

## CITY OF HARRISON

### COUNCIL MINUTES

21 February 2017

*Prior the meeting, Rev. Mark Garrett, Legacy Christian Church, Fire Chaplain 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 February 7, 2017. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

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

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Abrams to approve a resolution rescinding approved water rates increase for 2017. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Resolution #3 – 2017).**

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Acra to approve a resolution approving the update of the Solid Waste Management Plan of the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District **Roll Call: All – yea. (Resolution #4 – 2017).**

#### Visitors

Mr. Joe Maas of JTM Provisions presented Mayor Neyer with a check in the amount of \$25,000 to the City of Harrison for the purchase of a 25 foot event trailer to be used for city events.

Fire Chief Rob Hursong addressed council to publicly thank Firehouse Subs for their donation in the amount of \$20,500 grant. Chief Hursong explained that the Fire Department submitted a grant in November for the purchase of an UTV to be used for river rescues, injuries at athletic events and other emergency situations in which a departmental vehicle is unable to negotiate the terrain.

D.J. Carroll, representing JIREH OUTREACH, addressed council with regards to complaints about his group offering free food and coffee on Saturdays inside the downtown pavilion. He explained that he was unaware that a permit was necessary and would be happy to complete the necessary application for future use. He explained that he supports downtown businesses and at the same time finds there is a need to help the less fortunate.

Annette Troescher, owner of LadyHawk Events at 138 Harrison Avenue offered her concerns about JIREH's clientele using *The Coffee Peddler* restrooms without patronizing the business.

Jimmy Hahn of 303 S. State Street addressed council to offer his support of JIREH supplying all the necessary permits to continue their mission.

Several council members thanked Mr. Carroll and his group for their ministry. They also suggested that their Saturday outreach be alternated among different settings around the area, such as the Community Center and church parking lots.

#### **Mayor Report**

Mayor Neyer reminded the community of the Greater Harrison Chamber of Commerce Annual Business Breakfast on February 23 at the VFW. The breakfast begins at 7:30 am with program speakers Hank Menninger, Mayor Neyer, Shannon Hamons, and Rep. Steve Chabot.

#### **Law Director Report**

Mr. Bill Deters, the Law Director had no report, but requested an executive session for the purpose of discussing potential pending litigation.

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing potential pending litigation. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

#### **Council – Committee Reports**

##### **Mrs. Abrams:**

**Police Committee:** Mrs. Abrams reported on the following items from the February 21

meeting of the Police Committee: The department's new police offer, Roger Mitchell is on full duty and getting to know the city. ; The Monthly Traffic Crash Analysis Report showed a total of 30 auto accidents with 22 on public roadways and 8 on private property. ; The department's School Resource Officer and DARE Officer will attend a 16 hour Active Shooter Incident Management Course in Green Township.; A 2017 Capital Improvement update will replace the department's HVAC system.; The 2017 Ohio Collaborative Standards includes three new standards: body camera standards, community policing standards, and dispatching/telecommunication standards. Mr. Louis announced the next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for March 21 at 6:00 pm.

Chief Lindsey presented "Harrison's Most Wanted" award to Fire Chief Rob Hursong for "caught being good". He has been the Fire Chief for 11 years and established the paramedic program in the city. The award is sponsored by Monk's.

**Mr. Menninger:**

Mr. Menninger had no committee reports.

**Mr. Grubbs:**

Mr. Grubbs had no committee reports.

**Mr. Louis:**

Fire Committee: Mr. Louis reported on the following items from the February 21 meeting of the Fire Committee: The department received a grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation for the purchase of two power load system power cots in the amount of \$40,000. This amount represents 50% of the \$81,000 cost. The remaining funding comes from the sale of our last EMS unit. ; The department also received a grant from Firehouse subs in the amount of \$20,000 for the purchase of an UTV. ; The EMS unit is in and should be in service by next week. The unit does contain a power lift power cot system. ; The Fire / EMS contracts were sent out to all the townships and they have been paid. The next meeting of the Fire Committee is March 21 at 6:30 pm.

**Mr. Dole:**

Solid Waste & Environmental Committee: Mr. Dole announced the Monthly Yard Waste program will be held on Saturday, February 25 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. at the

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end of Industrial Drive. The next meeting of the Solid Waste & Environmental Committee is scheduled for March 7 at 6:00 pm in conjunction with the Streets, Storm Water, and Utilities Committees.

Mr. Acra

Planning Commission: Mr. Acra reported on the following items from the February 14 meeting of the Planning Commission: The commission approved a new business at 104 Harrison Ave, *A Little Bit of Everything*. They also approved *Kymmi's Krafts* at 227 Harrison Ave. and *Echo Haven* at 225 Harrison Ave. The commission denied an occupancy permit City of Refugee at 135 Harrison Ave. ; The commission also discussed the use of the downtown pavilion.

Mr. Acra reported he recently discovered the State of Ohio's ban on smoking in public places. (2006) He suggested that signs be posted to help alleviate the problem. The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for March 9.

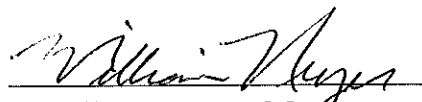
Building & Lands Committee: Mr. Acra reported he has spoken with Director of Utilities, Jim Leslie, Shannon Hamons and the EDGE group about possible adjustments to greatly reduce the \$525,000 price tag for developing the River Walk Park. Mr. Acra explained that he looks forward to the next presentation of preliminary plans with a smaller price tag.

Mr. Shank:

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met on February 21. The Income Tax Office is offering assistance for Harrison Income Tax returns on Thursdays beginning March 16 from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm. The other dates include March 23, March 30, April 7, and April 14. The next Finance Committee meeting is March 21 at 5:30 pm with Katie Kleinfeld.

OKI: Mr. Shank announced the next OKI meeting is scheduled for March 9 at 10:30 am.

There being no further business, Council entered into executive session.

  
William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Carol Wiwi, Clerk