

**City of Harrington
MINUTES
City Council Workshop
May 27, 2015**

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

A workshop with the Harrington City Council was held at Harrington City Hall, 106 Dorman Street, on May 27, 2015 and was attended by the following: Mayor Anthony R. Moyer; Council Member Duane E. Bivans; Council Member Fonda Coleman; Council Member Amy L. Minner; Council Member Kenneth W. Stubbs; Norman Barlow, Chief of Police; Teresa Tieman, City Manager; Dean Gary, Accountant; and Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council.

Also present: Alan Moore, Public Works Supervisor; Ruth Peterman, Police Resource Manager; Eric Marquis; and Jennifer Antonik.

Vice Mayor Cheryl J. Lahman and Council Member Charles W. Porter were absent.

Mayor Moyer called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Budget

Council Member Minner asked for an itemized list of the dues and memberships.

Mayor Moyer asked why the audit fees are going down. The City Manager replied that currently two years are being audited in order to become current, and next year only one year will be audited.

Council Member Minner asked about the increase in admin fees. The City Manager stated that there will be a large cost to codifying the new Zoning Code.

Mayor Moyer asked if the chemical added for the rust has lowered maintenance costs. The Public Works Supervisor stated that it has reduced the amount of water used during hydrant flushing.

Council Member Bivans asked what the line item for travel and food is for. The City Manager stated that is mostly annual conferences and gas for travel to

meetings. Council Member Minner asked about training and seminars. The Accountant stated that is mostly conference costs.

Council Member Bivans stated that City Hall has a line item for a cleaning service and the Library does not, even though the Library has many more people visiting it. Council Member Bivans stated that prisoners or volunteers could help with cleaning. The City Manager stated that prisoners had been used in the past but were not reliable.

Council Member Minner asked about the clothing line item. The Chief of Police replied that is for new and replacement uniforms.

Council Member Bivans asked about K-9 expenses. The Chief of Police stated that the first year of K-9 expenses will be covered by a grant.

Discussion occurred regarding the starting of a legal fee reserve, and it was determined to be unnecessary because of insurance and other reserve funds.

Mayor Moyer asked about the wildlife program. The City Manager replied that is the feral cat management program.

Mayor Moyer asked about the Public Works per diem. The Public Works Supervisor stated that is for the person on-call.

Council Member Minner asked about the salary increase in the Library Department. The City Manager replied that it had been down because of a vacancy.

Discussion occurred regarding the trash fees and expenses.

Mayor Moyer stated that he would like to increase the Fire Department fuel reimbursement from three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to six thousand dollars (\$6,000).

Discussion occurred regarding community impact fees.

Council Member Minner stated that there is a large difference between the revenues and expenses for building permits. The City Manager stated that there is a deficiency in the way inspections are billed that should be addressed after the new Zoning Code is adopted.

Council Member Minner suggested a line for emergency demolitions. The City Manager stated that she would rather not tie up the funds and just budget it when needed.

The City Manager stated that the revenue is down for water and wastewater, which is offset by a reduction in costs. Inflow and infiltration repairs will also lower sewer costs.

The Chief of Police stated that thirteen thousand nine hundred dollars (\$13,900) will be needed for a new police vehicle.

Council Member Minner stated that a document imaging system will be an asset to the City. The Clerk of Council stated that rather than pay for the amount of data being stored, there is a monthly fee with a limit to the amount of pages that can be uploaded per month.

Council Member Minner suggesting using volunteers for the City Hall renovations and stated that she would be willing to help.

Discussion occurred regarding a new table for the Council chambers, chairs for the library, a street sweeper, and a fence at the Parks and Recreation building.

Council Member Minner asked about the maintenance and mileage of the Public Works' trucks. The City Manager stated that almost all the trucks are 2006s, and the City does not want to have to replace them all at the same time.

The City Manager stated that the average tax bill for mobile homes in the City is two hundred forty-three dollars and seventy-four cents (\$243.74). Most of the mobile homes that currently pay tax amounts below the average are rental properties. Mayor Moyer stated that he has a problem raising someone's taxes from ninety-four dollars (\$94) to a fee of two hundred forty-five dollars (\$245).

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City Council Comments

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There being no further business, the City Council Workshop adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Blanchies
Clerk of Council