

CITY OF HARRISON

COUNCIL MINUTES

7 February 2017

Prior the meeting, Rev. Wilissa Redford of Legacy Christian Church offered the invocation.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Bill Neyer presiding. Members present included: Mrs. Cindy Abrams, Mr. Ray Acra, Mr. Ethan Dole, Mr. Ryan Grubbs, Mr. Mark Louis, Mr. Hank Menninger, and Mr. Randy Shank. Mr. Bill Deters, Law Director was also in attendance.

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve the council meeting minutes for January 17, 2017. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Louis to approve the Purchase Orders Report. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mayor Neyer gave the oath of office to the Harrison Police Department's new police officer, Roger Mitchell.

Police Chief Chuck Lindsey addressed Council to introduce the department's new officer, Roger Mitchell. Officer Mitchell served five years with the Colerain Township Police Dept. and is a two year member of the Hamilton County SWAT team. Chief Lindsey thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the hiring of new police officers to bring the department's total number of officers back to 22 sworn officers. In 2015 the Police Department had 17 sworn officers.

FCN Bank representative, Andy Kobb presented the Harrison Recreation Commission with a check for \$5,000 in support of the 2017 summer concert series. FCN Bank has sponsored the concerts for the past three years.

Jerry Wilson, Commander of the American Legion, presented Fire Chief Hursong with a check for \$511.57 for the department's safety education programs.

Mr. Wilson also presented the Harrison Youth Football 5th grade team with funds in the amount of \$647.50 for their traveling team schedule as 6th graders next year.

Finally, Mr. Wilson presented Mayor Neyer with a check in the amount of \$1,228 for the Harrison Mayor's Fund.

Kathy Metcalfe and Pastor Chuck McMahan of the Smyrna Baptist addressed Council to invite the community to a dramatic presentation of "Heaven or Hell – It's Your Choice". The program will be held on March 4 at 7:00 pm at the Smyrna Baptist Church, US 52, New Trenton, Indiana.

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Acra to approve an ordinance to revise the Codified Ordinances by adopting current replacement pages thereto.
Roll Call: All – yea. (Ordinance #3 – 2017).

Mr. Louis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Acra to approve an application for a zone change from the current R-1 to a PUD-RES Overlay District at 9501 New Haven Road. A short discussion followed with concerns from Mr. Menninger, Mr. Grubbs, and Mrs. Abrams. **Roll Call: Abrams – yea; Menninger – nay; Grubbs – yea; Louis – yea; Dole – yea; Acra – yea; Shank – yea.** (Assigned Ordinance #6-2017 after the meeting by the Law Director).

Mr. Louis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shank to approve an ordinance approving a lease-purchase agreement of a vehicle for the City of Harrison Fire Department.
Roll Call: Menninger – yea; Grubbs – abstain; Louis – yea; Dole – yea; Acra – yea; Shank – yea; Abrams – yea. (Ordinance #4 – 2017).

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Louis to approve an ordinance amending certain fringe benefits for full-time, non-organized employees of the City of Harrison, Ohio. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Ordinance #5 – 2017).**

Mayor Report

Mayor Neyer spoke briefly about the recent discussions with regards to the Riverwalk and Motocross Parks. Mayor Neyer explained that he decided to separate the two issues because he felt it was distracting to deal with both issues at the same time. He will work on issues involving the Motocross Park separately. He asked council to focus on the Riverwalk Park due to time sensitive funding and work towards the best possible development.

Law Director Report

Mr. Bill Deters, the Law Director presented Council with a Power Point presentation with regards to the Ohio Sunshine Laws. Mr. Deters updated council members on state

rules pertaining to executive session meetings, open meetings, e-mails, and public records.

Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Abrams:

Police Committee: The next Coffee with the Chiefs will be held at *The Coffee Peddler* on Saturday, February 18 from 8:00 am until 10:30 am. The next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for February 21 at 6:00 pm.

