

**City of Harrington
MINUTES
City Council Workshop
November 2, 2015**

A workshop with the Harrington City Council was held at Harrington City Hall, 106 Dorman Street, on November 2, 2015 and was attended by the following: Mayor Anthony R. Moyer; Vice Mayor Duane E. Bivans; Council Member Fonda Coleman; Council Member Eric Marquis; Council Member Amy 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, City Engineer, Remmington, Vernick, and Beach.

Mayor Moyer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Inflow and infiltration remediation project update

The City Engineer stated that the inflow and infiltration remediation project was started in July. Sewer lines are cleaned, examined for problems, and joints grouted. Most of the areas west of the railroad tracks have been completed. The budget allowed for the project to be expanded.

The City Manager stated that the September bill from Kent County for sewer treatment was the lowest ever. Correcting inflow and infiltration and usage billing has reduced the amount of sewage and freed up capacity.

Vice Mayor Bivans asked about the sink holes on Hanley Street. The City Engineer stated that the pipe needs to be replaced there.

Council Member Minner asked what the next steps are. The City Engineer stated that the lines under state maintained roads still need to be completed, sewer as built made, and upsizing some sewer pipes.

2016 CIP reallocation of funds

The Chief of Police stated that the City has funds of seventy-six thousand nine hundred thirty-one dollars (\$76,931) available from the sale of old vehicles and equipment and requested the approval to purchase a 2016 Silverado truck, 2016 Ford Fusion, John Deere Zero Turn Mower, Police Tahoe, and refurbish snow plow blades for a total of fifty-three thousand four hundred eighty-two dollars (\$53,482).

Council Member Porter stated that he appreciates the City administration selling old equipment to earn money to buy new, needed equipment instead of spending tax money.

The Accountant stated that additional estimates for the fire alarm systems will cost an extra five thousand six hundred forty-two dollars (\$5,642).

2016 holiday schedule

The City Manager stated that the last couple years Columbus Day was exchanged for Christmas Eve. Most employees would prefer the day before Christmas Eve off, since Christmas Eve is on a Saturday in 2016, and have a four day weekend.

Fire hydrants

Vice Mayor Bivans stated that the City should number fire hydrants, make sure they function, and place snow flags in case of snowfall. The City Manager stated that Public Works and the Fire Company have maps of the fire hydrants and that she will look into the cost for flags.

Vice Mayor Bivans stated that he would like the Fire Company to recreate the program where they check the fire alarms in homes.

Council chambers

Council Member Porter stated that the proposed dais costs a lot of money and looks like a jury box. Mayor Moyer stated that he does not like the idea of looking down onto the audience.

Vice Mayor Bivans recommended a table that has sections wider apart (closer to a right angle), rather than the current horseshoe shape.

Discussion occurred regarding meetings being held at the new library, when it is built, or the Price Center and making the table movable.

Public Comments

The City Solicitor thanked veterans for their service.

City Council Comments

Vice Mayor Bivans stated that the painting at the railroad station needs to begin soon.

Vice Mayor Bivans asked what the difference between a consensus and a vote. The City Solicitor stated that there really is not a difference, although a consensus is not formal action. Mayor Moyer stated that he asks for a consensus so that any changes can be made before a council meeting. The City Solicitor stated that the workshop is a kind of committee meeting, so it is ok to vote to move items to a council meeting or another workshop.

Council Member Porter asked who is responsible for emergency shelters in the City. Vice Mayor Bivans requested that the Fire Company give a presentation to the City Council on emergency preparedness.

Mayor Moyer stated that the Christmas party will be December 12 and that everyone is invited. A donation will be made to the food bank.

Vice Mayor Bivans requested a small directory of important phone numbers.

There being no further business, the City Council Workshop adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Blanchies
Clerk of Council