motion carried: 5-0. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nays: 0.

Mayor Gehring recommends to council the support of ALCONA COUNTY -COUNTY WIDE CLEAN-UP, May 15, 2021. Recycle Alcona has requested a \$1000.00 donation for payment of services. Discussion.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Schwanz to support county wide clean-up and to donate \$500.00 to Recycle Alcona for the payment of services for the County Wide Clean-Up on May 15, 2021. Motion carried: 5-0. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nays: 0.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring reports there are three applications for Summer Help 2021. He will be interviewing applicants next week.

Clerk Pierce reports that with the governor issuing new COVID guidelines for the state, outdoor venues can have a limit of 300 people in attendance as of March 5, 2021. Given these new guidelines, the Summer Concert Series for 2021 will be in effect. Clerk Pierce will be in contact with the booked performers from last season to concur their place for this season.

Treasurer Luenberger thanks council for the approval of the general fund budget for 2021-2022. Treasurer Luenberger also reports that new council chairs have been budgeted.

Harbor Commission news reported by the mayor indicates that dock work will resume the second week in April.

County Commissioner Thompson reminds residents of the County wide Clean-up on May 15, 2021 at the ARA Site in Lincoln, Mi and a Food Fair is scheduled for May 21-23, 2021. An ambulance from Glennie is being retro fitted for EMS service.

Comment Cards: Becky Bean reports that plans for the Pocket Park are moving along with an extension and cut-off date for purchase of brick pavers moved to April 30. Plans are being made for an irrigation system and lighting fixtures. Delivery of the pavers is scheduled for May 3, 2021.

Mayor moved meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____

Amended City Council Minutes-March 8, 2021

Maintenance Workers: Thomas Keerl-\$18.00/hr.

Allen Kay/ \$13.00/hr.

Fiscal Year-April 1, 2021-March 31, 2022

Mayor-\$13,000.00/@ 2.8%/2year

Clerk-\$19,149.12/@ 2.8%/2 year

Treasurer-\$19,149.12/@ 2.8%/2 year

Chief Medical Officer (FD): \$1200.00/Annual

Planning Commission Chairperson: \$60.00/meeting

Tax Board Chairperson: \$55.00/meeting

Tax Board of Review Members: \$35.00/hr. Additional hours @ \$10.00/hr. not to exceed \$125.00/meeting

Fiscal Year-January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021

Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson to accept salaries as presented for City Maintenance Workers, Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, Chief Medical Officer, Tax Board Chairperson, Tax Board of Review Members. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nays: 0. Motion carried: 5-0.