

City of Harrington
MINUTES
City Council Meeting
February 21, 2012

A meeting of the Harrington City Council was held on February 21, 2012 and was attended by the following: Mayor Robert E. Price, Jr.; Vice Mayor Cheryl Lahman; Council Member Duane E. Bivans; Council Member Fonda Coleman; Council Member Wayne Porter; Council Member Jack Stewart; Council Member Kenneth Stubbs; Keith Shyers, Deputy Chief of Police; William Pepper, City Solicitor; Teresa Tieman, City Manager; Faye Smith, Finance Director; and Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council.

Also in attendance: Chris Fazio, City Engineer; Alan Moore, Public Works Supervisor; David Linden, Rio Supply.

Mayor Price called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Lahman, seconded by Council Member Porter, to accept the February 6, 2012 City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Police Chief's Report

Mayor Price stated that the Police Department's Awards Ceremony will be on March 12, 2012.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Stewart, to accept the Police Chief's Report as presented. The MOTION passed unanimously.

City Manager's Report

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Lahman, seconded by Council Member Stubbs, to accept the City Manager's Report as presented. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Financial Report

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Stubbs, to file the Financial Report for audit. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Departmental Reports

Public Works

Council Member Bivans asked when work would be completed on Milby Street. The Public Works Supervisor replied that he is waiting for valves to come in. Once all the materials are received, it should take 30 to 40 days as long as no major problems occur.

Wastewater Treatment

There were no questions.

Library

There were no questions.

Parks and Recreation

There were no questions.

Fire and Ambulance

There were no questions.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Stubbs, seconded by Council Member Stewart, to accept the Departmental Reports as presented. The MOTION passed unanimously.

City Planner's Report

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Vice Mayor Lahman, to accept the City Planner's Report as presented. The MOTION passed unanimously.

City Engineer's Report

Vice Mayor Lahman asked when Phase II of the Downtown Streetscape Project would begin. The City Engineer replied that the process has started and must be reviewed by the State.

Council Member Stewart asked about completion of the punch list for Phase I of the Downtown Streetscape Project. The City Engineer replied that most items

have been completed and the flowerbeds would be replanted in the spring. The maintenance bond would be extended.

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Lahman, seconded by Council Member Stewart, to accept the City Engineer's Report as presented. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Report of Outstanding Utility and Tax Receivables

Council Member Porter stated that the past due amount still seems high. The City Manager stated that we are working on reducing it. Mayor Price asked if this report would be produced quarterly. The City Manager replied that it would be.

Contract Renewal – Lake Forest Church Association, Inc. lease of 102 Dorman Street

Mayor Price stated that this is for the food bank that runs out of the building next door. Vice Mayor Lahman asked how long they have been there. Mayor Price stated three years, and they are doing a good job providing a service and reaching out to the community.

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Lahman, seconded by Council Member Stubbs, to renew the lease of 102 Dorman Street with the Lake Forest Church Association, Inc. Roll was called (6 Yes, 0 No). The MOTION passed unanimously.

First Reading of Ordinance 12-01 – Amending Chapter 305, Property Maintenance

Council Member Bivans asked about changing the time that trash containers must be returned to the property. He stated that some people work evening shifts, and the Code Enforcement Officer would not be checking at midnight to be sure that the containers were removed from the street. The City Manager stated that the Council can choose any time they would like. The City Solicitor recommended not making any changes until after the Public Hearing.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Vice Mayor Lahman, to accept the first reading of Ordinance 12-01 and set the

Public Hearing and Second Reading for March 5, 2012. The MOTION passed unanimously.

First Reading of Ordinance 12-02 – Amending Chapter 399, Utility Services, Payment for

A MOTION was made by Council Member Stubbs, seconded by Vice Mayor Lahman, to accept the first reading of Ordinance 12-02 and set the Public Hearing and Second Reading for March 5, 2012. The MOTION passed unanimously.

First Reading of Ordinance 12-03 – Amending Chapter 180, Fees, Municipal

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Lahman, seconded by Council Member Stewart, to accept the first reading of Ordinance 12-03 and set the Public Hearing and Second Reading for March 5, 2012. The MOTION passed unanimously.

