

**City of Harrington
MINUTES
City Council Meeting
January 19, 2016**

Open Forum

The City Chaplain stated that the City should keep up the good work.

A meeting of the Harrington City Council was held at Harrington City Hall, 106 Dorman Street, on January 19, 2016 and was attended by the following: 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 Rhiannon Bush, City Clerk.

Also present: Aubrey Brown, City Chaplain; Rob Taylor, Harrington Fire Company Chief; and Barbara Bullock.

Mayor Anthony R. Moyer was absent.

Vice Mayor Bivans called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by the City Chaplain.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll was called.

Minutes

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Marquis, to approve the minutes for the October 19, 2015 City Council Meeting. The MOTION passed unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Minner, to approve the minutes for the November 2, 2015 City Council Workshop and November 16, 2015 City Council Meeting. The MOTION passed unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Minner, to approve the minutes for the December 7, 2015 City Council Workshop

and December 7, 2015 City Council Special Meeting. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Council Member Minner asked about the water and sewer impact funds. The City Manager stated that those funds are restricted and can only be use for water and sewer expansion projects.

Council Member Minner asked if the City Manager had contacted Kent County about mapping support. The City Manager stated that she would.

Vice Mayor Bivans asked why there is a line item for trash penalty. The City Manager stated that it is income from customers that pay late.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Minner, to file the November 2015 and December 2015 Financial Reports for audit. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Resolution 16-R-01 – Adopting an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update for the City of Harrington, Delaware

The City Manager stated that the original plan was adopted in 2012. The updated plan is over two hundred (200) pages long and is available for viewing.

Vice Mayor Bivans read Resolution 16-R-01.

Council Member Porter asked if a disaster happened, would the City call Kent County. The City Manager replied yes or the State.

Council Member Marquis stated that he would like additional time to review the plan and asked if there is a summary of changes from the 2012 version.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Minner, to approve Resolution 16-R-01.

Discussion occurred regarding whether it is necessary to adopt the resolution immediately and asking a representative from Kent County to

attend a future City Council meeting to discuss the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Marquis to table Resolution 16-R-01 to the next workshop. There was no second.

Roll was called on the motion to approve Resolution 16-R-01: 4 Yes, 2 No (Bivans – No, Coleman – Yes, Marquis – No, Minner – Yes, Porter – Yes, Stubbs – Yes). The MOTION passed by majority.

Resolution 16-R-02-A and 16-R-02-B – Approving terms for general obligation bonds to refinance four existing water and sewer project bonds for a total of up to \$2,638,902

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Marquis, to accept Resolution 16-R-02-A. Roll was called: 6 Yes, 0 No (Bivans – Yes, Coleman – Yes, Marquis – Yes, Minner – Yes, Porter – Yes, Stubbs – Yes). The MOTION passed unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Marquis, to accept Resolution 16-R-02-B. Roll was called: 6 Yes, 0 No (Bivans – Yes, Coleman – Yes, Marquis – Yes, Minner – Yes, Porter – Yes, Stubbs – Yes). The MOTION passed unanimously.

Proclamation declaring the month of February as City Goes Red Month in the City of Harrington

Vice Mayor Bivans read the proclamation.

Proclamation declaring the month of February as African American History Month in the City of Harrington

Vice Mayor Bivans read the proclamation.

Proclamation declaring the week of February 20-27 as Future Farmers of America (FFA) Week in the City of Harrington

Vice Mayor Bivans read the proclamation.

Public Comments

The City Chaplain stated that the Fire Company will be responding to any disaster in Harrington.

Harrington Fire Company Chief Rob Taylor stated that a representative from the Fire Company will be attending the City Council meetings and that the City will begin to receive a fire report in addition to the EMS report.

City Council Comments

Council Member Minner stated that she would like to have a town hall meeting with builders and developers to see what the City can do to encourage the building of houses.

Council Member Minner stated that she would like the City to promote activities more.

Council Member Minner stated that a lot of businesses have movement on their signs and have received notification of violations and that the sign regulations should be re-evaluated to allow movement. Council Member Porter stated that the businesses on the highway could be invited to a workshop to discuss it.

Council Member Porter requested a workshop for the upcoming budget.

Council Member Marquis stated that he would like the curfew discussed at the next workshop.

Vice Mayor Bivans stated that he would like the Fire Company to start doing smoke detector checks and thanked the city employees for their years of service.

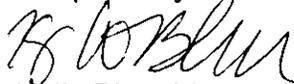
The City Solicitor stated that working smoke detectors are very important.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Blanchies
Clerk of Council