

City of Harrington
MINUTES
City Council Meeting
September 16, 2014

Public Comments

Barbara Bullock stated that she appreciated the time Council Member Minner took to answer her questions at the Library Site Selection Committee meeting.

A meeting of the Harrington City Council was held at Harrington City Hall, 106 Dorman Street, on September 16, 2014 and was attended by the following: Mayor Anthony R. Moyer; Vice Mayor Cheryl J. Lahman; Council Member Duane E. Bivans; Council Member Fonda Coleman; Council Member Amy L. Minner; Council Member Charles W. Porter; Council Member Kenneth W. Stubbs; Norman Barlow, Chief of Police; William Pepper, City Solicitor; Dean Gary, Accountant; and Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council.

Also present: Tom Wilkes, Remington, Vernick, and Beach, City Engineer; Charles Carr; Barbara Bullock; Jennifer Antonik; and Aubrey Brown.

Mayor Moyer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The Invocation was given by Aubrey Brown.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll was called.

Consent Agenda

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Vice Mayor Lahman, to approve the consent agenda. Roll was called: 6 Yes, 0 No (Lahman – Yes, Bivans – Yes, Coleman – Yes, Minner – Yes, Porter – Yes, Stubbs – Yes). The MOTION passed unanimously.

The following agenda items were approved with the consent agenda:

- July 21, 2014 Citizens' Meeting Minutes
- August 4, 2014 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
- August 18, 2014 City Council Meeting Minutes
- Police Chief's Report
- City Manager's Report
- Financial Report

Public Works Departmental Report
Library Departmental Report
Parks and Recreation Departmental Report
Fire and Ambulance Departmental Report
City Planner's Report
City Engineer's Report

Young Marines Program – Roland Lomax

The Chief of Police stated that Mr. Lomax was not able to attend this evening.

Old Business

**Public Hearing on Ordinance 14-14 – Amending Chapter 180,
Municipal Fees, relating to the water usage fee**

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Coleman, to dispense with the reading of Ordinance 14-14. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Mayor Moyer read the synopsis:

This Ordinance amends the Municipal Fees for the City of Harrington to reduce the water rate for in-City users from \$3.55/1,000 gallons of usage to \$3.25/1,000 gallons of usage and for out-of-City users from \$4.72/1,000 gallons of usage to \$4.32/1,000 gallons of usage.

There were no comments from the public.

**Second Reading of Ordinance 14-14 – Amending Chapter 180,
Municipal Fees, relating to the water usage fee**

Vice Mayor Lahman asked if the change in rate was due to an error in the calculations. Mayor Moyer stated that it was an error.

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Lahman, seconded by Council Member Coleman, to adopt Ordinance 14-14. Roll was called: 6 Yes, 0 No (Lahman – Yes, Bivans – Yes, Coleman – Yes, Minner – Yes, Porter – Yes, Stubbs – Yes). The MOTION passed unanimously.

USDA grants

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Lahman, seconded by Council Member Minner, to lift USDA grants from the table. The MOTION passed unanimously.

The Accountant stated that originally it was thought that the City could get a grant of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) and a loan for seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) to fix the inflow and infiltration issues; the offer from the USDA is now a grant for five hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$580,000) and a loan for five hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$520,000).

Mayor Moyer stated that the paperwork is being processed at the USDA and that the project can go out to bid in about a month. The City Engineer stated that the bid is ready, although the USDA wants to review the bid documents. The whole project will include correcting inflow and infiltration, upsizing the Dorman Street pipe, and more inflow and infiltration studies.

Mayor Moyer stated that the City will be using reserved funds for the project.

Vice Mayor Lahman asked about the interest rate and paying down higher rate loans. Mayor Moyer stated that the City has to see what the USDA will allow.

Mayor Moyer asked if cold temperatures would delay the project. The City Engineer stated that the work is below grade so only snow would delay the project.

Council Member Stubbs asked if an engineer or inspector would be on site during the I & I work. The City Engineer stated that one or the other will be on site. Council Member Minner stated that it would be good to see the video of the lines.

Council Member Bivans asked when the project will start. The City Engineer stated that the bid documents have been requested by the USDA; there is probably about a month long delay.

New Business

Set trick-or-treat date and time

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Lahman, seconded by Council Member Minner, to set the date and time for children twelve years of age and younger to trick-or-treat in the City of Harrington as Friday, October 31, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments

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Mayor Moyer stated that Kent County Levy Court Commissioner Glen Howell will present the Harrington Police Department and Library with checks. Mayor Moyer stated that he would like a resolution to thank State Senator Simpson, Representative Wilson, Representative Outten, and Commissioner Howell for all the help that they have given the City.

Council Member Minner recommended holding another Citizens' Meeting to discuss the Library. Vice Mayor Lahman asked about the sites being considered.

Council Member Minner suggested that City Hall review the utility bills before mailing them to try to catch any errors.

Vice Mayor Lahman stated that the City should look at the Farmington bills and consider placing meters at the businesses. Mayor Moyer stated that there is a central meter for all of Farmington. The City Solicitor stated that the Farmington customers agreed to split the bill evenly amongst them. Mayor Moyer stated that the City does not provide the water to be metered.

Council Member Porter thanked the Chief of Police for beautifying the City without using tax dollars.

Council Member Bivans suggested that the Code Enforcement Officer distribute a flier for the Fall Clean Up days.

Mayor Moyer suggested that the City have a program to recognize nice yards.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Vice Mayor Lahman, to adjourn the City Council Meeting. The MOTION passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Blanchies
Clerk of Council