First Reading of Ordinance 12-04 – Amending Chapter 350, Source Water Protection

Vice Mayor Lahman asked if the ordinance replace the current chapter in its entirety. The City Engineer replied that it does.

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Lahman, seconded by Council Member Stubbs, to accept the first reading of Ordinance 12-04 and set the Public Hearing and Second Reading for March 5, 2012. The MOTION passed unanimously.

First Reading of Ordinance 12-05 – Adopting a new district map

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Stubbs, to accept the first reading of Ordinance 12-05 and set the Public Hearing and Second Reading for March 5, 2012. The MOTION passed (5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain). Council Member Bivans stated that he abstained because he is not sure that the Charter is being adhered to.

Contract award – Potable Water Meter Project

Council Member Stubbs asked if the lid needed to be modified or replaced for the meters in the recommended bid, would it cost extra. The City Engineer stated that he did not think they would. Mr. Linden stated that they would not. Council Member Stubbs stated that the project should be rebid so that the specifications are not manufacture specific. He stated

that in 2007 or 2008 the City starting using Master meters as the standard as recommended by the previous City Engineer.

Vice Mayor Lahman asked the City Engineer how the specifications were developed and if they were written with a particular manufacturer in mind. The City Engineer stated that they were based on industry standards for efficiency and lead content and based on input from the City, and he wrote the bid for a particular type of meter, not a particular manufacturer.

Vice Mayor Lahman asked if the equipment provided in the recommended bid would read the existing 300 Master meters. The City Engineer stated that they would. Mr. Linden stated that there would be no additional cost to read the meters. Vice Mayor Lahman stated that in order to save money and time she would like to accept the bid recommended by the City Engineer.

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Lahman, seconded by Council Member Stewart, to accept the bid recommendation from the City Engineer for the Potable Water Meter Project and to keep the existing 300 Master meters already installed. The MOTION passed. Roll was called: 4 Yes, 3 No (Lahman – Yes, Bivans – Yes, Coleman – No, Porter – No, Stewart – Yes, Stubbs – No, Price – Yes). Mayor Price voted to break the tie.

Resolution 12-R-01

Authorizes the Mayor to apply for the Community Development Block Grant to improve the sidewalks along Hanley Street, and authorizes matching funds for the project.

The City Manager stated that the Council has two options for the project. The first option is for a full replacement of the curbs and sidewalks along Hanley Street from Mispillion Street to Reese Avenue for a total estimated cost of \$197,650.00 with the City responsible for matching funds of \$29,647.50. The second option is for a partial replacement of just the damaged sections of the curbs and sidewalks along Hanley Street from Mispillion Street to Reese Avenue for a total estimated cost of \$94,575.00 with the City responsible for matching funds of \$9,457.50.

Vice Mayor Lahman asked where the match would be funded from. The City Manager replied the CIP fund.

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Lahman, seconded by Council Member Stewart, to approve Resolution 12-R-01 to authorize the Mayor to apply for the Community Development Block Grant to replace portions of the curbs and sidewalks along Hanley Street and to authorize matching

funds in the amount of \$9,457.50 for the project. The MOTION was defeated. Roll was called: 3 Yes, 4 No (Lahman – Yes, Bivans – No, Coleman – Yes, Porter – No, Stewart – Yes, Stubbs – No, Price – No). Mayor Price voted to break the tie.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Bivans, seconded by Council Member Stubbs, to approve Resolution 12-R-01 to authorize the Mayor to apply for the Community Development Block Grant to replace the curbs and sidewalks along Hanley Street and to authorize matching funds in the amount of \$29,647.50 for the project. The MOTION passed. Roll was called: 4 Yes, 2 No (Lahman – Yes, Bivans – Yes, Coleman – No, Porter – Yes, Stewart – No, Stubbs – Yes).

Appointment of Code Enforcement Officer from internal posting

The City Manager stated that she would like to have City Council approve Tom Carroll for the position of Code Enforcement Officer. He was the only person to submit an application from the internal posting, and he has been doing a good job as the interim Code Enforcement Officer.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Stubbs, seconded by Council Member Stewart, to approve the appointment of Tom Carroll to Code Enforcement Officer. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Stewart, to adjourn the City Council Meeting. The MOTION passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Blanchies
Clerk of Council

Note: Minutes typed from notes. No recording available.