

**City of Harrington
MINUTES
City Council Meeting
May 18, 2015**

Public Comments

Barbara Bullock suggested a committee be formed to decide who gets donations from the City and asked about the extraordinary income that will go to the Library building and stated that employees just received a two percent raise.

Charles Carr stated that the Parks and Recreation fence can be painted.

Carolyn Porter stated that she enjoyed working with Vice Mayor Lahman at DEDO and at the City.

A meeting of the Harrington City Council was held at Harrington City Hall, 106 Dorman Street, on May 18, 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 Charles W. Porter; Council Member Kenneth W. Stubbs; Norman Barlow, Chief of Police; William Pepper, City Solicitor; Teresa Tieman, City Manager; Dean Gary, Accountant; and Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council.

Also present: Tom Wilkes, Remington, Vernick, and Beach, City Engineer; Marleena Young, Assistant Library Director; Barbara Bullock; Charles Carr; Eric Marquis; Carolyn Porter; and Jennifer Antonik.

Vice Mayor Cheryl J. Lahman arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Moyer called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The Invocation was given by the City Solicitor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll was called.

Public Hearing on funding of up to \$520,000 of a general obligation bond to finance the cost of inflow and infiltration repairs to the sanitary sewer system

There were no comments from the public.

Minutes

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Coleman, to approve the April 14, 2015 City Council Workshop minutes as presented. The MOTION passed unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Coleman, to approve the April 14, 2015 City Council Special Meeting, April 20, 2015 City Council Meeting, and April 28, 2015 City Council Workshop minutes as presented. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Council Member Minner asked if the dates on page 3 should be 2015 and if there was a motion on the camera systems. The City Manager replied those are errors on the report.

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

Old Business

Council Member Porter asked about the maintenance of the railroad station. The City Manager stated that she has not heard anything more.

New Business

Appeals of additions to tax bills

The Clerk of Council stated that no appeals were received.

Resolution 15-R-05 – Funding of up to \$520,000 of a general obligation bond to finance the cost of inflow and infiltration repairs to the sanitary sewer system

Mayor Moyer read Resolution 15-R-05.

Council Member Minner asked if this loan will be paid off right away. The City Manager stated that this loan or one of the higher interest rate loans will be.

Council Member Porter asked what the interest rate on the loan will be. The City Manager stated that will not be set until the closing of the loan; right now, it is at about two and a quarter to two and a half percent. It is a forty year term, but the Charter says that it must be paid off in thirty years.

Council Member Porter stated that there is money set aside to pay this loan. The City Manager stated that the City Council was originally going to use escrowed money to start inflow and infiltration repairs when the USDA make the grant and loan offer.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Stubbs, to adopt Resolution 15-R-05. Roll was called: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Lahman – Absent, Bivans – Yes, Coleman – Yes, Minner – Yes, Porter – Yes, Stubbs – Yes). The MOTION passed unanimously.

First Reading of Ordinance 15-05 – Amending Chapter 180, Municipal Fees

The City Manager read Ordinance 15-05. The amount for Open Burning violations was made fifty dollars (\$50), and the amount for the manufactured home registration sticker and the annual license were determined to each be two hundred forty-five dollars (\$245).

The City Manager stated that the mobile home license is in lieu of property taxes. There is an issue with collecting taxes on mobile homes and tracking the owner of the trailer on each lot.

Council Member Minner asked if the Code Enforcement Officer will be able to handle the extra enforcement work during grass cutting time.

Council Member Bivans stated that the fee for mobile home owners is high.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Coleman, to accept the first reading of ordinance 15-05 as amended with fifty dollars (\$50) for Open Burning violations and two hundred forty-five dollars (\$245) for manufactured home registration stickers and annual licenses. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Police K-9

The Chief of Police stated that the funding for the dog will come from a violent crime grant.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Minner, to accept the police K-9.

The City Solicitor asked if the dog will be guaranteed to bite to protect an officer. The Chief of Police stated that the dog is guaranteed to bite and

that there will be a button on the officer's belt to automatically open the car door.

