

**City of Harrington
MINUTES
City Council Meeting
July 18, 2016**

Open Forum

The City Chaplain suggested a safety committee to be formed to discuss citizens protecting themselves in the City. The Chief of Police stated that the Police Department does communicate with citizens about safety issues. Vice Mayor Bivans stated that the community needs to be more proactive and less reactive.

A meeting of the Harrington City Council was held at Harrington City Hall, 106 Dorman Street, on July 18, 2016 and was attended by the following: Vice Mayor Duane E. Bivans; Council Member Charles W. Baugher, Jr.; Council Member Eric Marquis; Council Member Amy Minner; Council Member Micah Parker; Norman Barlow, Chief of Police; William Pepper, City Solicitor; Dean Gary, Accountant; and Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council.

Also present: Rob Taylor, Harrington Fire Company; and Fonda Coleman.

Mayor Anthony R. Moyer; Council Member Robert Dean Helsel; and Teresa Tieman, City Manager, were absent.

Vice Mayor Bivans called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Invocation was given by the City Chaplain.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll was called.

Harrington Fire Company

Rob Taylor stated that the Delaware State Fair is gearing up. Contacting people door-to-door about smoke detectors is not safe, and there is not enough man power. The Fire Company will still distribute and promote smoke detectors and will be proactive during Heritage Day.

Council Member Marquis asked if the Harrington Fire Company has a smoke house. Mr. Taylor replied no.

Council Member Minner stated that the firefighters are in our thoughts.

Vice Mayor Bivans suggested that the Fire Company participate in National Night Out. Mr. Taylor stated that he has been coordinating with the Police Department for the event.

Minutes

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Marquis, to approve the minutes for the May 2, 2016 City Council Special Meeting. The MOTION passed unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Marquis, to approve the minutes for the May 9, 2016 City Council Special Meeting and May 9, 2016 City Council Workshop. The MOTION passed unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Marquis, to approve the minutes for the May 11, 2016 City Council Special Meeting. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Financial Report

The Accountant stated that the Finance Committee reviewed the financial statements.

Council Member Marquis asked about the annual fee for the Delaware League of Local Governments and Delaware Humanities Forum.

Council Member Marquis stated that taxpayer funds should not buy flowers. The Chief of Police stated that it is for families of deceased previous Council Members and Chiefs of Police.

[When these meeting minutes were approved at the November 21, 2016 City Council Meeting, Council Member Marquis asked that it be noted that he is concerned about spending in general, not just about flowers.]

Council Member Marquis stated that the City should be careful about spending money on the downtown when the City is not sure it is going to be designated as a Downtown Development District.

Council Member Marquis stated that a lot of money is being spent on conferences and asked if they are required. The Accountant stated that the City Manager usually attends the International City Managers Association conference and gets a lot out of it, and the Public Works staff and some City Hall staff attend the Rural Water Association conference annually. Vice Mayor Bivans stated that the personnel attending conferences should give a presentation to the City Council on what was learned and how to apply it.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Marquis, seconded by Council Member Minner, to file the Financial Report for audit. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Old Business

Price Center ADA ramp and steps

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Marquis, to lift the Price Center ADA ramp and steps from the table. The MOTION passed unanimously.

The Accountant stated that Yencer Builders has been contacted, but a drawing has not yet been provided. The cost will not be changed.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Marquis, seconded by Council Member Baugher, to approve the bid of sixteen thousand four hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$16,467) from Yencer Builders for the Price Center ramp and steps as long as all ADA standards are met. The MOTION passed unanimously.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

City Council Comments

Council Member Minner stated that she would like the City to review the charge for building permits to insure that costs are being covered.

Council Member Parker asked how the curfew is going. The Chief of Police stated that there have not been big issues; there are safety concerns regarding Pokemon Go.

Vice Mayor Bivans suggested special accounts for Council Members to use.

Vice Mayor Bivans presented former council member Fonda Coleman a tribute for her service to the City from the Delaware House of Representatives on behalf of Representative Bobby Outten who was unable to attend the meeting.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Baugher, to adjourn the City Council Meeting. The MOTION passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Blanchies
Clerk of Council