

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on March 9, 2020 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, Peterson, Ferguson, City Attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser to approve the minutes of February 10, 2020. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Peterson, support by Schwanz to pay the bills in the amount of \$137,789.97. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Gehring updated council as to progress of playground project.

In New Business, Mayor Gehring presented to council the request from Melrose Pyrotechnics to approve the request for a fireworks display permit for the 4th of July fireworks to take place on Saturday, July 4, 2020 at the Harbor.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson to approve the request of Melrose Pyrotechnics for the State of Michigan fireworks display permit at the harbor on Saturday, July 4, 2020 and to authorize the mayor to sign the permit request. Motion carried: 4-0.

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.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser 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: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring addressed the balance of \$2000.00 to Alcona Motors for the 2020 city truck.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson to pay Alcona Motors the additional sum of \$2000.00 on the balance of the 2020 city truck. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring discussed the current work being done on the bathroom in the fire hall.

Mayor Gehring recommends to council the approval of Lane Schwanz to fill a vacancy on the planning commission.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Ferguson to approve Lane Schwanz as a member of the planning commission. Motion carried: 4-0.

REPORTS

Mayor Gehring has been in touch with the Army Corps of Engineers concerning the break wall at the harbor. There are several ways to approach the repairs to the break wall. One option would be to use matching funds with the Army Corps for work, another to get engineering protocols from the federal government for funding. The Corps will not be able to address the repairs to the break wall until 2023 at the earliest.

Clerk Pierce reports the Presidential Primary is Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Poll hours are 7:00 AM-8:00 PM.

Harbor Commission report from Alderman Ferguson indicates that the ice is out of the harbor and the crew of the commercial fishing boat, the Norseman, is loading nets this week. Ferguson

also reports on questions about the funding of the harbor. The harbor is self-funding and generates all its own revenue. All the work being done at the harbor for the past 3 years has come from state grants. A loan from the city of \$5000.00 is used as startup money for the season and is paid back in a timely manner.

Airport Assistant Manager Higgins reports the State of Michigan will be conducting an airport obstruction report this October. This report is required for airport certification to remain open, free of obstructions. There will be no cost to the airport.

Fire Depart. Assist. Chief Keerl reports a new alternator was installed on the one of the fire trucks as part of maintenance care.

Comment Cards: None

Council Last Comments: None

Mayor moved meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, Monday, April 13, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

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Mayor _____

Clerk _____