Economic Development/City Activities: The committee met on February 7 and discussed the following items: The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee met on February 2. The next meeting will be conducted in April.; The Chamber Commerce along with the City of Harrison will come together for a presentation on Small Business Marketing on Tuesday, February 14 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm at Main Source Bank. The cost is \$15.00 and registration can be completed on the Chamber of Commerce website. A job fair will be held at the HS Activity Center on May 5.; Business After Hours at *The Coffee Peddler* on May 8.; The District held their monthly meeting on January 18 to finalize the upcoming events for 2017. They include: Food Truck Rally – Saturday, May 20, ; Wine Walk – July 21, ; Taste of Harrison – September 9,; Ladies on the Loose – October 6,; Farmer’s Markets will take place in the fall. Dates to be determined. The Chamber of Commerce Annual Breakfast has been moved to February 23 at the VFW. Networking begins at 7:30 am. The cost of the breakfast buffet is \$25.00 and registration may be done at the Chamber website.

Mr. Menninger:

Law Committee: The Law Committee met on February 7 and discussed the status of current legal matters that the city is involved in. The committee also discussed the governor’s budget and the centralized collection of community tax. The next meeting of the Law Committee is scheduled for March 7 at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Grubbs:

Harrison Recreation Commission: The Recreation Commission will hold their next meeting on February 8 at 7:00 pm.

Tree Board: The Tree Board will meet on February 28 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Louis:

Economic Development/Business Committee: The committee met on February 7 and discussed the following items: The Unilock Company has received approval from Hamilton County to construct a manufacturing facility in the JEDD. They will not pursue the purchase of the Candlelight Trailer Park as an eventual Phase II. The city is not participating in utility costs. ; The ED staff met with Triumph Energy, owners of the property at New Haven Rd and Progress Way. ; The Board of Zoning Appeals conducted a special meeting on February 1 and approved a conditional zoning application for Family, Farm, and Home to fill the former Rose location in the Rempke Center. They are expected to open in March. ; JTM conducted their ground breaking on January 27 for their new \$60 million manufacturing expansion. The company's new \$26 million freezer is well underway. This first phase will employ at least 30 new employees immediately. ; Freddy's Custard and Steak burgers opened on January 31. The next meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be held on March 7 at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Dole:

Utilities Committee: The committee met on February 7 and discussing soliciting bids to upgrade aging monitoring software at the water and wastewater plant. The wastewater plant is looking to invest in new equipment so they will be able to reuse plant water as part of the treatment process. This could save over 12 million gallons of water a year.

Streets Committee: The committee met on February 7. The committee will open bids on February 15 at 12:00 noon for two road projects. One project involves mill and fill on New Haven Road between Edgewood Road and the end of the corporation. The second project is on Sycamore Street for full reconstruction from Kater to Etta. Mr. Dole reminded all drivers to exercise caution when driving on Harrison Ave. from Jefferson to New Haven during the gas line construction by Duke Energy subcontractors.

Solid Waste & Environmental Committee: The committee met on February 7 and announced the residential recycling incentive grant application was submitted at the end of January.

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Mr. Acra

Planning Commission: Mr. Acra announced the Planning Commission will hold their next meeting on February 14 at 7:30 pm.

Building & Lands Committee: Mr. Acra reported a business owner has offered to donate paint and labor in making improvements to the gazebo in the Village Park in preparation for the 200th anniversary of the park.

The EDGE group made a presentation on January 31 with respects to the Riverwalk Park improvements at a cost of \$5000,000. The EDGE group has agreed to re-design the park based on items agreed by the Committee.

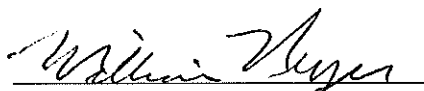
Mr. Shank:

OKI: Mr. Shank attended the OKI meeting on January 12. The next OKI meeting is scheduled for February 9 at 10:30 am.

Finance Committee: Mr. Shank announced the Finance Committee will meet on February at 21, 2017 at 5:30 pm. with Katie Kleinfelder.

Mr. Shank reported Shank and Company has made a donation of \$250.00 to the Harrison Fire Department for training expenses.

There being no further business, Mr. Louis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to adjourn the meeting. **Roll Call: All – yea.**


William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Carol Wiwi, Clerk