

CITY OF HARRISON
COUNCIL MINUTES

21 MARCH 2017

Prior to the meeting, Pastor Joshua Long, First Presbyterian 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 and Mr. Randy Shank. Mr. Hank Menninger was not in attendance. Mr. Bill Deters, Law Director was also in attendance.

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

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Acra to approve the council meeting minutes for March 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.**

Representatives from *Freddies* Restaurant presented Mayor Neyer with a check for the Harrison Mayor's Fund in the amount of \$250.00. The donation was collected from patrons of *Freddies* during their first week of operation.

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dole to approve a resolution requesting the Hamilton County Auditor to make advance payments of taxes pursuant to Section 321.34 of the Ohio Revised Code. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Resolution #6 – 2017).**

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve an ordinance for additional appropriations for various departments. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Ordinance #9 – 2017).**

Mayor Report

Mayor Neyer read a proclamation declaring April 2 as Autism World Awareness Day and April as Autism World Awareness Month.

Law Director Report

The Law Director had no report.

Visitors

There were no visitors.

Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Abrams:

Police Committee:

Mrs. Abrams reported on the following items from the Police Committee: The Traffic Crash Analysis Report for the month of February showed a total of 33 auto accidents with 19 on public roadways and 14 on private property.; The Police Department Chaplain Chris Sheneman attended the annual international conference of police chaplains training and received 16 hours of training. A new 10 ton HVAC unit has been requisitioned at a cost of \$15, 595 to replace the current 25 year old rooftop unit.; The State of Ohio requires 7 mandates for all Police Officers in order to maintain their police officer certification. They include domestic violence, crisis intervention, missing children and investigation, child abuse and neglect, missing persons, human trafficking, and companion animal encounter. The next meeting of the Police Committee will be held on April 18 at 6:00 pm.

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 on Thursdays from 9:00 – 11:30 am for children 7 through 10 years of age.

Flyers with all Recreation Commission summer movie and concert schedules will be sent out along with the utility bills in May.

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

Mr. Louis:

Fire Committee: Mr. Louis reported the Fire Committee met on March 21 and discussed the hail damage done to three department vehicles at a cost of approximately \$13,000. The committee members also looked at proposals for potential replacement of fire equipment. The next meeting of the Fire Committee is scheduled for April 18 at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Dole:

Streets Committee: The monthly yard waste drop-off program will be held on Saturday, March 25 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm off Industrial Drive.

Utilities Committee: Representatives from by Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. will give a presentation at the April 4 council meeting on the proposed city water softening system.

The next meeting of the Streets, Utilities, and Storm Water Committees will be held on April 4 at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Acra

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission met on March 14 and due to a procedural issue, several items from the February 14 meeting agenda had to be revisited. Mr. Hamons has contacted the persons involved, questions have been answered and information collected.

Building & Lands Committee: Work has begun on preparing the ball fields on Thomas Lane for spring. Mr. Hamons presented a power point presentation for council on the updated proposals for the River Park that is financially feasible. The presentation showed parking areas, walking trail, and picnic area. Mr. Hamons thanked Jim Leslie for his ideas on lighting and other areas of the proposal. Mayor Neyer explained the committee will be working with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources on keeping and/or selecting appropriate trees for the area.

Mr. Acra explained he is also working on an historic walk trail for the Village Park and the park on Country View. Mr. Louis asked about improvements to Willow Lane. Mayor Neyer explained fresh gravel will be used to improve Willow Lane.

