

City of Harrington
MINUTES
City Council Workshop
March 23, 2016

A workshop with the Harrington City Council was held at Harrington City Hall, 106 Dorman Street, on March 23, 2016 and was attended by the following: Vice Mayor Duane E. Bivans; Council Member Eric Marquis; Council Member Amy Minner; Council Member Charles W. Porter; 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: Jennifer Antonik, The (Harrington) Journal.

Mayor Anthony R. Moyer arrived at 6:43 p.m.

Council Member Fonda Coleman was absent.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Latest estimate for FY 2016 Budget

The City Manager stated that there is a projected fund balance.

Council Member Porter stated that this is the first budget meeting, so any ideas can be brought forward.

The City Manager stated that the City should review many of the fees since they have not been revised in many years.

Council Member Porter stated that the City needs a planner.

The City Manager reviewed proposed capital projects including a police vehicle, carpet on the first floor of City Hall, a sewer camera, labeling and flagging fire hydrants, meter pit replacements, infrastructure improvements, an agenda management system, and ESRI mapping software.

The City Manager stated that several people are working on the planning duties. It is very time consuming and not providing good service to customers. A planner would also handle managing the mapping software.

Discussion occurred regarding ESRI software and sewer mapping.

Mayor Moyer entered the meeting.

Council Member Porter asked the City Manager to prioritize the capital projects. The step program is in place for the employees for the employees to receive a two percent pay increase, and there will be no cost of living increase this year. Council Member Porter asked the City Manager to research the salaries of other city managers and police chiefs and stated that the City Manager and Chief of Police have gone above and beyond for the citizens of Harrington. Vice Mayor Bivans asked for a survey on planner salaries as well.

Discussion occurred regarding healthcare and worker compensation rates.

Council Member Marquis stated that if the budget can be balanced then fees should not be raised.

Discussion occurred regarding current fiscal year legal fees and police salaries.

Discussion occurred regarding how code enforcement demolitions and abatements should be budgeted.

There being no further business, the City Council Workshop adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Blanchies
Clerk of Council