

## CITY OF HARRISON

### COUNCIL MINUTES

7 MARCH 2017

*Prior the meeting, Pastor Jimmy Metcalf, New Beginnings Worship 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. Hank Menninger, and Mr. Randy Shank. Mr. Mark Louis was not in attendance. Mr. Bill Deters, Law Director or his representative was not in attendance.

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

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Acra to approve the council meeting minutes for February 21, 2017. Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Acra to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes for February 21, 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 Mr. Grubbs to approve a PUD preliminary development plan for Phase 1 of the New St. John the Baptist Parish Campus located at 10263 New Haven Road. Mr. Menninger expressed concern over the lack of ingress and egress on New Haven Road. Mr. Mark Rosenberger explained a traffic study has been submitted to Hamilton County and has been approved for Phase 1. Improvements will be made on Carolina Trace Road including a left turn lane from Carolina Trace into the facility entrance. Once Phase II comes into effect, an entrance will be established off of New Haven Road. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve a resolution authorizing the City to execute a contract for improvements to Etta Avenue, Sycamore Avenue, and New Haven Road in the City of Harrison. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Resolution #5 – 2017).**

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Acra to approve an ordinance for the purchase of new fire gear and cardiac monitors for the Fire Department.

**Roll Call: Abrams – yea; Menninger – yea; Grubbs – abstain; Dole – yea; Acra – yea; Shank – yea. (Ordinance #7 – 2017).**

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve an ordinance for replacing a vehicle in the Water Department. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Ordinance #8-2017).**

### Mayor Report

Mayor Neyer announced “Coffee with the Chiefs” will be held at *The Coffee Peddler* on March 14 from 8:00 to 10:30 am.

### Law Director Report

No Law Director Report.

### Visitors

There were no visitors.

### Council – Committee Reports

#### Mrs. Abrams:

Economic Development Committee: Mrs. Abrams reported on the following items from the March 7 meeting of the Economic Development Committee: Work has begun on *Family, Farm & Home* to fill the 55,000 square foot former *Roses* location. They are expected to open at the end of March.; The committee has sent a draft of revised DRD code language to staff members, Planning Commission, and City Council to review and offer comments. Comments will be shared with the DRD businesses for their input.; Downtown District events for 2017 include: Food Truck Rally – May 20, 4:00 – 10:00 pm ; Wine Walk - July 21, 7:00 – 10:00 pm ; Taste of Harrison – September 9, 4:00 – 10:00 pm; Ladies on the Loose – October 6, 6:00 – 10:00 pm. ; The Chamber of Commerce/City of Harrison will sponsor a job fair on May 5 at the High School Activity Center and a “Business After Hours” on May 8 at *The Coffee Peddler* on the patio. Ribbon Cutting for *No Bones About It* in the District will be held on March 13.

The next meeting of the Economic Development Committee is scheduled for 6:00 pm on April 4.

Social Media Committee: The committee met on March 7. The Economic Development Committee will meet with two local professionals to discuss updating and managing our city webpage and Facebook page. Also, a calendar of events will be included in the water bill listing events sponsored by The District and the Recreation Commission. The next meeting of the Social Media Committee is scheduled for June 5 at 8:30 am.

**Mr. Menninger:**

Mr. Menninger noted that after reviewing the revised DRD code language there was no exceptions under permitted uses for the sale of guns, ammunition, or black powder. He will meet with Mr. Hamons to discuss this further.

Law Committee: The Law Committee did not meet on March 7, but will meet on April 4.

**Mr. Grubbs:**

Harrison Recreation Commission: The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 15 from 8:00 – 11:00 am. Boy Scout Troop 408 will have a Pancake Breakfast at a cost of \$5.00 per person. A variety of games will be held from 10:00-11:00 followed by the egg hunt at 11:00 am for children up to 11 years of age. Sign-ups for Summerfun will be held on May 9 from 6:00 -8:00 pm and May 13 from 10:00- 12:00 in Room 110 at the Community Center. Summerfun runs from June 13 to July 27. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be held on March 8 at 7:00 pm.

Tree Board: The next meeting of the Tree Board is scheduled for March 28 at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Neyer announced the Rotary Club donated \$1000 for new sports equipment for the Summerfun program.

**Mr. Louis:**

Mr. Louis was not in attendance.

**Mr. Dole:**

Streets Committee: The Streets Committee met on March 7 and discussed several ongoing projects. Funds have been procured from a grant to raise Campbell Road. The work will begin this summer. Mr. Dole thanked Joe Maas and JTM Provisions for assistance with this project. The committee approved the bids for the full re-construction of Etta Avenue and Sycamore and the re-paving of New Haven Road from Edgewood to the corporation line.(Approved by Council on March 7). Pre-construction meetings will begin next week.

Storm Water Committee: The committee met on March 7 and discussed drainage issues in Biddle Heights.

Utilities Committee: The committee will meet in April to review plans for the proposed water softening upgrades.

**Mr. Acra**

Planning Commission: The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on March 14 at 7:30 pm.

Building & Lands Committee: The general design of the park has been adjusted to work within the city's budget. In the next couple of weeks work will begin on the parking lot. At this time, roughly 1000 feet of trails has been laid out. Mr. Acra, along with Mr. Leslie, Mayor Neyer, and Mr. Hamons will meet with the EDGE group to go over final details to present to council.

This year council made an adjustment in the budget that eliminated an \$8000 recurring contract for mowing. The city workers will now begin mowing the city's share of the grounds at the Community Center as well as the new acreage at the River Park. The city may now need to purchase an additional mower.

Mr. Acra reported he attended the Tree Board meeting and discussed tree locations at the River Park. Mr. Acra also contacted ODNR for assistance with plantings to control erosion. The Tree Board will meet on April 25 at the library and distribute 200 pin oak saplings by ODNR.

**Mr. Shank:**

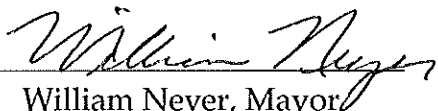
Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met on February 21. The Income Tax Office is offering assistance for Harrison Income Tax returns on Thursdays beginning March 16 from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm. The other dates include March 23, March 30, April 7, and April 14. The next Finance Committee meeting is March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

OKI: Mr. Shank he will attend the next OKI meeting on March 9.

Finance Committee: The next meeting of the Finance Committee is March 21 with Katie Kleinfelder. Income tax help for Harrison Income Tax (RITA) will be available on March 23, March 30, April 7 and April 14 from 2:00 to 5:30 pm at the Community Center.

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

  
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William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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Carol Wiwi, Clerk