

City of Harrington
MINUTES
City Council Workshop
September 18, 2012

A workshop with the Harrington City Council was held on September 18, 2012 and was attended by the following: Mayor Robert E. Price, Jr.; Vice Mayor Cheryl Lahman; Council Member Fonda Coleman; Council Member Amy Minner; Council Member Wayne Porter; Council Member Kenneth Stubbs; Norman Barlow, Chief of Police; William Pepper, City Solicitor; Teresa Tieman, City Manager; and Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council.

Also in attendance: Alan Moore, Public Works Supervisor; Jason Dean; and Connie Morgan.

Council Member Duane E. Bivans was absent.

Mayor Price called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Budget & Finance Committee

Purchase of laser unit from seized vehicle funds

The Chief of Police stated that the Police Department seized a car last year and asked at a previous Council meeting to sell the car. The proceeds can be used to purchase a laser unit. The car was sold for \$2,000, and the laser costs \$1,983.

Ordinance Review Committee

Proposed changes to Chapter 16, Elections, to extend the deadline to return absentee ballots until the close of polls

The City Manager stated that this change would bring the City into compliance with the State Board of Elections; it was reviewed by the City Solicitor. The City Solicitor stated that he is not sure it is a good idea, but it does comply with the State. Some states permit military ballots to be counted even if mailed before the election but received after the election. The City Solicitor stated that he is fine with the ordinance.

Proposed changes to Chapter 9, Council Meetings, relating to the schedule of Council Meetings

The City Manager stated that the proposed amendments would change the meeting schedule so that on the first Monday of the month a workshop would be held, with a special Council meeting immediately following when needed, and a regular Council meeting on the third Monday of the month. This change allows the City Solicitor to attend workshops as well as regular Council meetings. The City's Code expands on the Charter meeting requirements, so an ordinance is required to alter the Code and make the meeting schedule more flexible. Mayor Price stated that was the schedule years ago.

There being no further business, the Council Workshop adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Blanchies
Clerk of Council