

CITY OF HARRISON
COUNCIL MINUTES

4 APRIL 2017

Prior to the meeting, Dr. John Neilhaus, Pastor of Mt. Hope Baptist 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. Acra to approve the council meeting minutes for March 21, 2017. **Roll Call: Abrams – yea; Menninger – abstain** (was not in attendance); **Grubbs – yea; Louis – yea; Dole – yea; Acra – yea; Shank – yea.** .

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

Council agreed to not request a hearing by the Ohio Division of Liquor Control on a new license for Jax Investments LLC at 1195 Stone Drive.

Council agreed to not request a hearing by the Ohio Division of Liquor Control on a new license for Team 416 at 200 N. State Street.

Mr. Menninger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to set a public hearing for the approval for the PUD Final Development Plan for St. John the Baptist Church. Said hearing will be on May 2 at 7:00 pm in council chambers prior to the City Council meeting. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Acra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve an ordinance amending the amount appropriated to various fund of the City of Harrison, Ohio. **Roll Call: All – yea.** (Ordinance #10 – 2017).

Representatives from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. addressed Council to discuss the details on a proposed city water softener system. The presentation included a power point demonstration showing the benefits of softened water for residents, along with cost

statistics for the homeowner as well as construction and set-up costs.

Visitors

There were no visitors to speak.

Mayor Report

Mayor Neyer reported he has met with residents living near the Motocross Park with respect to their concerns about the park. Mayor Neyer also announced he met with the users and proponents of the Motocross Park. Last week both groups met together with the Mayor and came to an agreement that there is a design that is acceptable to both groups. Mayor Neyer further explained that he has executed a \$0.00 contract with Innovative Dirt Solutions to re-design the park. Riverwalk Park construction will continue with work on the Motocross Park starting in a few weeks. The Motocross Park will be open on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday seasonally. There will be no costs to the city for the re-design of the park or equipment.

Law Director Report

The Law Director had no report.

Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Abrams:

Economic Committee:

Mrs. Abrams reported on the following items from the April 4 meeting of the Economic Development Committee: The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will hold their second meeting on April 27. The year -long planning project has been given the theme of “Envision Harrison - Boundless Possibilities”. The first Community Open House event for the project will be May 18. ; The Chamber of Commerce continues to offer various business programs. The next Business Breakfast series event is April 11 at Main Source Bank. The next Business After Hours event is May 8 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Cincinnatus Savings & Loan. ; A DeSalvo Development Advisor from Columbus issued a Harrison market report in early March that showed the city’s current population is 11,500 with the 2021 population expected to be in excess of 14,000. The report also reflected that 30,000 people live within a 5 mile radius of I-74 and New Haven Road. More than 49,000 cars drive past the Dry Fork Interchange daily. ; The District updates include: May 20, Food Truck Rally, 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, 7:00 – 10:00 pm. The next meeting of the Economic Development Committee is scheduled for May 2 at 6:00 pm.

The Keep Harrison Beautiful Committee is in the process of kicking-off the program on April 29 from 9:00 – 2:00. Rumpke has offered a \$1000 for the purchase of trash grabbers, trash bags, rubber gloves, and reflective vests for the volunteers who will be picking up trash. Mrs. Abrams suggested moving the Keep Harrison Beautiful Committee into the Solid Waste & Environmental Committee.

Mr. Menninger

Mr. Menninger reported a representative from McDale Bride Clarion(Comprehensive Plan contract services) spent 12 hours interviewing members of City Council and Department Heads and getting input for the Steering Committee.

Law Committee: The Law Committee met on April 4 and discussed changes to the regulations with respect to the Downtown Redevelopment District. Mr. Menninger expressed his hope that these changes would be available within 30 days for council approval. The committee also discussed a draft of the new Employment Policy Manual. The next meeting of the Law Committee will be held on May 2 at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Grubbs:

Tree Board: Mr. Grubbs reported the Tree Board met on March 28 and continued their discussions with regards to the plantings of trees and grasses in the River Walk Park. The Tree Board is also working with the Garden Club this year on the Club's annual flower pot program. The next meeting of the Tree Board is April 25.

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. The next meeting of the Harrison Recreation Commission is scheduled for April 12 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Louis:

Economic Development Business Committee: Mr. Louis reported on the following items from the April 4 meeting of the Economic Development Business Committee: Family, Farm, and Home is now open and is located in the former Roses store at the Remke Center. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be announced at a later date.; The Cincinnati area second Chandler Bistro is now open in the Harrison Center at 10533 Harrison Avenue. ; Construction is now underway for the JTM expansion which includes a \$26 million freezer and their \$60 million manufacturing facility. The city has received two grants in support of this new addition to the city. A \$364,000 grant from Jobs Ohio , along with a \$80,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation will be used to improve a part of Campbell Road that floods during heavy rain. The city's share of the road improvements are down to \$375,000. ; NVR has submitted a preliminary development plan for the PUD-Residential Overlay for the new housing development at the corner of Short Road/New Haven/Dry Fork. The plan shows some changes from the original plan which now calls for 287 housing units, down from 329 units. They have removed all of the 3 family unit buildings and reduced the number of 2 unit buildings. The next meeting of the Economic Development Committee is scheduled for May 2 at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Dole:

Storm Water Committee: The committee discussed a few item with regards to Fawn Drive. Mr. Leslie will move forward with repairs on Fawn Drive.

Streets Committee: Engineering has begun on the raising and construction on Campbell Road. The committee discussed the full re-construction on Sycamore Street and Etta Avenue. The committee announced the repaving on New Haven Road is scheduled to begin soon.

Solid Waste & Environmental Committee: Thanked Rumpke for the donation to kick-off the Keep Harrison Beautiful campaign.

Mr. Acra

Mr. Acra reported he met with members of the Tree Board to get their input on the types of trees and grasses need for the River Walk Park.

Planning Commission: Mr. Acra announced the next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on May 11.

Mr. Acra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shank to add an item to the agenda regarding the addition of his name to the Tree Board and Mrs. Abrams to the Building & Lands Committee. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Acra made motion, seconded by Mr. Shank to add Mrs. Abrams to the Building & Lands Committee and Mr. Acra to the Tree Board. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

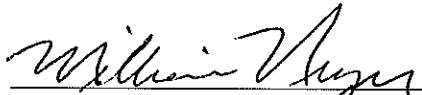
Building & Lands Committee: Mr. Acra distributed a list of estimated costs of renovations to the city parks. The list included The Village Park, River Park, Don Vera Park(Country View), the Gazebo in the DRD, and Community Center walking trails. Almost all of these costs could be funded by the bonds grant. Mr. Louis explained that all the funds in the bond grant are spent at the discretion of the Mayor. Mayor Neyer reported he has spoken with the Township trustees with regards to improvements of the ball fields at the Community Center and the trustees are on board for doing their share.

Mr. Shank:

OKI: Mr. Shank reported the next meeting of OK is scheduled for April 13 at 10:30 am.

Finance Committee: The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on April 18 at 5:30 pm. The committee is working with Katie Kleinfelder and the Law Director on creating an ordinance pertaining to minimum fund balance.

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



William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Carol Wiwi, Clerk