A vote was called for on the motion to accept the police K-9. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Transmission for Police vehicle

The Chief of Police stated that the transmission is broken in the 2009 Crown Vic. It is an unforeseen repair and not budgeted. The car has approximately seventy thousand miles on it, so the hope is that it will continue to run.

The City Manager stated that the funds are available in the CIP reserve.

Council Member Porter stated that he would like the City Council to consider purchasing a new vehicle rather than replace the transmission. The Chief of Police stated that he would like to keep the car, because it is repairable.

Mayor Moyer stated that he thought the Police Department always had a spare car. The Chief of Police stated that when the eleventh officer was added, he received the spare car.

Vice Mayor Lahman entered the meeting.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Coleman, to approve the transmission repair for three thousand eight hundred dollars (\$3,800). Roll was called: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Lahman – Abstain, Bivans – Yes, Coleman – Yes, Minner – Yes, Porter – Yes, Stubbs – Yes). The MOTION passed by majority. Vice Mayor Lahman abstained, because she was not present for the discussion.

House Bill 140

The City Manager stated that Governor Markell invited Mayors to his office to seek support for HB 140, and she attended on Mayor Moyer's behalf. HB 140 will increase revenue sources, especially at the DMV, to help fund the Transportation Trust Fund. An increase in the gas tax would also raise revenue.

The City Manager stated that the League of Local Governments, along with other City Managers and Mayors, are willing to support the legislation as long as it mandates that the funds raised go directly to the Transportation Trust fund, the thresholds for prevailing wage be raised, guarantees that Municipal Street Aid and Community Transportation

Funds will not be cut in the future, and the gas tax is held to five cents (\$.05).

Council Member Bivans stated that the State is not proposing doing anything for downstate municipalities. Council Member Minner stated that once the money is cut then the cities will not get it back. Council Member Porter stated that the state legislatures should take responsibility for this bill.

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Lahman, seconded by Council Member Coleman, to take no position at this time on House Bill 140.

Council Member Bivans asked if that is an acceptable motion. The City Solicitor replied yes.

A vote was taken on the motion to take no position at this time on House Bill 140. The MOTION passed by majority. Council Member Bivans abstained, because there was not enough information.

Mayor Moyer presented Vice Mayor Lahman with a Mayor's tribute and plaque for her sixteen years of service as a Council Member.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

City Council Comments

Council Member Porter stated that he has served with Vice Mayor Lahman for fourteen years and she has done a good job for the City. She has been the backbone of the financial planning and a big part of the City.

Vice Mayor Lahman read a letter she prepared for the Mayor, City Council, and employees of the City. She stated that she is proud of the accomplishments the City has achieved during her tenure and that it would not be possible without the City's employees. The negative turn of the election was disappointing. Vice Mayor Lahman stated that she is confident that the City will continue to thrive and move in a positive direction.

Mayor Moyer stated that the community garden has been planted.

Council Member Porter thanked URS for the grant the City Planner won for the City. Mayor Moyer stated that the City has received a neighborhood building blocks grant. The City Manager stated that it was awarded from the Delaware Economic Development Council and goes along with the Comprehensive Plan, rezoning, and rewrite of the Zoning Code.

Council Member Bivans stated that school busses are speeding along Delaware Avenue and by the banks. There was a tractor trailer on residential streets again.

Executive Session

Preliminary discussion of site acquisition for a publicly funded capital improvement

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Lahman, seconded by Council Member Porter, to go to Executive Session for preliminary discussion of site acquisition for a publicly funded capital improvement. The MOTION passed unanimously.

The City Council Meeting recessed at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Moyer called the City Council Meeting back to order at 8:49 p.m. Those still present: 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; William Pepper, City Solicitor; Teresa Tieman, City Manager; and Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council.

Library Site

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Lahman, seconded by Council Member Coleman, to appoint the City Solicitor, the City Manager, and Mayor Moyer to serve on a committee to negotiate for a property for the Library. The MOTION passed unanimously.

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Minner, to adjourn the City Council Meeting. The MOTION passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Blanchies
Clerk of Council